

PRACTICE

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vocabulary

- The stock of words used by or known to a particular people or group of persons.
- A list or collection of the words or phrases of a language, technical field, etc., usually arranged in alphabetical order and defined.
- The words of a language.
- Any collection of signs or symbols constituting a means or system of nonverbal communication.

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| Difficult Word/Phrase | Contextual Sense |
|-----------------------|---|
| Proscribe | Command against |
| Ostensible | Appearing as such but not necessarily so |
| Disquiet | A feeling of mild anxiety about possible developments |
| Strike down | Declare null and void; make ineffective |
| Peg | Stabilize (the price of a commodity or an exchange rate) by legislation or market operations |
| Legal tender | Something that can be used as an official medium of payment |
| Accentuate | draw attention to (something) |
| Blockchain | A distributed digital ledger that maintains a continuously-growing list of data blocks, each containing batches of transactions, that are secure from tampering and revision (e.g. as used for financial transactions in cryptocurrencies like bitcoin) |
| Run afoul | Go against, as of rules and laws |
| Eschew | Avoid and stay away from deliberately |

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|---------------------------|---|
| Apposite | very appropriate; suitable for the occasion or situation |
| Earmark | Give or assign a resource to a particular person or cause |
| Backdrop | The context and environment in which something is set |
| Circumscribe | Restrict or confine within limits |
| Anomalous | Deviating from the general or common order or type |
| Creamy layer | some members of a backward class who are highly advanced socially as well as economically and educationally |
| Impediment | Something that interferes with (or delays) action or progress |
| Prevailing | Most frequent or very common |
| Pool | A group of individuals or companies formed to transact some specific business or to promote a common interest |
| Alleviation | The act of reducing something unpleasant |

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|------------------------|---|
| Claw your way | to move with difficulty |
| Stagnation | A state of inactivity (in business or art etc) |
| Coercive | relating to or using force or threats |
| Fortified | Having something added to increase the strength |
| Looming | about to happen soon and causing worry |
| Deficiency | Lack of an adequate quantity or number |
| Decennial | Happening every ten years |
| Matrix | an environment in which something develops |
| Stocktaking | Reappraisal of a situation, position or outlook |
| Harness | Exploit the power of |

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|------------------------|--|
| Aggravated | Made more severe or intense especially in law |
| Penetrative | having the power of entering or piercing |
| Per incuriam | through lack of care |
| Demur | (law) a formal objection to an opponent's pleadings |
| Member | An external body part that projects from the body |
| Palpably | Clearly revealed to the mind or the senses or judgment |
| Grievous | Causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm |
| Incapacitation | to make legally incapable or ineligible |
| Obviate | Do away with |
| Deleterious | causing harm or damage |

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|---------------------------|--|
| Even-handed | fair and impartial in treatment or judgement |
| Dissonance | A conflict of people's opinions, actions or characters |
| Underscore | emphasizing the importance of something |
| Contentious | Inclined or showing an inclination to dispute or disagree, even to engage in law suits |
| Breakthrough | A productive insight |
| Proclaim | State or announce |
| Bruising | Brutally forceful and compelling |
| Readout | The information displayed or recorded on an electronic device |
| Play with fire | take foolish risks |
| Fragile | Easily damaged |

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| Difficult Word/ Phrase | Contextual Sense |
|---------------------------|--|
| Collegium | a group in which each member has approximately equal power and authority |
| Bare | Make public |
| Opaqueness | difficult to understand or explain |
| Puisne | Inferior in rank |
| Incumbent | Currently holding an office |
| Obscure | not discovered or known about |
| Stern | Severe and unremitting in making demands |
| Stinging | (of speech) harsh in tone or character |
| Arbitrary | Based on or subject to individual discretion or preference or sometimes impulse or caprice |
| Dispel | Cause to separate and go in different directions |

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| Difficult Word/ Phrase | Contextual Sense |
|---------------------------|--|
| Amber | an amber light used as a warning between red and green |
| Spur | stimulate |
| Rear | to rise high |
| Slump | decline markedly |
| Silver lining | a sign of hope or a positive aspect in an otherwise negative situation |
| Stock up | to get a large quantity of something for later use |
| Crimp | have a limiting or adverse effect on (something) |
| Abide | Put up with something or somebody unpleasant |
| Tenuous | Lacking substance or significance |
| Drop your guard | If you drop your guard, you relax when you should be careful and alert, often with unpleasant consequences |

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| Difficult Word/ Phrase | Contextual Sense |
|------------------------|--|
| Autonomy | political independence |
| Tenure | The term during which some position is held |
| Dictum | An authoritative declaration |
| Ordinance | an order or rule made by a government or somebody in a position of authority |
| At the helm | in charge of an organization, group of people, etc. |
| Personage | A person whose actions and opinions strongly influence the course of events |
| Superannuation | The act of discharging someone |
| Beholden | Under a moral obligation to someone |
| Abide by | Act in accordance with someone's rules, commands, or wishes |
| Render | Pass down |

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| Difficult Word/ Phrase | Contextual Sense |
|---------------------------|--|
| Ostensibly | From appearances alone |
| Inflection point | a time of significant change in a situation |
| Communiqué | An official report |
| Plenum | A meeting of a legislative body at which all members are present |
| Heap | Bestow in large quantities |
| bequeath | Leave or give by will after one's death |
| Heresy | an opinion or belief that is the opposite of or against what is the official or popular opinion, or an action that shows that you have no respect for the official opinion |
| Cult | Followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices |
| Reverence | A feeling of profound respect for someone or something |
| Contours | A feature (or the order or arrangement of features) of anything having a complex structure |

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| Difficult Word/ Phrase | Contextual Sense |
|---------------------------|--|
| Consensus | agreement in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole |
| Humanitarian | Marked by humanistic values and devotion to human welfare |
| Spur | Incite or stimulate |
| Standoff | an argument, contest, etc., in which there is no winner |
| Churlishness | Rudeness of manners or temper; lack of kindness or courtesy |
| Radicalisation | the action or process of making somebody more extreme or radical in their opinions on political or social issues |
| Reconciliation | The reestablishing of cordial relations |
| Creditable | good enough to be praised |
| Feat | A notable achievement |
| Paper over | Hide from view or knowledge |

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Nov 11, 2021

| Difficult Word/ Phrase | Contextual Sense |
|------------------------|--|
| Betrayal | violation of a person's trust or confidence |
| Haven | A shelter serving as a place of safety |
| Vulnerable | Capable of being hurt |
| Apathy | An absence of emotion |
| Scarcely | Only a very short time before |
| Marshal | Make ready for action or use |
| Herculean | Extremely difficult |
| Overdrive | The state of high or excessive activity |
| Flammable | Easily ignited |
| Draw up | to prepare something in writing, esp. plans or a formal document |

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| Difficult Word/ Phrase | Contextual Sense |
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| Make heavy weather of | to treat (something) in a way that makes it seem more important or difficult than it really is |
| Tardy | delayed |
| Ostensibly | as appears or is stated to be true, though not necessarily so |
| Exculpatory | Clearing of guilt or blame |
| Retaliatory | (of an action) characterized by a desire for revenge |
| Salutary | producing a beneficial effect |
| Derail | to obstruct the progress of |
| Redound | Contribute |
| Marshal | to bring together or organize things in order to achieve a particular aim |
| Exonerate | Pronounce not guilty of criminal charges |

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| Difficult Word/ Phrase | Contextual Sense |
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| Caseload | The number of cases handled in a given period of time |
| Double-edged sword | something that has or can have both favourable and unfavourable consequences |
| Lethal | that can cause death or great damage |
| Plateau | reach a stable state of little change |
| Serology | The branch of medical science that deals with serums |
| Waning | decreasing in strength, intensity, etc. |
| Pail | a feeling of gloom |
| Rejuvenation | Restoration to a former state |
| Let up | (of something undesirable) become less intense |
| Shore up | to support (something) or keep (something) from falling by placing something under or against it |

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| Optics | the public's opinion and understanding of a situation after seeing it as the media shows it, and the possible political effects of this |
| Offset | Compensate for |
| Relent | Give in, as to pressure |
| Fillip | The act of giving hope or support to someone |
| Commensurate | Corresponding in size, degree or extent |
| Clutch | A collection of things or persons to be handled together |
| Salutary | Tending to promote physical well-being; beneficial to health |
| Softening | Make less severe or harsh |
| Cushion | something that makes the effects of a bad situation less severe |
| Tenuous | Lacking significance |

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Nov 3, 2021

| Difficult Word/ Phrase | Contextual Sense |
|------------------------|---|
| Expediency | providing an easy and quick way to do something |
| Fraught | causing or having extreme worry or anxiety |
| Invalidation | a formal termination |
| Strike down | abolish a law or regulation |
| Earmark | to designate (something, such as funds) for a specific use or owner |
| Denude | to deprive of something important |
| Hindrance | Any obstruction that impedes or is burdensome |
| Impending | Close in time; about to occur |
| Restive | Being in a tense state |
| Ally | someone who helps and supports someone else |

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Nov 2, 2021

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| Shy away | to try to avoid (something) because of nervousness, fear, dislike, etc. |
| Mitigate | Make less severe or harsh |
| Implicit | understood though not clearly or directly stated |
| Sphere | a range or area of activity |
| Divergence | The act of moving away in a different direction from a common point |
| Communiqué | An official report |
| Fragile | Easily damaged |
| Spike | Manifest a sharp increase |
| Bottleneck | a problem that delays progress |
| Walk the tightrope | to be in a difficult situation in which a very small mistake could have very bad results |

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Nov 1, 2021

| Difficult Word/ Phrase | Contextual Sense |
|------------------------|--|
| Crunch | A critical situation that arises because of a shortage of money/ resources |
| Outlay | Money paid out |
| Better-off | In a more fortunate or prosperous condition |
| Arduous | Characterized by effort to the point of exhaustion; especially physical effort |
| Menial | (used about work) not skilled or important |
| Borne out | to give evidence or testimony to the truth or factualness of |
| Paucity | An insufficient quantity or number |
| Alleviate | Make easier |
| Agrarian | Relating to farming or agriculture |
| Salve | Anything that remedies, heals or soothes |

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