

# English Vocabulary

Dear Students ,

Vocabulary plays an important role to score 4- 5 marks within a few seconds, if you are memorizing words on the very daily basis. Here, we are providing you some words to help you to attain your goal.

**1. Bedlam (N):-** a state of extreme confusion and disorder.

*Synonyms: chaos, pandemonium, topsy-turvydom, topsy-turvyness*

Uses: As "Bhangarh To Bedlam" hits the stands, author Deepta Roy Chakraverti urges readers to separate the paranormal from the superstitious

**2. Penurious (Adj):-** lacking money; excessively unwilling to spend, not having enough money to pay for necessities.

*Synonyms: parsimonious, hard up, impecunious, in straitened circumstances, penniless, pinched*

Uses: Warren Buffett, famous multi-billionaire, still drives a cheap sedan, not because he is penurious, but because luxury cars are gaudy and impractical.

**3. Imbibe (V):-** to drink or absorb as if drinking; take in, also metaphorically

*Synonyms: absorb, draw, soak up, sop up, suck, suck up, take in, take up*

Uses: Plato imbibed Socrates' teachings to such an extent that he was able to write volumes of work that he directly attributed, sometimes word for word, to Socrates.

**4. Ponderous (Adj):-** having great mass and weight and unwieldiness

*Synonyms: heavy, lumbering*

Uses: Laden with 20 kilograms of college text books, the freshman moved ponderously across the campus.

**5. Diatribe (N):-** a strong verbal attack against a person or institution.

*Synonyms: fulmination, rebuke, remonstrate, reprimand, reproof, scold, take to task, trounce, vituperate*

Uses: Steve's mom launched into a diatribe during the PTA meeting, contending that the school was little more than a daycare in which students stare at the wall and teachers stare at the chalkboard.

**6. Turpitude (N):-** a corrupt or depraved or degenerate act or practice.

*Synonyms: depravity, corruption, degeneracy, depravation, putrefaction*

Uses: During his reign, Caligula indulged in unspeakable sexual practices, so it is not surprising that he will forever be remembered for his turpitude.

**7. Quid pro Quo (N):-** something for something; that which a party receives (or is promised) in return for something he does or gives or promises.

*Synonyms: quid*

Uses: Rajiv Gandhi allowed Bhopal gas tragedy accused Warren Anderson, the former Union Carbide chief, to leave the country as a quid pro quo for the release of the son of a family friend Adil Shariyar.

**8. Byzantine (Adj):-** intricate and complex

*Synonyms: convoluted, involved, knotty, tangled, tortuous*

Uses: Getting a driver's license is not simply a matter of taking a test; the regulations and procedures are so byzantine that many have found themselves at the mercy of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

**9. Expunge (V):-** to eliminate completely; remove by erasing or crossing out or as if by drawing a line.

*Synonyms: excise, scratch, strike*

Uses: When I turned 18, all of the shoplifting and jaywalking charges were expunged from my criminal record.

**10. Anathema (N):-** a detested person; the source of somebody's hate; a formal ecclesiastical curse accompanied by excommunication.

*Synonyms: condemnation, curse, execration*

Uses: Hundreds of years ago, Galileo was anathema to the church; today the church is anathema to some on the left side of the political spectrum.

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