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### 1. Licit

**Kannada :** ನಿಷಿದ್ಧವಲ್ಲದ, ವಿಧಿವಿಹಿತವಾದ, ನ್ಯಾಯಸಮ್ಮತವಾದ, ಒಪ್ಪಿಗೆ ಪಡೆದ

**Hindi :** जायज

**Meaning:** not forbidden; lawful.

**Synonyms:** legitimate, permissible, admissible

**Antonyms:** illegal, illegitimate, illicit

**Sentence:**

- She made some money by **licit** means.
- The regime drew a clear line between **licit**, hence controlled, and illicit, thus punishable, political activity.
- With the **licit** economy badly damaged, desperate mass migration followed.
- Therapeutic investigations that could benefit the subject would be licit, provided all other safeguards are scrupulously observed.
- A consensual romantic relationship between two adults is a “**licit** relationship” because it is not prohibited by law.

### 2. Confederacies

**Kannada :** ಒಕ್ಕೂಟಗಳು

**Hindi :** संघ

**Meaning:** a league or alliance, especially of confederate states.

**Synonyms:** federation, confederation, alliance

**Antonyms :** disagreement, divorce, separation

**Sentence:**

- The Italian **confederacy** known as the Lombard League.
- If this were 1860, this time, Indiana would join the **confederacy**.
- The most recent Congress boasted 138 members from the states that comprised the old **Confederacy**.
- Orange is about 75 miles northwest of Richmond, Virginia, which was the capital of the **confederacy** and remains the capital of the state.

### 3. Blight

**Kannada :** ಕೊಳೆತ,ನಾಶಪಡಿಸು, ಕಾಡಿನ ರೋಗ, ಕೇಡು

**Hindi :** बिगाड़ देना

**Meaning:** something that spoils the appearance or completeness of a thing

**Synonyms:** blemish, blotch, defect

**Antonyms:** adornment, decoration, embellishment

**Sentence:**

- The expanding urban sprawl is a **blight** on the countryside.







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- She dug up all the roses affected by **blight**.
- The vines have suffered **blight** and disease.
- Her remorse could be a **blight** on that happiness.
- The vines suffered **blight** and disease.

#### 4. Nonentity

**Kannada** : ಶೂನ್ಯತೆ, ಅಭಾವ, ಇಲ್ಲದಿರುವುದು, ಕಲ್ಪಿತ ವಸ್ತು, ಅಗಣ್ಯ

**Hindi** : महत्वहीन व्यक्ति

**Meaning**: a person or thing with no special or interesting qualities; an unimportant person or thing.

**Synonyms**: unimportant person, person of no importance, nobody

**Antonyms**: personage, somebody, eminence

**Sentence**:

- How could such a **nonentity** become chairman of the company?
- To stay at home was to condemn yourself to **nonentity**.
- Up to now she had been a **nonentity** in the political party.
- He is a comparative **nonentity** in the UK; nobody has heard of him.

- The collection of topics is saved from **nonentity** by the stature of the contributors.

#### 5. Disingenuous

**Kannada** : ಅವಿವೇಕಿ

**Hindi** : कपटी

**Meaning**: not candid or sincere, typically by pretending that one knows less about something than one really does.

**Synonyms**: dishonest, deceitful, underhand

**Antonyms**: honest, sincere, genuine

**Sentence**:

- He was being somewhat **disingenuous** as well as cynical.
- This **disingenuous** fluff was calculated to excuse the intrusive nature of the exercise.
- The minister was accused of being **disingenuous** in his explanations.
- It is **disingenuous** to pretend that any other analysis is tenable.

#### 6. Persiflage

**Kannada** : ವಂಚನೆಯ, ಅಣಕು, ವಿಡಂಬನೆ, ಮೂದಲಿಕೆ, ಪರಿಹಾಸ್ಯವನ್ನು, ಅಣಕಿಸು, ಸುತ್ತುವರಿ, ವ್ಯಂಗ್ಯ

**Hindi** : ताना







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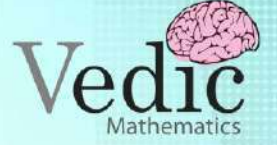
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**Meaning:** light and slightly contemptuous mockery or banter.

**Synonyms:** badinage, raillery, banter

**Antonyms :** seriousness

**Sentence:**

- The **persiflage** is not appropriate when we are discussing such serious problems.
- There's a little too much **persiflage** around here," he said sternly.
- Forester smiled, but not without anger, at the quiet **persiflage** of her manner.
- The proprietor of the Kingsbury Tavern smiled indulgently at this **persiflage**.

### 7. Tainting

**Kannada :** ಕಲೆ ಹಾಕುವುದು, ಸೋಂಕು, ದೋಷ, ಕಳಂಕ, ಅಪಕೀರ್ತಿ, ಕಲೆಹಿಡಿಸು, ಮಡಿರೆಡಿಸು, ದೂಷಿತಗೊಳಿಸು, ಕಳಂಕ ಉಂಟುಮಾಡು, ಅಪವಾದ ತರು, ಸೋಂಕು ಹಿಡಿಸು, ಕೆಟ್ಟಹೆಸರು ಬರಿಸು

**Hindi :** दूषित

**Meaning:** contaminate or pollute (something).

**Synonyms:** contaminate, pollute, befouling

**Antonyms:** decontaminating, purifying, filtering

**Sentence:**

- Smog has long **tainted** the air of the city, making it difficult to breathe.

- He warned of toxins such as mercury **tainting** some fish.
- His first term of office was **tainted** by scandal. We don't want people out there **tainting** our reputation.
- It was found that the groundwater had been **tainted** with a string of toxins.

### 8. Prolix

**Kannada :** ಅತಿವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ, ದೀರ್ಘ, ಬೇಸರ ಹಿಡಿಸು

**Hindi :** अति विस्तृत

**Meaning:** (of speech or writing) using or containing too many words; tediously lengthy.

**Synonyms:** lengthy, long-winded, verbose

**Antonyms:** concise, compact, brief

**Sentence:**

- The author's **prolix** style has done nothing to encourage sales of the book.
- His argument is rather **prolix** - more so than my quotation shows.
- He found the narrative too **prolix** and discursive.

### 9. Fickle

**Kannada :** ಚಂಚಲ, ಚಪಲ, ಅಸ್ಥಿರ

**Hindi :** अस्थिर

**Meaning:** changing frequently, especially as regards one's loyalties, interests, or affection.





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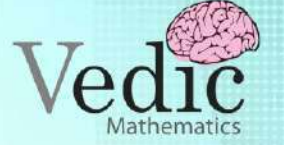
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**Synonyms:** capricious, changeable, variable

**Antonyms:** constant, certain, unchanging

**Sentence:**

- Fortune is **fickle**.
- My fans are very **fickle**.
- This is a **fickle** business where tastes, music and fashions can change at a whim.
- However, we consumers are a **fickle** lot when it comes to dining out.
- The **fickle** old tentacles of fame have already had far-reaching effects.

### 10. Helmsmanship

**Kannada :** ಚುಕ್ಕಾಣಿ ಹಿಡಿಯುವುದು

**Hindi :** कुशाग्रता

**Meaning:** the ability to make good judgments and quick decisions, typically in a particular domain.

**Synonyms:** astuteness, acumen, acuity

**Antonyms:** stupidity, foolishness, witlessness

**Sentence:**

- Clinton's **helmsmanship** for the past four years left a lot to be desired.
- The principles that govern the **helmsmanship** of marine vessels.
- His **helmsmanship** of the economic recovery.

