

The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Mar 31, 2022

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Scrutiny	close or minute examination
Inevitable	Incapable of being avoided or prevented
Embody	Represent or express something abstract in tangible form
Coercive	using force or the threat of force
Self-incrimination	the giving of evidence that might tend to expose the witness to punishment for crime
Disseminate	to spread information etc. so that it reaches many people
Stringent	Demanding strict attention to rules and procedures
Furnish	to supply or provide somebody/something with something
Detainee	Some held in custody
Grave	Causing fear or anxiety by threatening great harm

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Behest	An authoritative command or request
Innocuous	Lacking intent or capacity to injure
Perverse	Deviating from what is considered moral, right, proper or good
Sedition	an illegal action inciting resistance to lawful authority and tending to cause the disruption or overthrow of the government
Disconcerting	Causing an emotional disturbance
Clout	Special advantage or influence
Promptitude	The characteristic of doing things without delay
Cavalier	Marked by lack of attention, consideration, forethought or thoroughness; not careful
Foment	Try to stir up public opinion
Stem	to stop something that is increasing or spreading

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Standoff	a stalemate or deadlock between two equally matched opponents in a dispute or conflict
Logjam	Any stoppage attributable to unusual activity
Multilateral	Having many parts or sides
Drop in	Visit informally and spontaneously
Suffice	Be sufficient
Standstill	A situation in which no progress can be made or no advancement is possible
Precept	a general rule that helps you to decide how you should behave in particular circumstances
Outreach	The act of reaching out
At odds	In disagreement
Demobilisation	Act of changing from a war basis to a peace basis including disbanding or discharging troops

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Jurisprudence	The branch of philosophy concerned with the law and the principles that lead courts to make the decisions they do
Adjudicate	Bring to an end
Unedifying	unpleasant in a way that causes disapproval
Deprecate	Express strong disapproval of
Peruse	Examine or consider with attention and in detail
Revoke	Cancel officially
Disconcerting	Causing an emotional disturbance
Underscore	emphasizing the importance of something
Conscience	Conformity to one's own sense of right conduct
Circumscribe	Restrict or confine within limits

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Blues	A state of depression
Embark on	to begin (something that will take a long time or happen for a long time)
Efficacy	Capacity or power to produce a desired effect
At large	In a general fashion
Catapult	to move at a breakneck speed
Benevolence	an inclination to do good
Prolonged	Relatively long in duration
Dampen	Lessen in effect
Slash	Cut drastically
Spur	Stimulate

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Sanctions	Official permission or approval
Barrage	an overwhelming quantity
Curb	The act of restraining power, action or limiting excess
Unravel	to start to fail or no longer stay together as a whole
Unilaterally	by means of one part or party
Centrifuge	An apparatus that uses centrifugal force to separate particles from a suspension
Leverage	Strategic advantage; power to act effectively
Signatory	Someone who signs and is bound by a document
Sensitivity	aware of and able to understand other people and their feelings
Scuttle	Intentionally undermine, ruin, or cause to fail

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Mar 14, 2022

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Malfunction	A failure to function normally
Probe	An inquiry into unfamiliar or questionable activities
Chargé d'affaires	a subordinate diplomat who substitutes for an absent ambassador or minister
Loophole	an ambiguity (especially one in the text of a law or contract) that makes it possible to evade a difficulty or obligation
Fixation	An unhealthy and compulsive preoccupation with something or someone
Fray	to make or become weakened
Hypersonic	Moving at more than five times the speed of sound
Echo	Repetition
Dogfight	An aerial engagement between fighter planes
Nevertheless	in spite of that

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Difficult Word/ Phrases	Contextual Sense
Polarisation	the act of dividing something, especially something that contains different people or opinions, into two completely opposing groups:
Fatigue	Temporary loss of strength and energy resulting from hard physical or mental work
Disenchantment	Disappointment on finding out that something is not as good as hoped, or that previous beliefs were false
Unassailable	Without flaws or loopholes
Rhetoric	Using language effectively to please or persuade
At a low ebb	in a weakened or depressed state
Drubbing	A sound defeat
Subaltern	a person holding a subordinate position
Citadel	A stronghold into which people could go for shelter during a battle
Protracted	Relatively long in duration

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Mar 10, 2022

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Concession	something that you allow or do, or allow somebody to have, in order to end an argument or to make a situation less difficult
Lay out	Tell or show, often with explanation and alternatives
Bloc	A group of countries in special alliance
Breakaway	Having separated or advocating separation from another entity or policy or attitude
De-escalation	(war) a reduction in intensity (of a crisis or a war)
Encircle	Form or draw a circle around
Envelope	to mount an attack on
Shoot down	Thwart the passage of
Backdrop	The context and environment in which something is set
Take a toll	to have a serious, bad effect on someone or something

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Mar 9, 2022

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Stub out	To stop something
Spur	incite
Midst	the middle of something
Induce	Cause to arise
Overwhelming	urgently felt
Consensus	Full agreement between a number of people
Barring	The act of excluding someone
Buck the trend	to be obviously different from the way that a situation is developing generally, especially in connection with financial matters
Diversification	The act of introducing variety (especially in the variety of goods and services offered)
Bottomline	a company's net income

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Mar 8, 2022

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Set off	Provoke or stir up
Sectarian	Of or relating to or characteristic of a sect or sects
Persecution	the act of treating somebody in a cruel and unfair way, especially because of their race, religion or political beliefs
Animosity	A feeling of ill will arousing active hostility
Drum up	Bring together people for a common purpose or generate support a particular action
Hardliner	A conservative who is uncompromising
Insurgency	An organized rebellion aimed at overthrowing a constituted government through the use of subversion and armed conflict
Porous	Allowing passage in and out
Blasphemy	behaviour or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for God or religion
At the Forefront	in a leading position

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Mar 4, 2022

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Sense
Rehabilitation	The restoration of someone to a useful place in society
Hustle	to make strenuous efforts to obtain
Render	Cause to become
Orphanhood	The condition of being a child without living parents
Sophisticated	complex or intricate
Umbrella	Having the function of uniting a group of similar things
Adversity	A state of misfortune or affliction
Destitution	A state without friends, money or prospects
Foster care	Supervised care for delinquent or neglected children usually in an institution or substitute home
Realm	A domain in which something is dominant

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Mar 3, 2022

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Confrontation	A hostile disagreement face-to-face
Onus	the responsibility for something
Avert	Prevent the occurrence of
Miffed	slightly angry or upset
Partisan	Devoted to a cause
Constrained	Lacking spontaneity
Discretionary	decided by officials and not fixed by rules
On tenterhooks	waiting nervously for something to happen
Clemency	kind treatment of somebody when they are being punished
Lynchpin	a person or thing that is the most important part of an organization, a plan, etc., because everything else depends on them or it

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Cautionary	giving a warning about a possible danger, problem, etc.
Heed	Pay close attention to
Shore up	Support, help or boost something that would otherwise be weak or fail
Turmoil	A violent disturbance
Dire	Causing fear, dread or terror
Hazard	source of danger
Breach	to break or violate (something)
Wet bulb	one of the two thermometers of a psychrometer, the bulb of which is enclosed in wetted material so that water is constantly evaporating from it and cooling the bulb
Vulnerable	Susceptible to attack
Partisan	Devoted to a cause

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The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary– Mar 1, 2022

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Ceasefire	A state of peace agreed to between opponents so they can discuss peace terms
Raft	A lot
Fallout	the effect or result of something
Rouble	The basic unit of money in Russia
Tumble	Fall suddenly and sharply
A run on something	a situation in which a lot of people want to buy something at the same time
Unilateral	Involving only one part or side
Embark	Proceed somewhere despite the risk of possible dangers
Take a beating	suffer damage or hurt
Futures	Bulk commodities bought or sold at an agreed price for delivery at a specified future date

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