



# THE HINDU

## THE HINDU EDITORIAL VOCABULARY BOOSTER

**JUNE 2020**

**FOR ALL BANKING AND  
GOVERNMENT EXAMS**

The **Hindu Newspaper** is treated as the Bible by the Exam Aspirants be it Bank Exam Aspirants, SSC Aspirants or UPSC Aspirants. Reading the Editorial section of the newspaper daily has two-fold benefits: (a) It gives the editor's views on the latest happenings in India and the World, (b) It helps enhance English Vocabulary. In this eBook of "The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary Booster June 2020", we have come up with a list of difficult words taken from the Hindu Editorials of the June Month, with their **Meanings, Synonyms, Antonyms, and the Correct Usage of those words**. Read along to understand it better.

## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary Booster – June 2020

Sr. No.	Words	Meanings & Synonyms	Antonyms	Usage
1.	<b>Accentuate</b>	Make more noticeable or prominent.  Underline, Stress, Emphasize	Mask	The new policy only serves to <b>accentuate</b> the inadequacy of help for the homeless.
2.	<b>Accountability</b>	The fact or condition of being accountable.  Responsibility, Liability, Answerability	Unaccountability	There were furious demands for greater police accountability.
3.	<b>Acquittal</b>	A judgement or verdict that a person is not guilty of the crime with which they have been charged.  Absolution, Clearing, Exoneration	Conviction	The trial resulted in an <b>acquittal</b> .
4.	<b>Alacrity</b>	Brisk and cheerful readiness.  Eagerness, Willingness, Readiness, Enthusiasm	Apathy	She accepted the invitation with <b>alacrity</b> .
5.	<b>Allude</b>	Suggest or call attention to indirectly.  Hint at. Suggest, Imply	Specify, Demonstrate, Declare, Mention, State	She mentioned some trouble that she had had at home and I guessed she was <b>alluding</b> to her son.
6.	<b>Ameliorate</b>	Make something bad or unsatisfactory better.  Improve, Better	Worsen	And, after all, some illnesses are psychogenic. Many can be at least <b>ameliorated</b> by a positive cast of minds.
7.	<b>Annexation</b>	The action of annexing something, especially territory.	Detachment, Decrease, Loss	<b>Annexations</b> helped San Jose grow into one of the nation's biggest cities.

		Seizure, Occupation, Conquest, Addition, Incorporation		
8.	<b>Apprehension</b>	Anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen.  Anxiety, Angst, Alarm, Worry, unease,	Confidence	There is some <b>apprehension</b> in the office about who the new director will be.
9.	<b>Apprise</b>	Inform or tell someone.  Notify, Tell	Hoodwink, Mystify, Deceive, Mislead	The president has been <b>apprised</b> of the situation.
10.	<b>Arbiter</b>	A person who settles a dispute or has ultimate authority in a matter.  Adjudicator, Arbitrator, Judge, Referee		The government will be the final <b>arbiter</b> in the dispute.
11.	<b>Articulate</b>	Having or showing the ability to speak fluently and coherently.  Eloquent, Fluent, Communicative, Effective	Inarticulate, Hesitant, Unintelligible	She gave a witty, entertaining, and <b>articulate</b> speech.
12.	<b>Asymmetry</b>	Lack of equality or equivalence between parts or aspects of something.  Lack of symmetry.	Symmetry	There was an <b>asymmetry</b> between her right and left ears.
13.	<b>Avaricious</b>	Greedy of gain. Excessively acquisitive especially in seeking to hoard riches.  Covetous, Grabby, Grasping, Greedy, Mercenary, Moneygrubbing, Rapacious	Generous	She turned out to be a crafty and <b>avaricious</b> politician.
14.	<b>Ballooning</b>	To quickly increase in size, weight, or importance.	Shrink	The rumours soon <b>ballooned</b> into a full-blown scandal.

		Blow-up, Inflate, Distend, Expand, Dilate		
15.	<b>Behest</b>	A person's orders or command.  Instruction, Bidding, Request, Wish	Option, Liberty, Non-interference, Discretion	I only made the change at the author's <b>behest</b> .
16.	<b>Belated</b>	Coming or happening later than should have been the case.  Late, Overdue, Behind time	Early	They did make a <b>belated</b> attempt to reduce the noise.
17.	<b>Belied</b>	An appearance fails to give a true impression of something.  Contradict	Reveal	Her calm face <b>belied</b> the terror she was feeling.
18.	<b>Blatant</b>	Bad behaviour done openly and unashamedly.  Flagrant, Glaring, Obvious, Undisguised, Unconcealed	Inconspicuous, Subtle	The whole episode was a <b>blatant</b> attempt to gain publicity.
19.	<b>Bleak</b>	Charmless and inhospitable.  Dreary, Bare, Stark	Lush, Verdant, Warm, Balmy	The house stands on a <b>bleak</b> , windswept hilltop.
20.	<b>Bolster</b>	Support or strengthen.  Reinforce, Support, Boost	Undermine	The fall in interest rates is starting to <b>bolster</b> confidence.
21.	<b>Bounty</b>	A premium or reward, especially one offered by a government.		There was a <b>bounty</b> on his head.
22.	<b>Brinkmanship</b>	The art or practise of pursuing a dangerous policy to the limits of safety before stopping, especially in politics.		In any game of <b>brinkmanship</b> , it is possible that one side will collapse suddenly.
23.	<b>Bullheadedness</b>	Resolute adherence to your own ideas or desires.  Pig-headedness, Self-will, Headstrong, Stubbornness, Obstinacy, Obstinace.	Acquiescent, Agreeable, Amenable, Compliant, Complying	The <b>bull-headed</b> government official who refused to bend the rules even just a little bit.

24.	<b>Calling all hands to the deck</b>	If a situation requires all hands-on deck, it needs everyone to work hard to achieve an aim or do a task.		There are 10 staff off sick this week, so it's <b>all hands-on deck</b> .
25.	<b>Camaraderie</b>	Mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together.  Friendship, Comradeship, Fellowship	Loneliness, Lonesomeness	When you have been climbing alone for hours, there is a tremendous sense of <b>camaraderie</b> when you meet another climber.
26.	<b>Chastened</b>	To correct by punishment or suffering.  Discipline, Castigate, Correct  A rebuke or misfortune have a restraining or moderating effect on.  Subdue, Humble, Squash, Deflate, Flatten	Excuse, Pardon, Spare	He was <b>chastened</b> by his team's defeat.
27.	<b>Cohort</b>	A group of people with shared characteristic.  Band, Group  Companion, Colleague, Associate, Compeer		The police arrested the gang's leader and his <b>cohorts</b> . Depression was a common problem for people in that <b>cohort</b> .
28.	<b>Commensurate</b>	Corresponding in size or degree.  In proportion.  Equivalent, Corresponding, Comparable	Disproportionate	Salary will be <b>commensurate</b> with age and experience.
29.	<b>Communique</b>	An official announcement or statement, especially one made to the media.  Press release		The palace has issued a <b>communiqué</b> denying the rumour.
30.	<b>Co-morbidity</b>	The fact that people who have a disease or		Laparoscopic surgery for symptomatic gallstones may

		condition also have one or more other diseases or conditions.		be contraindicated by <b>comorbid</b> cardiopulmonary disease.
31.	<b>Complacency</b>	A feeling of smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements.  Smugness, Self-satisfaction, Self-approval	Dissatisfaction	The figures are better, but there are no grounds for <b>complacency</b> .
32.	<b>Conformity</b>	Compliance with standards, rules, or laws.  Traditionalism, Orthodoxy	Eccentricity, Rebellion	A word of praise or an encouraging smile provide rewards for <b>conformity</b> to social norms.
33.	<b>Consternation</b>	A feeling of anxiety or dismay, typically at something unexpected.  Dismay, Perturbation, Anxiety, Distress, Disquiet	Satisfaction	The prospect of so much work filled him with <b>consternation</b> .
34.	<b>Contend</b>	Struggle to surmount a difficulty.  Face, Resist, Withstand, Argue	Resign, Concede, Allow, Relinquish, Forego, Surrender, Waive	These people <b>contend</b> that they have earned the right to the land.
35.	<b>Contentious</b>	Causing or likely to cause an argument; controversial.  Controversial, Disputable, Debatable, Disputed	Uncontroversial	The socio-economic plan had been the subject of <b>contentious</b> debate.
36.	<b>Continuum</b>	A continuous sequence in which adjacent elements are not perceptibly different from each other, but the extremes are quite distinct.		His motives for volunteering lie somewhere on the <b>continuum</b> between charitable and self-serving.
37.	<b>Countenance</b>	A person's face or facial expression. Admit as acceptable or possible.	Disapprove, Discountenance, Disfavour, Frown	You could see it in his frame and deportment ... a beaming <b>countenance</b> ,

		Tolerate, Permit, Allow		expansive salutations, a warm handshake.
38.	<b>Dampen</b>	Make less strong or intense.  Lessen, Decrease, Diminish, Reduce, Lower	Heighten	The rain had <b>dampened</b> the tent, so we left it to dry in the afternoon sun.
39.	<b>Deliberation</b>	Long and careful consideration or discussion.  Thought, Thinking, Consideration, Reflection, Contemplation	Short shrift	After careful <b>deliberation</b> , he decided to study medicine rather than law.
40.	<b>Demography</b>	The study of statistics such as births, deaths, income, or the incidence of disease, which illustrate the changing structure of human populations.		The increase in the number of young people leaving to work in the cities has had a dramatic impact on the <b>demography</b> of the villages.
41.	<b>Destigmatize</b>	To remove associations of shame or disgrace.	Stigmatize	People should not be <b>stigmatized</b> on the basis of race.
42.	<b>Desultory</b>	Lacking a plan, purpose, or enthusiasm.  Casual, Half-hearted, Lukewarm, Cursory	Keen, Systematic, Lasting	A few people were left, dancing in a <b>desultory</b> fashion.
43.	<b>Devastating</b>	Highly destructive or damaging.  Destructible, Ruinous, Disastrous, Catastrophic	Ameliorative, Nonlethal, Blessed, Salubrious	The drought has had <b>devastating</b> consequences .
44.	<b>Disbelief</b>	Inability or refusal to accept that something is true or real.  Incredulity	Belief, Credence	Laura shook her head in <b>disbelief</b> .
45.	<b>Disconcerting</b>	Causing one to feel unsettled.  Unsettling, Unnerving, Discomfiting, Disturbing	Reassuring	He had a <b>disconcerting</b> habit of offering jobs to people he met at dinner parties.
46.	<b>Dispensation</b>	Exemption from a rule or usual requirement.		Although she was too young, she was given

		Exemption, Immunity, Exception, Exclusion  A political, religious, or social, system prevailing at a particular time.  System, Scheme, Plan		special <b>dispensation</b> to play before her birthday.
47.	<b>Disruptive</b>	Causing or tending to cause disruption.  Troublesome, Unruly, Rowdy	Well-behaved, Manageable	His teacher described him as a noisy, <b>disruptive</b> influence in class.
48.	<b>Disseminate</b>	Spread something, especially information widely. Spread, Circulate, Distribute, Disperse.	Repress, Suppress, Stifle, Discouragement, Extirpate, Eradicate	Health authorities should foster good practice by <b>disseminating</b> information.
49.	<b>Distressing</b>	Causing anxiety, sorrow, or pain.  Upsetting, Discomforting, Disquieting	Calming, Quieting, Settling, Soothing, Reassuring	There are <b>distressing</b> signs that another war might be imminent.
50.	<b>Domicile</b>	The country that a person treats as their permanent home, or lives in and has a substantial connection with.  A dwelling place or a place of residence.  Abode, Habitation, Home		You will need to report your change of <b>domicile</b> to your insurance company.
51.	<b>Double whammy</b>	A twofold blow or setback.		Consumers were hit by the <b>double whammy</b> of rising interest rates and gasoline prices.
52.	<b>Dubious</b>	Hesitating or doubting.  Doubtful, Unsure, Hesitant  Not to be relied upon. Suspicious	Certain, Definite, Trustworthy, Decisive	I was rather <b>dubious</b> about the whole idea.



53.	<b>Dwindling</b>	Gradually diminishing in size, amount, or strength.  Shrink	Aggrandize, Amplify, Augment, Boost, Enlarge, Escalate, Expand, Increase, Raise	The town's population is <b>dwindling</b> away.
54.	<b>Emblematic</b>	Serving as a symbol of a particular quality or concept.  Symbolic, Representative, Demonstrative, Suggestive	Representation al, Realistic	This case is <b>emblematic</b> of a larger problem.
55.	<b>Entrenched</b>	An attitude, habit, or belief) firmly established and difficult or unlikely to change.  Ingrained.	Dislodge, Uproot	A father who <b>entrenched</b> in our minds the belief that hard work pays off.
56.	<b>Entrepreneurial</b>	Characterized by the taking of financial risks in the hope of profit.  Enterprising.		With more people self-employed, has our society become more <b>entrepreneurial</b> ?
57.	<b>Escalate</b>	Increase rapidly. Soar, Rocket, Shoot up, Mount	Plunge	His financial problems <b>escalated</b> after he became unemployed.
58.	<b>Espionage</b>	The practise of spying or of using spies, typically by governments to obtain political and military information.  Spying, Surveillance		He was charged with several counts of <b>espionage</b> .
59.	<b>Exacerbate</b>	Make a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling worse.  Aggravate, Worsen, Inflammate, Compound, Intensify	Calm, Reduce	The exorbitant cost of land in urban areas only <b>exacerbated</b> the problems.

60.	<b>Exalt</b>	Think or speak very highly of someone or something.  Glorify, Extol, Praise, Acclaim	Disparage, Despise	The party will continue to <b>exalt</b> their hero.
61.	<b>Exonerate</b>	Absolve someone from blame for a fault or wrongdoing.  Clear, Acquit	Charge, Convict	Pope Clement V <b>exonerated</b> the king from his oath to the barons.
62.	<b>Exorbitant</b>	Price or amount charged unreasonably high.  Extortionate, Excessive, Sky-high	Reasonable, Competitive	Some hotels charge <b>exorbitant</b> rates for phone calls.
63.	<b>Expediency</b>	The quality of being convenient and practical despite possibly being improper or immoral.  Convenience, Advantage, Usefulness	Disadvantages	As a matter of <b>expediency</b> , we will not be taking on any new staff this year.
64.	<b>Expeditious</b>	Done with speed and efficiency.  Speedy, Swift, Quick, Rapid, Prompt	Slow	This company that is well-regarded for its <b>expeditious</b> handling of any request or complaint.
65.	<b>Extortion</b>	The practise of obtaining something, especially money, through force or threats.  Exaction, Extraction, Blackmail		He was arrested and charged with <b>extortion</b> .
66.	<b>Far-sighted</b>	Unable to see things clearly, especially if they are relatively close to the eyes.  Long-sighted, Prudent, Prescient, Discerning	Short-sighted	Buying those shares was a very <b>far-sighted</b> move – they must be worth ten times their original value now.
67.	<b>Feat</b>	An achievement that requires great courage, skill, or strength.		He is a performer known for her astonishing acrobatic <b>feats</b> .

		Achievement, Accomplishment, Attainment, Coup, Masterstroke		
68.	<b>Ferocity</b>	The state or quality of being ferocious.  Savagery, Brutality, Barbarity	Gentleness	The <b>ferocity</b> of the storm caught them by surprise.
69.	<b>Fiasco</b>	A complete failure, especially a ludicrous or humiliating one.  Disaster, Catastrophe, Debacle	Success	The critic called the film a <b>fiasco</b> .
70.	<b>Fleecing</b>	Obtain a great deal of money from someone, typically by overcharging or swindling them.  Swindle, Cheat, Defraud, Deceive	Undercharge	Do not let that salesman <b>fleece</b> you.
71.	<b>Flout</b>	Openly disregard a rule, law, or convention.  Defy, Scorn, Disdain	Observe	Many motorcyclists <b>flout</b> the law by not wearing helmets.
72.	<b>Forbearance</b>	Patient self-control; restraint and tolerance.  Tolerance, Patience, Resignation, Endurance	Impatience.	He appreciated his wife's <b>forbearances</b> .
73.	<b>Frenetic</b>	Fast and energetic in a rather wild and uncontrolled way.  Frantic, Wild, Frenzied, Hectic	Relaxed	After weeks of <b>frenetic</b> activity, the job was finally finished.
74.	<b>Frenzy</b>	A temporary madness. A violent mental or emotional agitation.  Agitation, Deliriousness	Calm, Composure, Collectedness, Coolness, Sanity, Sobriety, Equanimity	In its <b>frenzy</b> to flee the danger, the crowd became uncontrollable, and a number of people were trampled to death.
75.	<b>Futility</b>	Pointlessness or uselessness.  Vanity	Usefulness	People have got tired of the <b>futility</b> of war.

76.	<b>Gamut</b>	The complete range or scope of something.  Range, Spectrum, Span, Sweep		The actress's work runs the <b>gamut</b> from goofy comedies to serious historical dramas.
77.	<b>Grapple</b>	Engage in a close fight or struggle without weapons.  Wrestle, Struggle, Tussle,	Free, Receive, Reject, Harmony, Liberate	Officials <b>grappled</b> with an increase in violent crimes.
78.	<b>Grievously</b>	To a very severe or serious degree.  Menacingly, Harmfully, Perilously	Casually, Lightly	The President had been shot and was <b>grievously</b> wounded.
79.	<b>Haulage</b>	The commercial transport of goods.		There is room this year – as in the past – for more traditional industries, such as engineering, and vehicle manufacture as well as transport and <b>haulage</b> .
80.	<b>Haven</b>	A place of safety or refuge.  Retreat, Shelter, Asylum		The garden was a <b>haven</b> from the noise and bustle of the city.
81.	<b>Heinous</b>	A crime utterly odious or wicked.  Odious, Wicked, Evil, Atrocious, Monstrous, Disgraceful	Admirable	The verdict also defined rape for the first time as a crime against humanity, one of the most <b>heinous</b> crimes.
82.	<b>High-handedness</b>	Having or showing no regard for the rights, concerns, or feelings of others.  Arbitrary, Overbearing	Humble, Lowly, Modest, Unarrogant, Unpretentious	They have been accused of secrecy and <b>high-handedness</b> in their dealings
83.	<b>Hitherto</b>	Until now or until the point in time under discussion.  Previously, Formerly, Earlier, So far, Before	Henceforth, Henceforward, Hereafter, Thenceforth	Mira revealed <b>hitherto</b> unsuspected talents on the dance floor.
84.	<b>Holistic</b>	Characterized by the belief that the parts of something are intimately interconnected and	Atomistic	Ecological problems usually require <b>holistic</b> solutions.

		explicable only by reference to the whole.		
85.	<b>Humongous</b>	Extremely large, Huge, Astronomical, Colossal	Bantam, Diminutive, Infinitesimal	We had our picture taken in New Mexico before a <b>humongous</b> cactus.
86.	<b>Impassively</b>	In a way that expresses no emotion or reaction.  Affectless, Apathetic, Cold-bloodied, Emotionless	Demonstrative, Emotional, Fervent	The defendant sat <b>impassively</b> in the dock while evidence was given against him.
87.	<b>Imperative</b>	Of vital importance.  Crucial, Peremptory	Elective, Optional, Voluntary	It is <b>imperative</b> to act now before the problem gets really serious.
88.	<b>Inadequacy</b>	The state or quality of being inadequate. Lack of the quantity or quality required.  Insufficiency, Deficiency, Scarcity	Abundance, Surplus	Economic growth is hindered by the <b>inadequacies</b> of the public transport system.
89.	<b>Incendiary</b>	Tending to stir up conflict. Designed to cause fires.  Inflammatory, Provocative, Agitational, Seditious	Conciliatory	He gave an <b>incendiary</b> speech at last night's rally.
90.	<b>Inconceivable</b>	Not capable of being imagined or grasped mentally.  Unbelievable	Likely	It seemed <b>inconceivable</b> that the president had been unaware of what was going on.
91.	<b>Indictment</b>	A formal charge or accusation of a serious crime.  Charge, Accusation, Arraignment, Citation	Acquittal	This seems to me to be a damning <b>indictment</b> of the government's education policy.
92.	<b>Inequity</b>	Lack of fairness or justice.  Unfairness, Injustice	Equity, Fairness, Justice	The <b>inequity</b> of the punishment led many people to believe that the defendant was being punished for his political beliefs.
93.	<b>Inevitable</b>	Certain to happen.  Unavoidable, Inescapable	Avoidable, Uncertain	The factory closure is seemingly <b>inevitable</b> .

94.	<b>Inhumane</b>	Without compassion for misery or suffering.  Cruel, Harsh, Brutal, Callous	Humane, Compassionate	Confining wild animals is <b>inhumane</b> .
95.	<b>Introspection</b>	The examination or observation of one's own mental and emotional processes.  Brooding, Self-analysis, Soul-searching, Heart-searching, Self-contemplation,		It is taken a lot of hard work and <b>introspection</b> to reach this stage.
96.	<b>Intrusion</b>	An occasion when someone goes into a place or situation where they are not wanted or expected to be.  Encroachment on, Trespass on, Intrusion into	Withdrawal	His phone call was a welcome <b>intrusion</b> into an otherwise tedious morning.
97.	<b>Inure</b>	Accustom someone to something, especially something unpleasant.  Harden, Toughen, Season, Temper, Condition, Accustom	Sensitize	Does violence on television <b>inure</b> children to violence in real life?
98.	<b>Invariably</b>	In every case or on every occasion. Always.	Sometimes, Never	Ranch meals are <b>invariably</b> big and hearty.
99.	<b>Kindled</b>	Arouse or inspire an emotion or feeling.  Arouse, Awaken	Extinguish, Put out	Her imagination was <b>kindled</b> by the exciting stories her grandmother told her.
100.	<b>Lapse</b>	A brief or temporary failure of concentration, memory, or judgement.  Failure, Slip, Error, Fault	Continue, Hang on, Persist	A <b>lapse</b> of concentration in the second set cost her the match.
101.	<b>Leaving no stone unturned</b>	Try every possible course of action in order to achieve something.		He <b>left no stone unturned</b> in his search for his natural mother.
102.	<b>Lone wolf</b>	A lone actor, lone-actor terrorist, or lone wolf is		A high alert has been issued to security forces across the

		someone who prepares and commits violent acts alone, outside of any command structure and without material assistance from any group.		country by central intelligence agencies, warning of possible ' <b>lone wolf</b> 'attacks.
103.	<b>Machination</b>	A plot or scheme. Conspiracy		Despite a commitment to a more open government, the public is still being kept in the dark about the inner <b>machinations</b> of the Cabinet.
104.	<b>Mandarins</b>	A person who has a very important job in the government, and who is sometimes considered to be too powerful.		It often seems that true power lies with the Civil Service <b>mandarins</b> , rather than MPs and cabinet ministers.
105.	<b>Manoeuvring</b>	Move skilfully or carefully.  Steer, Guide, Drive		He claimed he knew nothing about the political <b>manoeuvrings</b> which had got him into power.
106.	<b>Materialise</b>	Become actual fact.  Happen.	Disembody	She was promised a promotion, but it never <b>materialised</b> .
107.	<b>Milestone</b>	An important event in the development or history of something or in someone's life.	Insignificant	He felt that moving out of his parents' home was a real <b>milestone</b> in his life.
108.	<b>Mistrust</b>	Be suspicious of. Have no confidence in.  Suspicion, Distrust, Doubt	Trust	She has a strong <b>mistrust</b> of politicians.
109.	<b>Modest</b>	Unassuming in the estimation of one's abilities or achievements.  Self-effacing, Self-deprecating, Humble An amount, rate, or level relatively moderate, limited, or small.	Boastful, Conceited	He was a very <b>modest</b> man, refusing to take any credit for the enterprise.
110.	<b>Multilateralism</b>	Multilateralism, the process of organizing relations between groups of three or more states.	Endemic, Local, Aboriginal, Indigenous,	The WTO is a shining example of <b>multilateralism</b> at work.

		International, Multicultural, Multinational	Domestic, Native	
111.	<b>Naive</b>	A person or action) showing a lack of experience, wisdom, or judgement.  Innocent, Unsophisticated, Artless, Ingenuous, Inexperienced	Sophisticated, Disingenuous, Experienced, Worldly	Andy had a sweet, <b>naive</b> look when he smiled
112.	<b>Nativism</b>	A policy of favouring native inhabitants as opposed to immigrants		Instead of prickly <b>nativism</b> , India needs economic reform and lower trade barriers to compete effectively with China.
113.	<b>Non-partisan</b>	Not biased or partisan, especially towards any particular political group.	Inclined	Senior civil servants are <b>non-partisan</b> and serve ministers loyally irrespective of politics.
114.	<b>Obscure</b>	Not discovered or known about.  Uncertain, Unclear, Doubtful	Clear, Reveal	Official policy has changed, for reasons that remain <b>obscure</b> .
115.	<b>Obstinacy</b>	The quality or condition of being obstinate.  Stubbornness, Inflexibility, Intransigence	Irresolution	I stayed until the end out of sheer <b>obstinacy</b> .
116.	<b>Ominous</b>	Giving the worrying impression that something bad is going to happen; threateningly inauspicious.  Threatening, Menacing, Baleful	Promising, Auspicious, Propitious	The engine had been making an <b>ominous</b> sound all the way from my parents' house.
117.	<b>Opaque</b>	Not able to be seen through.  Not transparent.	Transparent, Clear	The bottles were filled with a pale <b>opaque</b> liquid.
118.	<b>Outdated</b>	Obsolete, Old-fashioned, Outmoded	Current, Modern, Fashionable	Nowadays this technique is completely <b>outdated</b> .



119.	<b>Painstakingly</b>	With great care and thoroughness.  Careful, Conscientious, Fussy, Loving, Meticulous	Careless	The property has been <b>painstakingly</b> restored by its current owners.
120.	<b>Paramount</b>	More important than anything else. Supreme.	Subordinate, Minor, Inferior, Secondary	There are many priorities but reducing the budget deficit is paramount/is of <b>paramount</b> importance.
121.	<b>Paucity</b>	The presence of something in only small or insufficient quantities or amounts.  Scarcity, Dearth, Shortage, Rarity	Abundance	There is a <b>paucity</b> of information on the ingredients of many cosmetics.
122.	<b>Perpetrators</b>	A person who carries out a harmful, illegal, or immoral act.	Innocent	The <b>perpetrators</b> of this horrific crime must be brought to justice.
123.	<b>Pervasive</b>	Spreading widely throughout an area or a group of people.  Prevalent, Penetrating, Pervading	Collective	The influence of Freud is <b>pervasive</b> in her books.
124.	<b>Perverse</b>	Showing a deliberate and obstinate desire to behave in a way that is unreasonable or unacceptable.  Awkward, Contrary, Difficult, Unreasonable	Accommodating , Cooperative	Kate's <b>perverse</b> decision not to cooperate held good.
125.	<b>Pluralist</b>	Relating to or advocating a system in which two or more states, groups, principles, sources of authority, etc., coexist.		Ours is a tolerant, <b>pluralist</b> society.
126.	<b>Possessed</b>	Influenced or controlled by something such as an evil spirit, a passion, or an idea.  Mad, Crazy To own something or have something like a quality		He was <b>possessed</b> of a large fortune, but sadly no brains to speak of.

127.	<b>Precarious</b>	Not securely held or in position; dangerously likely to fall or collapse.  Uncertain, Insecure, Unreliable, Unsure, Unpredictable	Safe, Secure	He made a <b>precarious</b> living as a painter.
128.	<b>Precipice</b>	A dangerous situation that could lead to harm or failure.  Barranca, Brink	Increase, Waxing, Overspend, Divest	This latest tax increase may push many small companies over the financial <b>precipice</b> .
129.	<b>Predominantly</b>	Mainly. For the most part	Completely, Entirely, Fully, Perfectly	She is <b>predominantly</b> a dancer, but she also sings.
130.	<b>Premeditated</b>	Think out or plan an action, especially a crime beforehand.  Intended, Deliberate, Calculated	Accidental, Unintentional, Spontaneous	The assault was <b>premeditated</b> and particularly brutal.
131.	<b>Presumptive</b>	Of the nature of a presumption, presumed in the absence of further information.  Conjectural, Speculative, Tentative, Notional	Definitive	In that climate of fear, an accusation alone was <b>presumptive</b> evidence of guilt.
132.	<b>Proclamation</b>	Public or official announcement dealing with a matter of great importance.  Decree, Order, Edict, Command		The President issued a <b>proclamation</b> which freed the slaves.
133.	<b>Profiteering</b>	Make or seek to make an excessive or unfair profit, especially illegally.  Overcharge, Racketeer		Adding to the concerns, some of the kits have been sold at a steep mark-up, bringing accusations of <b>profiteering</b> .
134.	<b>Prognosticated</b>	Foretell or prophesy a future event.  Forecast, Predict, Augur		He is in a good position to <b>prognosticate</b> on the future of commerce
135.	<b>Propensity</b>	An inclination or natural tendency to behave in a particular way.	Antipathy, Aversion,	He is well-known for his natural <b>propensity</b> for indiscretion.

		Tendency, Inclination, Predisposition, Proclivity	Detestation, Indifference	
136.	<b>Proscribe</b>	Forbid, especially by law.  Prohibit, Disallow, Embargo	Allow, Permit	Torture and summary execution of political prisoners are <b>proscribed</b> by international law.
137.	<b>Ratify</b>	Sign or give formal consent to (a treaty, contract, or agreement), making it officially valid.  Confirm, Approve, Sanction, Endorse	Reject, Revoke	both countries were due to <b>ratify</b> the treaty by the end of the year”
138.	<b>Reiterate</b>	Say something again or a number of times, typically for emphasis or clarity.  Repeat, Restate, Retell, Recapitulate	Cancel, Withdraw, Reverse, Retract.	The government has <b>reiterated</b> its refusal to compromise with terrorists.
139.	<b>Relentless</b>	Unceasingly intense. Persistent, continuing, Harsh or Inflexible	Short-lived, Irresolute, Intermittent, Lenient, Merciful	He is campaigning <b>relentlessly</b> , trying to build support.
140.	<b>Remarkable</b>	Worthy of attention.  Striking, Extraordinary, Exceptional, Amazing	Ordinary, Commonplace, Run-of-the-mill	Nelson Mandela was a truly <b>remarkable</b> man.
141.	<b>Reparations</b>	The action of making amends for a wrong one has done, by providing payment or other assistance to those who have been wronged.  Amends, Restitution, Redress, Compensation, Recompense	Injury, Impairment, Deterioration, Waste, Wear	The country paid millions in <b>reparations</b> .
142.	<b>Reprieve</b>	Cancel or postpone the punishment of someone, especially someone condemned to death.  Pardon, Spare, Acquit,	Charge, Punish	Under the new regime, prisoners under sentence of death were <b>reprieved</b> .

143.	<b>Resumption</b>	The action of beginning something again after a pause or interruption.  Restart, Reopening	Suspension, Abandonment	The president called for an immediate ceasefire and a <b>resumption</b> of negotiations between the two sides.
144.	<b>Resurrect</b>	Revive or revitalize something that is inactive, disused, or forgotten. Revive, Restore, Regenerate		The story is about a scientist who claimed that he could <b>resurrect</b> the dead.
145.	<b>Retaliation</b>	The action of harming someone because they have harmed oneself.  Revenge, Vengeance, Reprisal, Retribution	Forgive, Leave	The terrorists <b>retaliated</b> against the government with a bomb attack.
146.	<b>Retaliatory</b>	Characterized by a desire for revenge.  Avenge, Redress, Requite	Pardon, Condonation, Forgiveness	He urged people not to resort to <b>retaliatory</b> violence.
147.	<b>Retrospect</b>	A survey or review of a past course of events or period of time.  Reappraisal, Reconsideration, Re-examination, Retrospection, Review	Prognostication, Anticipation, Speculation, Forecasting, Prophecy, Prospect	I am sure my university days seem happier in <b>retrospect</b> than they really were.
148.	<b>Revulsion</b>	A sense of disgust and loathing.  Disgust, Repulsion, Abhorrence, Repugnance	Delight, Liking	News of the attack will be met with sorrow and <b>revulsion</b> .
149.	<b>Rivalry</b>	Competition for the same objective or for superiority in the same field. Competitiveness, Competition, Contention, Vying	Cooperation, Indifference, Satisfaction, Humility, Carelessness	There is a bitter <b>rivalry</b> between the two groups.
150.	<b>Rubric</b>	A set of instructions or rules. or a heading on a document.  Caption, Head, Title		The testing company reassured its graders that they would be using a <b>rubric</b> to grade each essay

151.	<b>Scrutiny</b>	Critical observation or examination.  Inspection, Survey, Scan, Study	Glance	Will the candidates stand up under all that <b>scrutiny</b> ?
152.	<b>Setback</b>	A reversal or check in progress.  Problem, Difficulty, Issue, Hitch, Upset	Breakthrough, Step-forward	There has been a temporary <b>setback</b> in our plans.
153.	<b>Sheen</b>	A soft lustre on a surface.  Shine, Lustre, Gleam	Dullness	Her hair has a <b>sheen</b> to it.
154.	<b>Skirmish</b>	An episode of irregular or unpremeditated fighting, especially between small or outlying parts of armies or fleets.  Fight, Battle, Clash, Conflict, Encounter	Retreat, Yield, Armistice, Agree, Accord, Harmony, Concord	There was a short <b>skirmish</b> between the two of them over who would pay for the meal.
155.	<b>Skyrocket</b>	To cause to rise or increase abruptly and rapidly.  Catapult, Nose-dive, Plummet, Plunge, Slump, Tumble	Soar, Zoom	His popularity <b>skyrocketed</b> after his latest movie.
156.	<b>Slackening</b>	Make or become slack.  Loosen, Release, Relax	Speed up, Quicken, Tighten	<b>Slacken</b> the reins or you will hurt the horse's mouth.
157.	<b>Snapped</b>	To suddenly become unable to control a strong feeling, especially anger.		When she asked me to postpone my trip to help her move to her new house, I just <b>snapped</b>
158.	<b>Snowballed</b>	Increase rapidly in size, intensity, or importance.  Accelerate, Accumulate, Appreciate, Burgeon	Contract, Decrease, Diminish, Dwindle, Lessen, Recede, Wane	Public support for military action has <b>snowballed</b> .
159.	<b>Stand-off</b>	A situation in which agreement in an argument does not seem possible.	Agreement, Breakthrough	The major issue hanging over both the stock and bond markets is the budget <b>standoff</b> in Washington

160.	<b>Status Quo-ante</b>	The previously existing state of affairs.	Abnormality	The goal is to return as closely as possible to the <b>status quo ante</b> .
161.	<b>Statutory</b>	Required, permitted, or enacted by statute.  Decided or controlled by law.	Non-statutory	There is no escape from these charges since they are statutory.
162.	<b>Succour</b>	Assistance and support in times of hardship and distress.  Aid, Help, Assistance		Her organization gave <b>succour</b> and strength to those who had been emotionally damaged.
163.	<b>Suo Motu cognizance</b>	A <b>Suo Moto</b> cognizance is a Latin term which means an action taken by a government agency, court, or other central authority on their own apprehension. A court takes a <b>Suo Moto</b> Cognizance of a legal matter when it receives information about the violation of rights or breach of duty through media or a third party's notification.		The courts by taking <b>Suo Moto cognizance</b> have many times put themselves in the shoes of the legislature and executives by supervising them.
164.	<b>Susceptible</b>	Likely or liable to be influenced or harmed by a particular thing.  Impressionable, Responsive	Insusceptible, Invulnerable, Unexposed, Unsusceptible	Infants are <b>susceptible</b> to pneumonia.
165.	<b>Symptomatic</b>	Serving as a symptom or sign, especially of something undesirable.  Indicative, Signalling, Warning, Characteristic, Suggestive	Atypical, Non-typical, Uncharacteristic, Untypical	A fever's refusal to respond to antibiotics is <b>symptomatic</b> of a viral infection.
166.	<b>Takeaway</b>	A key fact, point, or idea to be remembered, typically one emerging from a discussion or meeting.		The main <b>takeaway</b> for me is that we need to continue to communicate all the things we are doing for our customers.

167.	<b>Tit-for-tat</b>	The infliction of an injury or insult in return for one that one has suffered. Retaliation, Reprisal, Counter back, Counterstroke	Accommodating	The conflict staggered on with <b>tit-for-tat</b> assassinations.
168.	<b>Tranquillity</b>	The quality or state of being tranquil.  Calm, Peace, Repose	Commotion, Busyness	Passing cars are the only noise that disturbs the <b>tranquillity</b> of rural life.
169.	<b>Transgression</b>	An act that goes against a law, rule, or code of conduct, an offence.  Offence, Crime, Sin, Wrong	Obedience	I will be keeping an eye out for further <b>transgressions</b> .
170.	<b>Transpire</b>	A secret or something unknown come to be known; be revealed.  Come to light, Emerge, Come out, Get out	Conceal	No one will soon forget the historic events that <b>transpired</b> on that day.
171.	<b>Traumatic</b>	Deeply disturbing or distressing.  Shocking, Distressing, Disquieting, Upsetting	Soothing, Calming, Successful, Pleasing	She was going through a <b>traumatic</b> divorce
172.	<b>Treacherous</b>	Guilty of or involving betrayal or deception.  Traitorous, Disloyal, Perfidious, Faithless,	Loyal, Faithful	A holidaymaker was swept away by <b>treacherous</b> currents.
173.	<b>Triage</b>	The assignment of degrees of urgency to wounds or illnesses to decide the order of treatment of a large number of patients or casualties.		Nurses do <b>triage</b> in the emergency room.
174.	<b>Tribulations</b>	A cause of great trouble or suffering.  Worry, Anxiety, Burden	Joy, Rejoicing, Gladness	Her son's illness has been a source of the great <b>tribulation</b> .
175.	<b>Triviality</b>	Lack of seriousness or importance.	Importance, Profundity, Essential	I am a busy man – do not bother me with <b>trivialities</b> .

		Insignificance, Unimportance		
176.	<b>Unabated</b>	Without any reduction in intensity or strength.  Nonstop, Sustained, Persistent	Intermittent, Relenting	The fighting continued <b>unabated</b> throughout the night.
177.	<b>Uncontested</b>	Not contested.  Unchallenged, Undisputed, Absolute	Debatable, Disputable, Doubtable, Doubtful	The scope of the problem is <b>uncontested</b> .
178.	<b>Undesirable</b>	Not wanted or desirable because harmful, objectionable, or unpleasant.  Unpleasant, Disagreeable, Nasty, Unacceptable, Unwelcome	Desirable, Pleasant, Preferable, Agreeable, Acceptable	Houses near industrial sites often do not sell so quickly because they are regarded as <b>undesirable</b> .
179.	<b>Unexceptionable</b>	Not open to objection, but not particularly new or exciting.  Unimpeachable	Exceptionable	This seems <b>unexceptionable</b> and useless-but then it is not how it is used.
180.	<b>Unmindful</b>	Not remembering, noticing, or being careful about something.  Clueless, Ignorant, Incognizant	Acquainted, Aware	Danielle seemed <b>unmindful</b> of her parents' plight.
181.	<b>Unprecedented</b>	Never done or known before.  Unparalleled, Unequaled, Unmatched	Normal, Common	The government took the <b>unprecedented</b> step of releasing confidential correspondence.
182.	<b>Untenable</b>	A position or view not able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection.  Indefensible, undefendable, Unarguable, Insupportable	Tenable, Defensible	This argument is clearly <b>untenable</b> .



183.	<b>Unwittingly</b>	Without being aware. Unintentionally.	Intended, Informed, Witting	Many users <b>unwittingly</b> expose their personal details to strangers online.
184.	<b>Upsurge</b>	An upward surge in the strength or quantity of something.  An increase.	Plop, Plummeting, Sinking	An <b>upsurge</b> in violence in the district has been linked to increased unemployment.
185.	<b>Usurp</b>	Take a position of power or importance illegally or by force.  Seize, Take over, Expropriate	Receive, Inherit, Accept	Local control is being <b>usurped</b> by the central government.
186.	<b>Verdant</b>	Countryside green with grass or other rich vegetation.	Barren, Leafless	Much of the region's <b>verdant</b> countryside has been destroyed in the hurricane.
187.	<b>Vigil</b>	An act of staying awake, especially at night, in order to be with a person who is very ill or dying, or to make a protest, or to pray.		Supporters of the peace movement held an all-night candlelit <b>vigil</b> outside the cathedral.
188.	<b>Vigilance</b>	The action or state of keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties.  Surveillance, Attentiveness	Inattentiveness	But now a communal <b>vigilance</b> is even more important.
189.	<b>Vigilant</b>	Keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties.  Watchful, Observant, Sharp-eyed	Negligent, Inattentive	The burglar was spotted by <b>vigilant</b> neighbours.
190.	<b>Vitiate</b>	Spoil or impair the quality or efficiency of.  Blemish, Darken, Stain, Tarnish	Clean, Cleanse, Disinfect, Hallow, Purify, Sanctify	Development programmes have been <b>vitiated</b> by the rise in population.

**FREE Ebooks**

[Download Now](#)

**Current Affairs**

[Explore Now](#)

**FREE MOCK TESTS + TOPIC TESTS + SECTIONAL TESTS**

**For Banking, Insurance, SSC & Railways Exams**

[Web](#)

[APP](#)

**BLOG**

Your one-stop destination for all exam related information & preparation resources.

[Explore Now](#)

**FORUM**

Interact with peers & experts, exchange scores & improve your preparation.

[Explore Now](#)

