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1. Dour

Kannada : ಕಠಿಣ, ಉಗ್ರ, ಕಠೋರ, ನಿಷ್ಕರದ

Hindi : कठोर

Meaning: relentlessly severe, stern, or gloomy in manner or appearance.

Synonyms: stern, unsmiling, unfriendly

Antonyms: benign, friendly, gentle

Sentence:

- No wonder he looked so **dour**.
- The second half of the match was a **dour** battle.
- They had **dour** expressions on their faces.
- Photographs of him make him appear **dour**, and he lived a monkish kind of life.
- We had a **dour** headteacher.

2. Rebuff

Kannada : ನಿರಾಕರಣೆ, ದಿಕ್ಕಾರ, ಮುಖಭಂಗ, ತಡೆ

Hindi : रोक

Meaning: an abrupt or ungracious refusal or rejection of an offer, request, or friendly gesture.

Synonyms: rejection, snub, slight

Antonyms: acceptance, embrace, welcome

Sentence:

- He received a humiliating **rebuff** from his manager.
- He received a sharp **rebuff** to his offer of help.
- His reserve was not intended as a **rebuff**.
- Callers phoning a chatline need have no fear of **rebuff**.
- He found this **rebuff** very hurtful.

3. Deft

Kannada : ಚತುರ, ಕುಶಲ, ಚುರುಕು ಕೈಯುಳ್ಳ

Hindi : निपुण

Meaning: accomplished with trained ability

Synonyms: adroit, artful, dexterous

Antonyms: amateur, unprofessional, unskillful

Sentence:

- He's very **deft** at handling awkward situations.
- This **deft** piece of footwork led to a goal.
- He scored with a **deft** header.
- A **deft** piece of footwork.
- The script was both **deft** and literate.





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4. Trepidation

Kannada : ನಡುಕ

Hindi : घबराहट

Meaning: a feeling of fear or agitation about something that may happen.

Synonyms: fear, apprehension, worry

Antonyms: boldness, confidence, courage

Sentence:

- Shaking with **trepidation**, I stepped into the old abandoned house.
- That it is not a place where we have any **trepidation** or fear.
- The men set off in fear and **trepidation**.
- He approached the snake with great **trepidation**.
- If they do go alone, they will be sent amid **trepidation** and trembling.

5. Vitriolic

Kannada : ಕಟುವಾದ, ಗಂಧಕ ಆಮ್ಲದ ಯಾ ಅದರಂಥ, ಬಿರುಸಾದ

Hindi : कटु

Meaning: filled with bitter criticism or malice.

Synonyms: acrimonious, rancorous, bitter

Antonyms: encomiastic, respectful, praiseful

Sentence:

- The newspaper launched a **vitriolic** attack on the president.
- This simply will not do, given the play's premises and **vitriolic** criticism of capitalism.
- **Vitriolic** attacks on the politicians.

6. Cacophony

Kannada : ಅಪಸ್ವರ

Hindi : कोलाहल

Meaning: a harsh discordant mixture of sounds.

Synonyms: noise, discord, dissonance

Antonyms: quiet, silence, hush

Sentence:

- All around was bubbling a **cacophony** of voices.
- At home, at work and in the street the **cacophony** never ceases.
- Thunder rumbled and wind let out in a **cacophony** of screeches.
- The carnival parade was a blast of colour and a **cacophony** of sound.
- A **cacophony** of deafening alarm bells.

7. Freebie

Kannada : ಬಿಟ್ಟಿ ವಸ್ತು, ಪುಕ್ಕಟೆಯಾಗಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟ ವಸ್ತು

Hindi : मुफ्त





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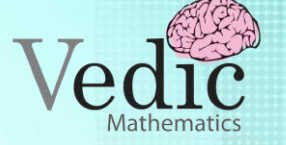
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Meaning: a thing given free of charge.

Synonyms: bequest, favor, present

Antonyms: bribe, douceur

Sentence:

- The journalists were all given a **freebie** lunch.
- On the store's opening day, the manager gave out hats, small toys, and other **freebies**.
- I got this CD as a **freebie** for buying a receiver.

8. Rummage

Kannada : ಗುಜರಿ

Hindi : चप्पा चप्पा छान मारना

Meaning: search unsystematically and untidily through a mass or receptacle.

Synonyms: search (through), hunt through, scrabble around in

Antonyms: hide, neglect, lose

Sentence:

- He **rummaged** the desk drawer trying to find the spare keys.
- Open up the box and have a **rummage** around.
- A **rummage** through the BBC archives shows a country suffering a great deal of angst.
- Our brief was to **rummage** as many of the vessels as possible.

- A **rummage** of the vessel revealed eighty cases of cigars.

9. Falter

Kannada : ತಬ್ಬಿಬ್ಬು, ತಡವರಿಸುತ್ತಾ ನುಡಿ, ತೊದಲುತ್ತು ಹೇಳು

Hindi : लड़खड़ाना

Meaning: start to lose strength or momentum.

Synonyms: hesitate, wobble, waver

Antonyms: dive (in), plunge (in)

Sentence:

- The nurse saw him **falter** and made him lean on her.
- The blast made our engines **falter**.
- My voice **faltered** to a stop.
- His career **faltered** as he aged.
- The **faltering** economy is one reason.

10. Raillery

Kannada : ಹಿತವಾದ ಹಾಸ್ಯ, ಗೆಳೆತನದ ಗೇಲಿ, ಸ್ನೇಹಮಯ ತಮಾಷೆ

Hindi : मज़ाक

Meaning: good-humored teasing.

Synonyms: teasing, chaff, banter

Antonyms : anguish, admiration, admire, applause, approval, approve, commendation, compliment

Sentence:





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- She was greeted with **raillery** from her fellow workers.
- There is a delicacy in his banter and **raillery** which is certainly very delightful, and there is an audacity in his arguments which is absolutely superb.
- He delighted in **raillery**, and prided himself on his cool, even temper.

