



PRATIBHA MA'AM KE NOTES



VOCABULARY NOTES

1. Ignominious (Adj)

- **Meaning:** embarrassing because of being a complete failure.
- **Sentence:** an ignominious defeat/failure/retreat
- **Synonym:** humiliating, undignified, embarrassing,
- **Antonym:** glorious, admirable

2. Pilfer

- **Meaning:** steal (things of little value).
- **Synonym:** snatch, embezzle
- **Sentence:** "she produced the handful of coins she had managed to pilfer"



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3. Maraud

- **Meaning:** go about in search of things to steal or people to attack. Raid and plunder (a place).
- **Synonym:** plunder, go looting
- **Antonym:** Guard, protect
- **Sentence:** "bands of robbers crossed the river to maraud"

4. Egregious

- **Meaning:** outstandingly bad; shocking, remarkably good.
- **Synonym:** atrocious, deplorable
- **Antonym:** concealed, good
- **Sentence:** "egregious abuses of copyright"

5. Acrimony

- **Meaning:** bitterness or ill feeling.
- **Synonym:** ill feeling, ill will, bad blood, animosity, hostility, enmity,
- **Antonym:** goodwill
- **Sentence:** "the AGM dissolved into acrimony"

6. Protagonist

- **Meaning:** person who takes the lead
- **Synonym:** hero, leader, advocate
- **Antonym:** antagonist

Sentence: She was herself a vehement protagonist of sexual equality.

7. Dilapidate

- **Meaning:** Demolish, Deface
- **Synonym:** deform, distort, destroy
- **Antonym:** Build , construct, adorn
- **Sentence:** On the east of the town at the foot of a hill stands a dilapidated fort.

8. Succumb

- **Meaning:** die or surrender
- **Synonym:** cease, gave away, defer
- **Antonym:** continue, defend, fight
- **Sentence:** I'm afraid I succumbed to temptation and had a piece of cheesecake.

9. Heckle

- **Meaning:** jeer
- **Synonym:** ridicule, taunt, tease

- **Antonym:** please, praise, aid
- **Sentence** People in the crowd were booing and heckling as she tried to speak.

10. Scorn ☉ ☉

- **Contempt:** There are people who will show you scorn, but you must not mind them.
- **To Show Contempt:** When I asked for his daughter's hand in marriage, he scorned me.
- **Antonym:** Praise, Aid, Please
- **Synonym:** Mockery, Sarcasm, Contempt.

11. Imbibe

- **Meaning:** absorb or assimilate (ideas or knowledge).
- **Synonym:** assimilate, absorb, soak up, take in, digest
- **Antonym:** abstain, fast
- **Sentence:** "if one does not imbibe the culture one cannot succeed"

12. Zenith

- **Meaning:** the time at which something is most powerful or successful.
- **Synonym:** highest point, high point, crowning point, height,
- **Antonym:** nadir, bottom
- **Sentence:** " His career reached its zenith in the 1960s."

13. Banal

- **Meaning:** so lacking in originality as to be obvious and boring.
- **Synonym:** trite, hackneyed, clichéd,
- **Antonym:** original
- **Sentence:** " He just sat there making banal remarks all evening"

14. Hurled

- **Meaning:** throw forcefully
- **Synonym:** fire, toss, launch
- **Antonym:** hold, keep, receive
- **Sentence:** My friend now began to hurl stones at it, but it easily dodged them.

15. Sinister

- **Meaning:** Nasty
- **Synonym:** evil, bad, baneful
- **Antonym:** good, happy, auspicious
- **Sentence :**His sinister countenance was watched with terrible constancy by Jude

16. Pecuniary

- **Meaning:** relating or involving money
- **Synonym:** monetary, banking
- **Antonym:** nonfinancial
- **Sentence:** that makes good pecuniary sense

17. Brouhaha

- **Meaning:** uproar, a lot of noise or angry complaining about something
- **Synonym:** fracas, to-do
- **Antonym:** peace
- **Sentence:** There was a big brouhaha when the town council decided to close the park.

18. Astound

- **Meaning:** Shock or greatly surprise
- **Synonym:** Stun, Stagger
- **Antonym:** Bore, Annoy

- **Sentence:** Her bluntness astounded him

19. Aesthetic

- **Meaning:** Concerned with beauty or the appreciation of beauty
- **Synonym:** Beautiful ,Artistic
- **Antonym:** Ugly , Unattractive
- **Sentence:** The pictures give great aesthetic pleasure.

20. Detrimental

- **Meaning:** Tending to cause harm
- **Synonym:** Harmful , Hurtful
- **Antonym:** Harmless, Beneficial
- **Sentence:** Recent policies have been detrimental to the interests of many old people.



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21. Meticulous

- **Meaning:** very careful and precise
- **Synonym:** Careful, Accurate
- **Antonym:** Careless, Lazy
- **Sentence:** Many hours of meticulous preparation have gone into writing the book

22. Farcical

- **Meaning:** absurd
- **Synonym:** comical, funny, laughable
- **Antonym:** grave, reasonable, sad
- **Sentence:** Amber has been known to behave in a farcical manner when she is under the influence of marijuana

23. Knack

- **Meaning:** ability
- **Synonym:** aptitude, skill, bent
- **Antonym:** lack, inability,
- **Sentence:** It was horrid of you but you always had a knack of rubbing one up the wrong way.

24. Brazenly

- **Meaning:** honestly, in an obvious way, with no effort to hide something
- **Synonym:** publically, candidly
- **Antonym:** incompletely, secretly,
- **Sentence:** But comparatively few realize how great were the fears, and how brazenly the prophecies were spoken.

25. Errant

- **Meaning:** wrong , behaving wrongly in some way, especially by leaving home
- **Synonym:** erratic, stray
- **Antonym:** normal,
- **Sentence:** Teachers dislike errant spellings and misused words.

26. Peg

- **Meaning:** attach, a reason for discussing something further
- **Synonym:** fix, fasten, join
- **Antonym:** loose, detach
- **Sentence:** They decided to use the anniversary as the peg for/a peg on which to hang a TV documentary.

27. Remediation

- **Meaning:** Act of correcting an error or a fault or an evil
- **Synonym:** indemnification, restitution, rectification
- **Antonym:** wound
- **Sentence:** He had the unhappy knack of making enemies in the party.

28. Wane

- **Meaning:** to become weaker in strength or influence
- **Synonym:** atrophy, dwindle, taper off
- **Antonym:** brighten, ascend, enlarge
- **Sentence:** By the late 70s the band's popularity was beginning to wane.

29. Plight

Meaning: a dangerous, difficult, or otherwise unfortunate situation.

- **Synonym:** predicament, quandary, dilemma
- **Antonym:** blessing, delve, boon
- **Sentence:** The idea had sustained him ever since he had learned of the plight of his tribesmen.

30. Culminating

- **Meaning:** Bring to a head or to the highest point; End, especially to reach a final or climactic stage
- **Synonym:** crowning, supreme, crowning
- **Antonym:** commencing, opening, starting
- **Sentence:** My arguments with the boss got worse and worse, and finally culminated in my resignation

31. Succour

- **Meaning:** Help given to someone, especially someone who is suffering or in need

- **Synonym:** sustenance, relief, support
- **Antonym:** obstruction, hindrance, blockage
- **Sentence:** Students should be encouraged, supported and succoured

32. Sacrament

- **Meaning:** an important religious ceremony in the Christian Church, such as baptism or communion
- **Synonym:** celebration, ceremony
- **Antonym:** neglect, denial, divorce
- **Sentence:** The sacramental character, then, is not in itself a sanctifying gift

33. Tyranny

- **Meaning:** dictatorship, a situation in which someone or something controls how you are able to live, in an unfair way
- **Synonym:** autocracy, despotism
- **Antonym:** Democracy
- **Sentence:** Women, the play seems to suggest, must resist the tyranny of domesticity

34. Smear

- **Meaning:** spread over
- **Synonym:** cover, stain, patch
- **Antonym:** clean, purify, honour
- **Sentence:** Smear on meat, and place near where the rats are most troublesome.

35. Syllogistic

- **Meaning:** Of or relating to or consisting of syllogism
- **Synonym:** deduction, sanity, ratiocination
- **Antonym:** unreasonableness

- **Sentence:** The bare forms of Syllogistic are a useless item of knowledge unless they are applied to concrete thought.

36. Myriad

- **Meaning:** A large indefinite number, a countless or extremely great number of people or things
- **Synonym:** gobs, multitudinous, heaping
- **Antonym:** bounded, measurable
- **Sentence:** There's a myriad of insects on the island.

37. Altercation

- **Meaning:** Noisy quarrel, a loud argument or disagreement
- **Synonym:** wrangle, embroilment, rumble
- **Antonym:** concord, harmony, peace
- **Sentence:** He got into an altercation with his partner.

38. Inebriated

- **Meaning:** make (someone) drunk; intoxicate.
- **Synonym:** bombed, plastered, boozy
- **Antonym:** sober, straight
- **Sentence:** He arrived late in the banqueting hall, and there were indications that he was inebriated.

39. Picket

- **Meaning:** a worker or group of workers who protest outside a building to prevent other workers from going inside, especially because they have a disagreement with their employers
- **Synonym:** palisade, stanchion. upright
- **Antonym:**

- **Sentence:** There were pickets outside the factory gates

40. Timid

- **Meaning:** Showing fear and lack of confidence
- **Synonym:** ambivalent, bashful, vacillating
- **Antonym:** conceited, egotistical, extrovert
- **Sentence:** Problems call for bold not timid responses
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41. Inclement

- **Meaning:** Used of persons or behaviour; showing no clemency or mercy
- **Synonym:** brutal, tempestuous, intemperate
- **Antonym:** merciful, sympathetic, mild
- **Sentence:** The climate is inclement in winter and oppressively hot in midsummer.

42. Striving

- **Meaning:** to try very hard to do something or to make something happen, especially for a long time or against difficulties
- **Synonym:** conation, conatus, attempt
- **Antonym:** desultory, feeble, indolent
- **Sentence:** We must strive to narrow the gap between rich and poor.
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43. Expats

- **Meaning:** A person who is voluntarily absent from home or country
- **Synonym:** expellee, exile, expatriate
- **Antonym:** citizen, national, native
- **Sentence:** A network of expats in London keeps her from missing the family she left behind.

44. Purport

- **Meaning:** to pretend to be or to do something, especially in a way that is not easy to believe.
- **Synonym:** acceptance, tenor, upshot
- **Antonym:** exterior, insignificance, outside
- **Sentence:** They purport to represent the wishes of the majority of parents at the school.

45. Stout

Meaning: rather fat or of heavy build.

- **Synonym:** overweight, porcine, tubby
- **Antonym:** skinny, weak, slight
- **Sentence:** Mrs Blower was the rather stout lady with the glasses and the sensible shoes

46. Amiss

- **Meaning:** Away from the correct or expected course
- **Synonym:** untoward, haywire, awry
- **Antonym:** proper, suitable, good
- **Sentence:** Miss Bennet would not play at all amiss if she practised more

48. Toil

- **Meaning:** hard work
- **Synonym:** effort, toil, sweat
- **Antonym:** fun, laziness, pastime
- **Sentence:** The actress had to toil for many years before becoming a Hollywood star

49. Gloom

- **Meaning:** depression

- **Synonym:** despair, misery, sadness
- **Antonym:** confidence, joy, delight
- **Sentence:** She could not see a thing; but she waited in the gloom for the steward to come and light the lamps.

50. fauxpas

- **Meaning:** A socially awkward or tactless act
- **Synonym:** slip, solecism, abuse
- **Antonym:** praise, certainty.
- **Sentence:** His trust was warranted, until Landor detected the fauxpas.

51. Peril

- **Meaning:** Risk, Danger
- **Synonym:** Hazard, Insecurity, Jeopardy
- **Antonym:** Certainly, Safety, Protection
- **Sentence:** Just be a little careful, and you are perfectly out of peril.

52. Erudite

- **Meaning:** Well-Educated
- **Synonym:** knowledgeable, literate, scholarly
- **Antonym:** uneducated, common, ignorant
- **Sentence:** This erudite priest, born in 1067, was the founder of historical writing in Iceland

53. Insinuate

- **Meaning:** Hint, Suggest, to suggest, without being direct, that something unpleasant is true
- **Synonym:** allude, ascribe, imply
- **Antonym:** Conceal, hide, withhold
- **Sentence:** Are you insinuating (that) I'm losing my nerve?

54. Avowedly

- **Meaning:** allegedly
- **Synonym:** accepted, admitted, professed
- **Antonym:** professedly, purportedly, supposedly
- **Sentence:** The party's avowed aim was to struggle against capitalist exploitation.

55. Irritants

- **Meaning:** annoyance
- **Synonym:** burden, bother, trouble
- **Antonym:** aid, happiness, help
- **Sentence:** The report is bound to add a new irritant to international relations.

56. Pitting

- **Meaning:** oppose
- **Synonym:** counter, set against, vie
- **Antonym:** agree, go along
- **Sentence:** We determine which is the faster horse by pitting one against the other in a race.

57. Boisterous

- **Meaning:** Noisy and lacking in restraint or discipline
- **Synonym:** vociferate, clamorous, uproarious
- **Antonym:** subdued, solemn, moderate
- **Sentence:** He has a dozen brothers, each of which are as boisterous and rather dim-witted as the next.

58. Spurious

- **Meaning:** Plausible but false; Intended to deceive

- **Synonym:** counterfeit, specious, apocryphal
- **Antonym:** genuine, authentic, real
- **Sentence:** After receiving a low appraisal on my diamond ring, I realized the suspicious-looking jeweler had sold me a spurious jewel.

59. Saddle

- **Meaning:** A seat for the rider of a horse or camel; Load or burden; encumber
- **Synonym:** howdah, pillion, packsaddle
- **Antonym:** relieve, disencumber, disengage
- **Sentence:** Ram is retiring after 14 years in the saddle as chief executive.

60. Atrocious

- **Meaning:** Shockingly brutal or cruel
- **Synonym:** outrageous; condemned, scandalous
- **Antonym:** magnificent, inoffensive, wonderful
- **Sentence:** Murder is an atrocious crime

61. Hustings

- **Meaning:** The activities involved in political campaigning (especially speech making)
- **Synonym:** catafalque, emplacement, chancery
- **Sentence:** The front door was in continual motion with guests coming and going, amid laughter and boisterous conversation

62. Vendetta

- **Meaning:** A feud in which members of the opposing parties murder each other
- **Synonym:** bickering, grudge, hostility
- **Antonym:** agreement, forgiveness, peace

- **Sentence:** He saw himself as the victim of a personal vendetta being waged by his political enemies.

63. Fabrication

- **Meaning:** A deliberately false or improbable account; The act of making something (a product) from raw materials
- **Synonym:** hogwash, forgery, fable
- **Antonym:** truth, entertainment, reality
- **Sentence:** The synthesis and fabrication of single crystals

64. Valiant

- **Meaning:** Having or showing valour
- **Synonym:** gallant, gritty, stalwart
- **Antonym:** afraid, cowardly, timid
- **Sentence:** In course of time the valiant Swedes were obliged to give way before their enemy.

65. Tandem

- **Meaning:** Alongside each other
- **Synonym:** together, in flow,
- **Antonym:** alone
- **Sentence:** A tight fiscal policy working in tandem with a tight foreign exchange policy.

66. Sprawled

- **Meaning:** spread out
- **Synonym:** lie, fall
- **Antonym:** straighten, compress, stand
- **Sentence:** Their favorite napping positions are lying flat on their backs with their legs sprawled out.

67. Nigh

- **Meaning:** near
- **Synonym:** nearly, adjacent, close
- **Antonym:** far, distant
- **Sentence:** She also found the last level nigh impossible.

68. Primordial

- **Meaning:** earliest
- **Synonym:** primeval, pristine
- **Antonym:** modern, new, last
- **Sentence:** Her immense wooden sculptures refer to a primitive form of life in primordial worlds.

69. Legion

- **Meaning:** numerous
- **Synonym:** myriad, countless, many
- **Antonym:** few, numbered
- **Sentence:** The Roman legions brought peace and prosperity, at least most of the time.

70. Quixotic

- **Meaning:** idealistic
- **Synonym:** dreamy, foolish, impractical
- **Antonym:** cautious, realistic, wise
- **Sentence:** That sounds quixotically noble, this stand for the 'inviolability of marriage.

71. Coveted

- **Meaning:** desire strongly
- **Synonym:** choose, fancy,
- **Antonym:** abjure, dislike
- **Sentence:** The Caldecott Medal is a coveted children's book award

72. Fissure

- **Meaning:** A long, narrow opening
- **Synonym:** hole, cleavage, crack
- **Antonym:** closure, solid
- **Sentence:** A fissure between philosophy and reality.

73. Peddling

- **Meaning:** sell door to door
- **Synonym:** canvas, market, promote
- **Antonym:** pull, buy
- **Sentence:** Conventional politicians should expose the fantasies that the far left and far right are peddling to a vulnerable section of society.

74. Pernicious

- **Meaning:** hurtful
- **Synonym:** malicious, fatal, evil
- **Antonym:** assisting, good,
- **Sentence:** He thought "such a system would be wrong and pernicious in the extreme.

75. Sporadic

- **Meaning:** on and off
- **Synonym:** occasional, in frequent, irregular

- **Antonym:** common, constant, frequent
- **Sentence:** At the beginning the postal communications were rather sporadic and mainly met the military needs

76. Unerring

- **Meaning:** Accurate
- **Synonym:** certain, errorless
- **Antonym:** mistaken, imperfect
- **Sentence:** He had read the yearning of her heart with unerring insight

78. Stymie

- **Meaning:** frustrate, hinder
- **Synonym:** crimp, foil, block
- **Antonym:** aid, forward, support
- **Sentence:** Stan began to think they were stymied when all Hades broke loose from above.

79. Entente

- **Meaning:** Agreement
- **Synonym:** Accord, deal, pact
- **Antonym:** disagreement
- **Sentence:** It also contributed towards the conclusion of an entente between Turkey and Rumania in the summer of 1910.

80. Stuttering

- **Meaning:** stammer
- **Synonym:** halting, pause
- **Antonym:** continue

- **Sentence:** stuttering and wasting moments too precious for words.

96. Adduce

- **Meaning:** affirm
- **Synonym:** cite, prove, show
- **Antonym:** hide
- **Sentence:** We could adduce many instances to corroborate this assertion.

97. Dispensation

- **Meaning:** allocation of supply
- **Synonym:** favour, indulgence, kindness
- **Antonym:** denial, veto
- **Sentence:** This is your generation, this is your dispensation, this is your wisdom.



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98. Espouse

- **Meaning:** support
- **Synonym:** adopt, maintain, defend
- **Antonym:** attack, reject
- **Sentence:** He was an optimist or he never would have espoused the American cause.

99. Labyrinthine

- **Meaning:** complex
- **Synonym:** twisting, maze like
- **Antonym:** direct, straight
- **Sentence:** it's hard to find my classes at the labyrinthine building at my school

100. Wading

- **Meaning:** often through water
- **Synonym:** initiate, walk , fall to
- **Antonym:** dodge, end, finish
- **Sentence:** They all removed their shoes and socks and rolled up their pants legs before wading into the cold water.

101. Admonish

- **Meaning:** Warn
- **Synonym:** apprise, tip off, alert
- **Antonym:** praise, permit, laud
- **Sentence:** The rule to admonish was a wise one, and was adopted to that end.

102. Attuned

- **Meaning:** Adjust
- **Synonym:** accommodate, accustom, accord
- **Antonym:** disagree, refuse
- **Sentence:** You will understand the accent better as your ears become more attuned.

103. Paradox

- **Meaning:** Puzzle
- **Synonym:** enigma, oddity,
- **Antonym:** normality, regularity
- **Sentence:** The paradox of being calm and serene at the rock concert made her smile.

104. Edifice

- **Meaning:** Structure
- **Synonym:** monument, building
- **Sentence :**It looks as if the whole political edifice of the country is about to collapse.

105. Pretence

- **Meaning:** Falsehood
- **Synonym:** Claim, display
- **Antonym:** reality, honesty
- **Sentence:** From the first there had been nopretence of friendship between thesetwo.

107. Deceit

- **Meaning:** practice of misleading
- **Synonym:** Fraud, duplicity
- **Antonym:** fairness, honesty
- **Sentence:** Love and deceit, troubles and rewardsare as ageless as the heavens.

108. Parley

- **Meaning:** negotiation
- **Synonym:** conference, consult, debate
- **Antonym:** Quite, silence
- **Sentence:** After some serious parleying, both sides agreed to settle their differences.

109. INCHOATE

- **Meaning:** Only partly in existence; imperfectly formed
- **Synonym:** amorphous, immature, nascent
- **Antonym:** developed, grown, mature
- **Sentence:** In the man, substance is inchoate, inadequate to the desired form; it is a drag on everything.

110. NONPLUSSED

- **Meaning:** Filled with bewilderment
- **Synonym:** astonish, baffle, disconcert
- **Antonym:** explicate, enlighten, educate
- **Sentence:** These questions nonplus even the experts

111.CACHET

- **Meaning:** An indication of approved or superior status
- **Synonym:** prestige, stature, design
- **Antonym:** anonymity, analogy, infiltrate
- **Sentence:** People want to go to see events which have the cachet of being broadcast.

114.PANACHE

- **Meaning:** Distinctive and stylish elegance
- **Synonym:** brio, flamboyance, swagger
- **Antonym:** spiritless
- **Sentence:** He wooed her with the confident panache of a cavalry officer

115.INDEFATIGABLE

- **Meaning:** Showing sustained enthusiastic action with unflagging vitality
- **Synonym:** assiduous, diligent, dogged
- **Antonym:** indifferent, lethargic, wavering
- **Sentence:** He is an indefatigable advocate of equal rights

116. Dissident

- **Meaning:** Characterized by departure from accepted beliefs or standards
- **Synonym:** heterodox, discordant, nonconformist
- **Antonym:** agreeing, confirming
- **Sentence:** Union dissidents have challenged the leadership of the current president.

117.UNCANNY

- **Meaning:** Suggesting the operation of supernatural influences
- **Synonym:** superhuman, exceptional, unearthly
- **Antonym:** ordinary, common, familiar
- **Sentence:** Stumps...had uncanny shapes as of monstrous creatures

118.UNABASHED

- **Meaning:** Not embarrassed
- **Synonym:** blatant, brazen, audacious
- **Antonym:** fearful, ashamed, apologetic
- **Sentence:** A tinselled charm and unabashed sentimentality

119.DILATORY

- **Meaning:** Slow or wasting time
- **Synonym:** procrastinating, lax, dallying
- **Antonym:** diligent, eager, zealous
- **Sentence:** No dilatory motion, or dilatory amendment, or amendment not germane shall be in order.

120.MARTINET

- **Meaning:** Someone who demands exact conformity to rules and forms
- **Synonym:** disciplinarian, authoritarian, tyrant
- **Sentence:** He was a good deal of a martinet, but he was justice incarnate.

121.HOI POLLOI

- **Meaning:** The common people generally
- **Synonym:** masses, rabble, herd
- **Antonym:** elite, aristocracy, cream
- **Sentence:** Separate the warriors from the hoi polloi

122. Vacillation

- **Meaning:** fluctuation
- **Synonym:** hesitation, doubt, indecision
- **Antonym:** certainty, sure

- **Sentence:** The confusion about the project has been made worse by the vacillation and indecision.

123. Wobbling

- **Meaning:** shaking
- **Synonym:** quaking, staggering, swaying
- **Antonym:** steady
- **Sentence:** The motion of something that wobbles.

124. Churlish

- **Meaning:** crude
- **Synonym:** rude, uncivilized
- **Antonym:** happy, nice, refined
- **Sentence:** His is no churlish spirit to turn away from the good things kind Heaven has provided for man.

125. Trudge

- **Meaning:** walk heavily
- **Synonym:** drag oneself
- **Antonym:** tiptoe
- **Sentence:** A long path that is hard to walk along is an example of a trudge.

126. Grim

- **Meaning:** hopeless
- **Synonym:** gloomy, cruel
- **Antonym:** bright, cheerful
- **Sentence:** Anthony will be in the VIP lounge where he doesn't have to mix with the hoi polloi

128. Bigotry

- **Meaning:** Intolerance
- **Synonym:** bias, injustice, unfairness
- **Antonym:** fairness, impartiality
- **Sentence:** There's a thousand years of prejudice and bigotry concentrated in you.

129. Sobriquet

- **Meaning:** A familiar name for a person
- **Synonym:** alias, pen name, byname
- **Antonym:** real name
- **Sentence:** Joe's mother would not use his sobriquet and always called him Joseph

130. Tenor

- **Meaning:** intent
- **Synonym:** gist, mood
- **Antonym:** blockage, outside
- **Sentence:** This, however, does not disturb the tenor of the following arguments.

141. Piffle

- **Meaning:** nonsense
- **Synonym:** Foolishness, balone
- **Antonym:** sense, truth
- **Sentence:** "I don't know anything about that sort of piffle," said his guest, severely.
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142. Polemic

- **Meaning:** Argumentative
- **Synonym:** belligerent, contentious
- **Antonym:** benevolent, cordial.

- **Sentence:** Some will find the harsh polemic repetitive and disturbing.

143. Precinct

- **Meaning:** A district of a city or town marked out for administrative purposes
- **Synonym:** tract, ward, subdivision
- **Antonym:** whole
- **Sentence:** The commissioner made visitations to all the precinct stations

145. Pristine

- **Meaning:** clean, pure
- **Synonym:** immaculate, untouched, intact
- **Antonym:** affected, dirty
- **Sentence:** The car seemed to be in pristine condition.

146. Tirade

- **Meaning:** A speech of violent denunciation
- **Synonym:** denunciation, harangue, ranting
- **Antonym:** compliment, harmony, peace
- **Sentence:** Her tirade provoked a counterblast from her husband

147. Semblance

- **Meaning:** An outward or token appearance or form that is deliberately misleading
- **Synonym:** pretence, façade, mien
- **Antonym:** concrete, rear
- **Sentence:** The city has now returned to some semblance of normality after last night's celebrations authenticity

148. Striving

- **Meaning:** Attempt

- · **Synonym:** endeavouring, reaching, sweat
- · **Antonym:** neglect, agree, rest
- · **Sentence:** It is not charity to give these men the opportunities for which they strive.

149. Inclement

- · **Meaning:** Bitter,
- · **Synonym:** brutal, hard, foul
- · **Antonym:** clear, merciful, nice
- · **Sentence:** One of the most inclement winters in the Gulf of Mexico had passed in the comfortless manner described in the last chapter.

150. Fidgety

- · **Meaning:** Nervous and unable to relax
- · **Synonym:** apprehensive, jittery, twitchy
- · **Antonym:** restful, unmoving, composed
- · **Sentence:** Until he did so, Mr Frampton was too fidgety to be approachable on any other subject.

151. Exuberance

- · **Meaning:** Energy, Enthusiasm
- · **Synonym:** Sprit, Zest,
- · **Antonym:** Apathy, Coolness
- · **Sentence:** They were meant to suggest reproductive vigour, exuberance, and abundance.

152. Antagonise

- · **Meaning:** Cause Problem
- · **Synonym:** Anger, offend
- · **Antonym:** Aid, make happy
- · **Sentence:** It is death to those who antagonize it, and it is death to them that uphold it.

154. Gory

- **Meaning:** bloody
- **Synonym:** horrible, imbrued
- **Antonym:** mild, pleasing, pleasant
- **Sentence:** The broken and gory body was kicked through the railing for the last time.
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155. Ossify

- **Meaning:** to become rigid
- **Synonym:** Congeal, Freeze
- **Antonym:** Liquefy, Soften
- **Sentence:** There is a general growth to be observed, and the bones are beginning to ossify.
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156. Afflicting

- **Meaning:** Cause or become hurt
- **Synonym:** annoy, rack, grieve
- **Antonym:** Aid, delight
- **Sentence:** All sorts of irregularities and violation of regulations seem to afflict the system.
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157. Enormity

- **Meaning:** Horribleness
- **Synonym:** depravity, evil
- **Antonym:** delight, esteem
- **Sentence:** Nobody fully understands the enormity and complexity of the task of reviving the country's economy
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158. Swat

- **Meaning:** hit

- **Synonym:** knock, slap, beat **Antonym:** lose, surrender
- **Sentence:** Maybe I gave him a swat on his diaper when he was a toddler, but I never really hit him.

159. Allure

- **Meaning:** Appeal
- **Synonym:** attraction, charm, glamor
- **Antonym:** repulsion
- **Sentence:** The allure of the stage drew him back to acting.

160. Pliability

- **Meaning:** Adaptability of mind or character
- **Synonym:** flexible, ductile, elastic
- **Antonym:** not flexible, hard
- **Sentence:** "he was valued for his reliability and pliability"

161. Colloquy

- **Meaning:** A conversation especially a formal one
- **Synonym:** parley, conference, clambake
- **Antonym:** quiet, silence
- **Sentence:** They could scarcely have spoken a hundred words before their colloquy was at an end.

163. Traverse

- **Meaning:** Travel across or pass over; To cover or extend over an area or time period
- **Synonym:** crisscross, negotiate, perambulate
- **Antonym:** confirm, back up, stay
- **Sentence:** "The caravan traversed almost 100 miles each day"

164. Alms

- **Meaning:** Money or goods contributed to the poor
- **Synonym:** dole, donation, assistance
- **Antonym:** hindrance, injury
- **Sentence:** She stopped, gave him an alms and then continued on her way.
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165. Vindictive

- **Meaning:** Disposed to seek revenge or intended for revenge
- **Synonym:** grudging, spiteful, wreckful
- **Antonym:** compassionate, forgiving, sympathetic
- **Sentence:** A vindictive man will look for occasions for resentment
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166. Attenuate

- **Meaning:** Reduced in strength
- **Synonym:** constrict, cripple, enfeeble
- **Antonym:** amplify, intensify, stretch
- **Sentence:** The attenuate tones of an old recording

168. Taciturnity

- **Meaning:** reserve
- **Synonym:** aloofness, calmness, coldness
- **Antonym:** agitation, boldness, liberation
- **Sentence:** Smiley is a taciturn, middle-aged intelligence officer who has been forced into retirement.
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169. Exigent

- **Meaning:** URGENT
- **Synonym:** Insistent, needful
- **Antonym:** easy, ordinary, usual

- **Sentence:** Charles immediately revealed the full and exigent nature of his demands.

170. BEQUEST

- **Meaning:** Something given in will
- **Synonym:** Endowment, devisal
- **Antonym:** Divest, disown, dispossess
- **Sentence:** The fullness of delight in a garden is the bequest of a childhood spent in a garden.

172. GULLIBLE

- **Meaning:** Trusting
- **Synonym:** Naïve, credulous, innocent
- **Antonym:** Wary, sceptical,
- **Sentence:** Finding them, to all seeming, gullible and loquacious, she had even ventured on the Bishop.

173. WEARY

- **Meaning:** Tired
- **Synonym:** Exhausted, fatigued
- **Antonym:** refresh, energetic
- **Sentence:** Children weary me with their constant questions and demands.

174. NIGGARDLY

- **Meaning:** Close
- **Synonym:** Tight, mean, narrow
- **Antonym:** Generous, Far, open
- **Sentence:** William had many excellent qualities, but his long life of exile and hardship had made him niggardly and narrow.

175. BLITHE

- **Meaning:** Happy
- **Synonym:** Carefree, jaunty, joyful
- **Antonym:** depressed, worried, sad
- **Sentence:** She had a blithe disregard of cultures outside the United States.

176. CAPTIVATE

- **Meaning:** Attract, enchant
- **Synonym:** beguile, gratify, draw
- **Antonym:** Offend, pain, depress
- **Sentence:** With her beauty and charm, she captivated film audiences everywhere.

177. DIALECTIC

- **Meaning:** Logical, rational
- **Synonym:** analytic, controversial, persuasive
- **Antonym:** illogical, irrational
- **Sentence:** He not only wrote on dialectics and logic, but also on physics in its various departments.

178. EFFICACY

- **Meaning:** Productiveness
- **Synonym:** adequacy, capability, capacity
- **Antonym:** inability, failure
- **Sentence:** Exactly the situation he would have prayed for had he believed in the efficacy of prayer.

179. MENAGE

- **Meaning:** Family
- **Synonym:** Ancestors, folk, kindred

- **Antonym:** parent
- **Sentence:** Three verses quoted by Menage are all we possess.

180. Scourge

- **Meaning:** A whip used to inflict punishment; Something causing misery or death
- **Synonym:** plague, torment, bane
- **Antonym:** reward, blessing, boon
- **Sentence:** Pop-up ads have been described as the scourge of the Internet.

181. Enunciation

- **Meaning:** The articulation of speech regarded from the point of view of its intelligibility to the audience
- **Synonym:** articulation, elocution, phonation
- **Sentence:** The broken syntax and casual enunciation of conversational English

182. Scathing

- **Meaning:** Marked by harshly abusive criticism
- **Synonym:** caustic, mordant, trenchant
- **Antonym:** calm, gentle, generous
- **Sentence:** His scathing remarks about silly lady novelists

183. Stupor

- **Meaning:** The feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally; Marginal consciousness
- **Synonym:** slumber, hebetude, narcosis
- **Antonym:** liveliness, sensibility, wakefulness
- **Sentence:** Someone stole his wallet while he was in a drunken stupor

184. Spurn

- **Meaning:** Refuse with contempt
- **Synonym:** despise, disdain, scorn
- **Antonym:** ascend, accept, admire
- **Sentence:** Ellis plays the part of the young lover spurned by his mistress.

185. Emblematic

- **Meaning:** Serving as a visible symbol for something abstract
- **Synonym:** typical, emblematical, figurative
- **Antonyms:** literal, Real, straightforward
- **Sentence:** The free discussion that is emblematic of democracy
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186. Besotted

- **Meaning:** Very Drunk
- **Synonym:** Buzzed, drunk
- **Antonym:** Sober, straight
- **Sentence:** I had travelling money and got besotted in the bar downstairs

187. Encomium

- **Meaning:** Compliment
- **Synonym:** Accolade, Eulogy
- **Antonym:** Blame, Criticism
- **Sentence:** The encomium holding good of herself, she refrained from lecturing him on the subject of the vilified Denham.

188. Unctuous

- **Meaning:** Sycophantic
- **Synonym:** Ingratiating, servile

- **Antonym:** blunt, genuine, sincere
- **Sentence:** Anna was thankful that the unctuous man who first greeted her at the modelling agency would not be the person she would be working with.

189. Augur

- **Meaning:** Predictor
- **Synonym:** harbinger, herald
- **Antonym:** recite, recount,
- **Sentence:** Ancient Roman augurs who predicted the future by reading the flight of birds

190. Incessant

- **Meaning:** Never ending
- **Synonym:** ceaseless, nonstop
- **Antonym:** bounded, finished
- **Sentence:** Night and day we live with the incessant noise of the city.

191. Discerning

- **Meaning:** Discriminating
- **Synonym:** Astute, knowing
- **Antonym:** idiotic, ignorant
- **Sentence:** The keen visions of these birds are not slow in discerning through the gloomy recesses the presence of danger.

192. Virulence

- **Meaning:** resentment
- **Synonym:** Acerbity, displeasure,
- **Antonym:** calm, cheer
- **Sentence:** the virulence of the malicious old man

193. Implacable

- **Meaning:** merciless
- **Synonym:** cruel, unforgiving
- **Antonym:** kind, remorseful
- **Sentence:** Clinton accused congressional Republicans of "implacable hostility".

194. Convulse

- **Meaning:** Disturb
- **Synonym:** Shake up, torment
- **Antonym:** Calm, Quiet
- **Sentence:** The feverish patient convulsed around in his bed.

195. Ripping

- **Meaning:** Marvellous
- **Synonym:** astonishing, agreeable
- **Antonym:** Dull
- **Sentence:** The tree split with a great ripping sound
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196. Piqued

- **Meaning:** Offend
- **Synonym:** Annoy, Arouse
- **Antonym:** Aid, Compose
- **Sentence:** The scientists were piqued because science and hard work made their colleague wealthy.

197. Exasperate

- **Meaning:** Provoke
- **Synonym:** Agitate, disturb

- **Antonym:** appease, calm
- **Sentence:** Indeed, the effect would probably only be to exasperate and worsen industrial relations.

198. Bemused

- **Meaning:** Absent minded
- **Synonym:** distracted, absorbed
- **Antonym:** bored, existing
- **Sentence:** As distant and bemused as a professor listening to the prattling of his freshman class

199. Resuscitate

- **Meaning:** Revive
- **Synonym:** Energize, invigorate
- **Antonym:** Destroy
- **Sentence:** The doctors resuscitated the comatose man

200. Buoyed

- **Meaning:** make light
- **Synonym:** Bolster, Cheer
- **Antonym:** Bring Down
- **Sentence:** The life vest buoyed him up

201. Spate

- **Meaning:** continuation
- **Synonym:** Deluge, Torrent
- **Antonym:** not in series
- **Sentence:** A spate of letters.

202. Tumult

- **Meaning:** Uproar
- **Synonym:** agitation, commotion
- **Antonym:** Agreement, Calm
- **Sentence:** Then his words were lost in tumult, for the third day's fighting began.

203. Deference

- **Meaning:** A courteous expression (by word or deed) of esteem or regard
- **Synonym:** obedience, compliance, yielding
- **Antonym:** dishonour, disregard, noncompliance
- **Sentence:** His deference to her wishes was very flattering

204. Covenant

- **Meaning:** A formal agreement between two or more parties to perform or not perform some action
- **Synonym:** promise, convention, bargain
- **Antonym:** disagreement, misunderstanding, denial
- **Sentence:** The contract contained a restrictive covenant against building on the land.

205. Obnoxious

- **Meaning:** Causing disapproval or protest
- **Synonym:** offensive, repulsive, abominable
- **Antonym:** agreeable, lovable, wonderful
- **Sentence:** He is a vulgar and obnoxious person

206. Intrepid

- **Meaning:** Invulnerable to fear or intimidation
- **Synonym:** brave, nerry, courageous

- **Antonym:** afraid, cowardly, timid
- **Sentence:** The savages were overawed by the coolness and courage of this intrepid officer.

207. Grandeur

- **Meaning:** The quality of being magnificent, splendid or grand
- **Synonym:** brilliance, expansiveness, magnificence
- **Antonym:** dullness, simplicity, insignificance
- **Sentence:** An imaginative mix of old-fashioned grandeur and colourful art

208. Inception

- **Meaning:** An event that is a beginning; a first part or stage of subsequent events
- **Synonym:** outset, provenance, kick-off
- **Antonym:** conclusion, outgrowth, ending
- **Sentence:** The strife was thus in its inception political; but it soon became religious as well.

209. Proliferate

- **Meaning:** Grow rapidly
- **Synonym:** breed, engender, mushroom
- **Antonym:** decrease, destroy, lessen
- **Sentence:** Pizza parlours proliferate in this area

210. Succinctly

- **Meaning:** Briefly
- **Synonym:** Shortly, summarily
- **Antonym:** permanently, verbosely

- **Sentence:** Please state your case as succinctly as possible.

211. Reminiscent

- **Meaning:** Suggestive of something in the past
- **Synonym:** Evocative, redolent
- **Antonym:** forgetful, oblivious
- **Sentence:** I find this debate, this lobbying, very reminiscent of that time.

213. Perceive

- **Meaning:** Notice, see
- **Synonym:** Discern, realize
- **Antonym:** disbelieve, overlook
- **Sentence:** She finally perceived the futility of her protest

215. Impounded

- **Meaning:** Kept
- **Synonym:** Captured, Confiscated
- **Antonym:** give, offer
- **Sentence:** The police impounded cars and other personal property belonging to the drug dealers.

216. Engulf

- **Meaning:** Absorb
- **Synonym:** Bury, Consume
- **Antonym:** Dry, Uncover
- **Sentence:** The bright light engulfed him completely

217. Epiphany

- **Meaning:** A moment of sudden understanding or revelation
- **Synonym:** Flash, oracle

- · **Antonym:** Confusion, Secret
- · **Sentence:** In the first grade, I experienced an epiphany that girls were always treated differently than boys.

218. Perpetual

- **Meaning:** Continual, lasting
- **Synonym:** Ceaseless, infinite
- **Antonym:** Bounded, Ceasing
- **Sentence:** The perpetual struggle to maintain standards in a democracy

219. Perturbed

- · **Meaning:** Trouble
- · **Synonym:** Bothered, Upset
- · **Antonym:** benefit , calm
- · **Sentence:** The more he loses, the more perturbed he gets

220. Abrogate

- · **Meaning:** revoke Formally
- · **Synonym:** Abolish, renege
- · **Antonym:** approve, permit
- · **Sentence:** The judge would not abrogate the law

221. Colossal

- **Meaning:** very large
- **Synonym:** Enormous, immense
- **Antonym:** Little, miniscule

- **Sentence:** The Frankish chief who stood before me was a man of colossal stature.

222. Paradox

- **Meaning:** Contradiction
- **Synonym:** Absurdity, enigma
- **Antonym:** Normality, regularity
- **Sentence:** 'I always lie' is a paradox because if it is true it must be false"

223. Diligent

- **Meaning:** persevering, Hardworking
- **Synonym:** Active, Assiduous
- **Antonym:** Careless, inactive
- **Sentence:** "A diligent worker"; "with diligent industry she revived the failing business".

224. Quiver

- **Meaning:** Shaking
- **Synonym:** Flash, glimmer
- **Antonym:** Dullness, quiet
- **Sentence:** The city quivered with music and excitement.

225. Prudent

- **Meaning:** Wise , Sensible
- **Synonym:** Careful, cautious
- **Antonym:** Careless, Expensive
- **Sentence:** That sacrifice may also be a prudent action," observed Madeleine.

226. Occult

- **Meaning:** Secret
- **Synonym:** Concealed, Hidden
- **Antonym:** Bare, clear
- **Sentence:** Vortices may be called an occult quality, because their existence was never proved.

227. Gruff

- **Meaning:** Bad tempered
- **Synonym:** Blunt, Nasty
- **Antonym:** Cheerful, Happy
- **Sentence:** I want to say good-bye," he said in the gruff voice of embarrassment.

228. Hoodwink

- **Meaning:** deceive or trick
- **Synonym:** dupe, outwit
- **Antonym:** debunk, expose, reveal,
- **Sentence:** "staff was hoodwinked into thinking the cucumber was a sawn-off shotgun"

229. Acerbic

- **Meaning:** (especially of a comment or style of speaking) sharp and forthright.
- **Synonym:** sharp, sarcastic, sardonic,
- **Antonym:** mild, kind, sweet
- **Sentence:** "his acerbic wit"

230.Panoramic

- **Meaning:** (of a view or picture) with a wide view surrounding the observer; sweeping.
- **Synonym:** sweeping, wide, extensive, bird's-eye, scenic
- **Antonym:** restricted, narrow, limited
- **Sentence:** "on a clear day there are panoramic views"

231.Tempest

- **Meaning:** a violent windy storm.
- **Synonym:** storm, gale, squall, superstorm,
- **Sentence:** "a raging tempest"
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232.Banter

- **Meaning:** the playful and friendly exchange of teasing remarks.
- **Synonym:** wisecracks, crosstalk, wordplay; More
- **Sentence:** "there was much good-natured banter"

233.Tenuous

- **Meaning:** very weak or slight.
- **Synonym:** slight, insubstantial, flimsy, negligible,
- **Antonym:** convincing, substantial, strong
- **Sentence:** The police have only found a tenuous connection between the two robberies.

234. Terrestrial

- **Meaning:** on or relating to the earth.
- **Synonym:** earthly, worldly, mundane, earthbound
- **Antonym:** cosmic, heavenly
- **Sentence:** "increased ultraviolet radiation may disrupt terrestrial ecosystems"

235. Taradiddle

- **Meaning:** a petty lie., pretentious nonsense.
- **Synonym:** fable, fabrication, falsehood,
- **Antonym:**
- **Sentence:** "no sane person would make up such a taradiddle".

236. Vicarious

- **Meaning:** experienced in the imagination through the feelings or actions of another person.
- **Synonym:** indirect, second-hand, secondary, derivative,
- **Sentence:** "this catalogue brings vicarious pleasure in luxury living"

237. Paraphernalia

- **Meaning:** miscellaneous articles, especially the equipment needed for a particular activity.
- **Synonym:** equipment, stuff, things, apparatus,
- **Antonym:** immovables,
- **Sentence:** "drills, saws, and other paraphernalia necessary for home improvements"

238. Kingpin

- **Meaning:** a person or thing that is essential to the success of an organization or operation.
- **Synonym:** bigwig,
- **Antonym:** inferior, subordinate, underling; mediocrity,

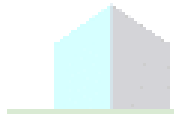
- **Sentence:** "the kingpins of the television industry"

239.Laconic

- **Meaning:** (of a person, speech, or style of writing) using very few words.
- **Synonym:** brief, concise, terse, succinct, short, economical,
- **Antonym:** verbose, long-winded, loquacious
- **Sentence:** "his laconic reply suggested a lack of interest in the topic"

240. Percussion

- **Meaning:** musical instruments played by striking with the hand or with a stick or beater, or by shaking, including drums, cymbals, xylophones, gongs, bells, and rattles.
- **Synonym:** crash, bang, smash, clash, bump
- **Sentence:** "percussion instruments"



241.Elfish

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- **Meaning:** Usually good-naturedly mischievous
- **Synonym:** elfin, naughty
- **Antonym:** behave, good
- **Sentence:** They perpetrated a practical joke with elfish delight.
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242.Gesticulate

- **Meaning:** Show, express or direct through movement
- **Synonym:** indicate, pantomime
- **Antonym:** speak
- **Sentence:** He gesticulated his desire to leave

243.Resonate

- **Meaning:** Be received or understood
- **Synonym:** echo, vibrate
- **Antonym:** quieten
- **Sentence:** In the higher frequency range both locked and free long waves could be resonated.

244. Cohort

- **Meaning:** partner in activity
- **Synonym:** companion, comrade, disciple
- **Antonym:** enemy, foe, opponent
- **Sentence:** The cohort on duty was drawn up under arms at the palace gates

245. Parched

- **Meaning:** Dried out by heat or excessive exposure to sunlight
- **Synonym:** arid, withered
- **Antonym:** moist, damp
- **Sentence:** It was the height of summer and the land was parched and brown.

246. Inflict

- **Meaning:** Make (someone) do something unpleasant
- **Synonym:** levy, apply
- **Antonym:** hold, take, withhold
- **Sentence:** "The principal inflicted his rage on the students"

247. Lenity

- **Meaning:** Mercifulness as a consequence of being lenient or tolerant
- **Synonym:** altruism, compassion
- **Antonym:** cruelty, harshness
- **Sentence:** It is for the jury to find a just medium between harshness and lenity

248. Apostate

- **Meaning:** Traitor
- **Synonym:** Backslider, defector, deserter
- **Antonym:** adherent, loyalist, faithful
- **Sentence:** after fifty years as an apostate he returned to the faith

249. Rugged

- **Meaning:** Sturdy and strong in constitution or construction; enduring
- **Synonym:** irregular, lumpy
- **Antonym:** even, smooth
- **Sentence:** with a house full of boys you have to have rugged furniture"

250. Veer

- **Meaning:** Change direction
- **Synonym:** Bend, deflect
- **Antonym:** keep to, stay
- **Sentence:** Three men were feared dead last night after a helicopter veered off course into an oil platform.