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Difficult Words from Hindu
Editorial



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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- Aug 28, 2020- Day 364

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
unenviable	difficult, undesirable, or unpleasant
Strike a balance	choose a moderate course
citing	quote (a passage, book, or author) as evidence for or justification of an argument or statement
overwhelming	very great in amount
peril	serious and immediate danger
apprehensive	anxious or fearful that something bad or unpleasant will happen
deter	discourage (someone) from doing something by instilling doubt or fear of the consequences
bearing	relation; relevance
staggered	arrange (events, payments, hours, etc.) so that they do not occur at the same time; spread over a period of time
pragmatic	dealing with things sensibly and realistically in a way that is based on practical rather than theoretical considerations

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
elsewhere	in, at, or to some other place or other places
ethnic	relating to a population subgroup (within a larger or dominant national or cultural group) with a common national or cultural tradition
faction	a small organized dissenting group within a larger one
potent	having great power, influence, or effect
hinterlands	an area lying beyond what is visible or known
resurgence	an increase or revival after a period of little activity, popularity, or occurrence
coalition	an alliance for combined action, especially a temporary alliance of political parties forming a government or of states
inflammable	likely to become violent or angry very quickly and in an uncontrolled way
militias	a military force that is raised from the civil population to supplement a regular army in an emergency
Spill over	(of a bad situation or strong emotion) reach a point at which it can no longer be controlled or contained

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
underscore	emphasizing the importance of something
blaze	a very large or fiercely burning fire
wracked	cause extreme physical or mental pain to
flee	run away from a place or situation of danger
spectacle	an unusual or unexpected event or situation that attracts attention, interest, or disapproval
engulfing	(of a natural force) sweep over (something) so as to surround or cover it completely
lacunae	gap
catastrophe	an event causing great and often sudden damage or suffering; a disaster
inferno	a large fire that is dangerously out of control
toll	the number of deaths, casualties, or injuries arising from particular circumstances, such as a natural disaster, conflict, or accident

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- Aug 23, 2020- Day 363

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
repeal	revoke or annul (a law or congressional act)
devolution	the transfer or delegation of power to a lower level
garnered	gather or collect (something, especially information or approval)
unprecedented	never done or known before
overhaul	take apart in order to examine it and repair it if necessary
abolition	the action or an act of abolishing a system, practice, or institution
plank	a fundamental point of a political or other program
Lock, stock and barrel	including all or every part of something
curb	restrain or keep in check
travesty	a false, absurd, or distorted representation of something

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
lap	one complete trip around a race track
glitzy	ostentatiously attractive (often used to suggest superficial glamour)
oust	drive out or expel (someone) from a position or place
array	a regular and imposing grouping or arrangement
repercussions	an unintended consequence occurring some time after an event or action, especially an unwelcome one
enmeshed	involved in something unpleasant or dangerous from which it is difficult to escape
heft	the weight of something
charisma	compelling attractiveness or charm that can inspire devotion in others
eloquent	fluent or persuasive in speaking or writing
woo	seek the favor, support, or custom of

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
taxing	physically or mentally demanding
ambit	the scope, extent, or bounds of something
hardship	severe suffering or privation
reforms	the action or process of reforming an institution or practice
emphasis	special importance, value, or prominence given to something
aspirational	having or characterized by aspirations to achieve social prestige and material success.
laudable	(of an action, idea, or goal) deserving praise and commendation
sanctioned	give official permission or approval for (an action)
predominantly	mainly; for the most part
discretion	the freedom to decide what should be done in a particular situation

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- Aug 20, 2020- Day 359

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
stall	stop or cause to stop making progress
scrutiny	critical observation or examination
raging	continuing with great force or intensity
corpus	the principal of a fund or estate as distinct from income or interest
superfluous	unnecessary, especially through being more than enough
forthcoming	(of something required) ready or made available when wanted or needed
ex-officio	by virtue of one's position or status
explicit	stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
proviso	a condition attached to an agreement
regressive	becoming less advanced; returning to a former or less developed state

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- Aug 19, 2020- Day 358

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
vessel	a ship or large boat
despatching	send off to a destination or for a purpose
hostility	hostile behavior; unfriendliness or opposition
mainland	a large continuous extent of land that includes the greater part of a country or territory, as opposed to offshore islands and detached territories
overlapping	extend over so as to cover partly
infuriated	make (someone) extremely angry and impatient
demarcate	set the boundaries or limits of
dotted	marked with or in the form of dots
tread	walk in a specified way
disastrous	causing great damage

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- Aug 18, 2020- Day 357

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
akin	of similar character
tropes	a figurative or metaphorical use of a word or expression
wristy	(of a stroke) performed using a pronounced movement of the wrist
contours	an outline, especially one representing or bounding the shape or form of something
boxy	plain, confining quality
willow	Wood from which cricket bats are traditionally made
dismantling	take something to pieces
clichés	a phrase or opinion that is overused and betrays a lack of original thought
quirks	a peculiar behavioural habit
pep talk	a talk intended to make someone feel more courageous or enthusiastic

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
lapsing	pass gradually into (an inferior state or condition)
threshold	the magnitude or intensity that must be exceeded for a certain reaction, phenomenon, result, or condition to occur or be manifested
Suo motu	Relating to an action taken by a court of its own accord, without any request by the parties involved
ostensibly	apparently or purportedly, but perhaps not actually
scurrilous	making or spreading scandalous claims about someone with the intention of damaging their reputation
delineating	describe or portray (something) precisely
perfunctory	(of an action or gesture) carried out with a minimum of effort or reflection
Shrug off	ignore or treat something as if it is not really important or serious
abrasive	showing little concern for the feelings of others
animadversion	criticism or censure

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- Aug 16, 2020- Day 355

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
thaw	become liquid or soft as a result of warming
annex	append or add as an extra or subordinate part, especially to a document
swathes	a piece or strip of material in which something is wrapped
landmark	an event, discovery, or change marking an important stage or turning point in something
pave the way	make progress or development easier
foe	an enemy or opponent
decoupling	separate, disengage, or dissociate (something) from something else
on the heels of	following closely after
sovereignty	supreme power or authority
respite	a short period of rest or relief from something difficult or unpleasant

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- Aug 14, 2020- Day 353

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
succession	the action or process of inheriting a title, office, property, etc.
coparcenary	a form of joint ownership of property
in line with	in alignment or accordance with
conferred	grant or bestow (a title, degree, benefit, or right)
accrued	if an advantage accrues to you, you have the right to receive it
testamentary	relating to or bequeathed or appointed through a will
crystallised	make or become definite and clear
predecessor	a person who held a job or office before the current holder
retroactive	(especially of legislation) taking effect from a date in the past
flagrant	(of something considered wrong or immoral) conspicuously or obviously offensive

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- Aug 13, 2020- Day 352

Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
disputed	argue about
triggered	caused by a particular action
detained	keep someone in official custody
anarchy	absence of government and absolute freedom
stagnant	showing no activity
inciting	urge
legitimacy	conformity to the law or to rules
condemned	officially declared unfit for use

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- Aug 12, 2020- Day 351

Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
adequate	enough
pragmatic	dealing with things sensibly
litigation	process of taking legal action
hefty	large
abide	accept
immunity	protection from something
arbitral	relating to
adjudicates	formal judgement
pendency	a condition being pending
quantum	allowed amount
rupture	breach or disturb
progression	moving gradually
quibbling	arguing or raising objections
obligations	condition of being legally or morally bound
purposive	done with a purpose

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- Aug 11, 2020- Day 350

Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Aggressive	something done in a strong way
vitality	energy & strength
surpassing	outdo something
containment	the act of controlling or limiting something
compulsion	a force that makes you do something
overemphasised	giving something too much importance
spiked	increased
augur	a good or a bad outcome

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- Aug 10, 2020- Day 349

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
breaching	break through a barrier
beguiling	enchanting
ominous	something unpleasant
upend	move something
vulnerable	able to be attacked easily
hazards	dangerous
topography	natural features of land
quarrying	a large hole in the ground

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- Aug 8, 2020- Day 348

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
outlook	point of view
Keep one's powder dry	remain cautious and ready for a possible emergency
primacy	the fact of being primary, preeminent, or more important
have the edge over something	to be slightly better than someone or something else
prognosis	the likely course of a disease or ailment
headwinds	a wind blowing from directly in front, opposing forward motion
posits	assume as a fact; put forward as a basis of argument
upside	the positive or favorable aspect of something
skirts	go around or past the edge of
kinks	a sharp twist or curve in something that is otherwise straight

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- Aug 7, 2020- Day 347

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
cartographic	relating to the science or practice of drawing maps
aggrandisement	the act of increasing the power or scope of something.
tit-for-tat	the infliction of an injury or insult in return for one that one has suffered
concretised	make (an idea or concept) real; give specific or definite form to
demarcating	set the boundaries or limits of
regressive	becoming less advanced; returning to a former or less developed state
accession	the attainment or acquisition of a position of rank or power, typically that of monarch or president
bilateral	involving two parties, especially countries
conjunction	the action or an instance of two or more events or things occurring at the same point in time or space
albeit	although

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- Aug 6, 2020- Day 346

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
devastating	highly destructive or damaging
turned the spotlight on	to attract attention to something, usually to give information about something bad
dearth	a scarcity or lack of something
confiscated	(of property) taken or seized with authority
Mushroom cloud	a mushroom-shaped cloud of dust and debris formed after a nuclear explosion
enveloping	wrap up, cover, or surround completely
battering	strike repeatedly with hard blows
beleaguered	experiencing a lot of criticism and difficulties
scarce	insufficient for the demand
outage	a period when a power supply or other service is not available or when equipment is closed down

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- Aug 5, 2020- Day 345

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
unwavering	steady or resolute
imposition	the action or process of imposing something or of being imposed
Cut no ice	have no influence or effect
unison	simultaneous performance of action or utterance of speech
wary	feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems
Pave the way	Make progress or development easier
piloted	test (a plan, project, etc.) before introducing it more widely
attributed	regard something as being caused by (someone or something)
touted	attempt to sell (something), typically by pestering people in an aggressive or bold manner
testimony	

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- Aug 2, 2020- Day 344

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
ceasefire	a temporary suspension of fighting, typically one during which peace talks take place; a truce
kick-start	to make something start to happen or start to develop more quickly
unabated	without any reduction in intensity or strength
insurgent	a rebel or revolutionary
hostilities	hostile behaviour; unfriendliness or opposition
truce	an agreement between enemies or opponents to stop fighting or arguing for a certain time
cessation	the fact or process of ending or being brought to an end
plague	cause continual trouble or distress to
onus	used to refer to something that is one's duty or responsibility
infighting	hidden conflict or competitiveness within an organization

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
vulnerable	those that can be easily attacked
combat	fight
unrelenting	not dropping
fatality	death
serology	study of blood
inconsistent	not staying the same in behaviour or quality
overworked	having to work too much
fatigue	tiredness
vigil	to be awake
evident	easily understood
inadequate	not good enough
asymptomatic	showing no symptoms of a particular disease
thrust	push strongly & suddenly
disaggregated	to separate into parts
micro-planning	planning at minute levels
proclivity	something you like to do which is considered morally wrong
conceal	to hide

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