

Weekly "The Hindu" Vocabulary

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The most Important Vocab

1. **Tatters (Noun):** Small pieces of something

Tattered (Adj): broken into pieces, ruined

- **Syn:** Fragment, Snippet, Modicum, extracts, **Smidgen** (barely noticeable amount) and **Iota** (close to nothing)



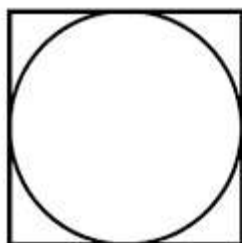
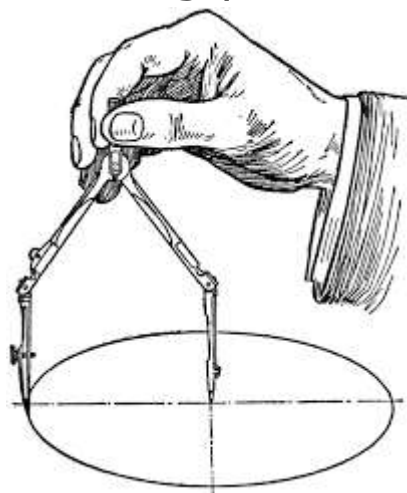
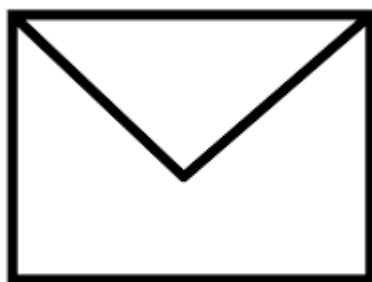
- ✓ Her clothes were old and in **tatters**
 - ✓ After the newspaper story appeared his reputation was in **tatters**
 - ✓ The man was wearing a **tattered** overcoat has a torn and **tattered** past
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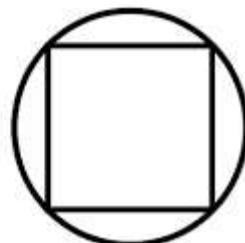
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2. All-enveloping (**Adj**)= Sab kuch apne dayre me lene wala
- **Syn**: Encompassing, **Circumscribing** (Draw outer limits)



a)



b)

- ✓ The article, **encompassing** seven chapters is divided into three main parts
 - ✓ The lock-down orders **circumscribe** our fundamental right to liberty as social distancing is the need of the day
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3. **Categoric/ Categorical (Adj)** = Something clear-cut and absolute

- **Category (Noun)** = Clear-cut classification
- **Syn:** Unequivocal, Unambiguous, definite



- ✓ The government has issued a **categorical** statement denying any inter-state or intra state travel
 - ✓ The government also gave a **categorical** assurance that the poor will be provided with food and essentials at their door-step
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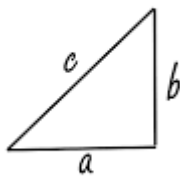
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4. Postulate (Verb)

- To take/ assume something true, to take something as given
- To say/ present/ put something firmly
- **Postulate (Noun)**: A pre-approved logic, a theorem taken as true
- **Syn** = Axiom (**Noun**), Pre-suppose (**Verb**), Hypothesize (**Verb**), Theorize (**Verb**), Posit (**Verb**)



$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$
$$c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$



- ✓ The scientist **postulated** that a cure for the disease will have been found by the year 2021
 - ✓ It is **postulated** that the literacy has an inverse relationship with poverty and anxiety
 - ✓ Let us **postulate** that she is a good cook
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5. **Caveat** (**Noun**)= Chetavani, Special condition

- **Syn**: Condition, Caution, Fore-warning, **Monition & Admonition**



- ✓ They can bunk the classes, but there was one **caveat** – missing more than 2 classes in a row would attract a hefty penalty
 - ✓ The criminal agreed to surrender with the **caveat** that a lawyer would be made available to him by the government
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6. Inexorable (Adj)=

- Jis insan ko manaya na ja sake (Nakhrebaj/ Dheeth)
- Jis situation se bacha na ja sake
- **Syn (1)**: Implacable, unrelenting, adamant, stubborn, obstinate
- **Syn (2)**: Inescapable, Inevitable



- ✓ The **inexorable** little girl stopped eating till her mother bought her a chocolate
 - ✓ Urbanization is an **inexorable** trend
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7. Moribund (Adj)= On the death-bed, stagnant

○ **Syn**: Dying, fading, perishing, withering, on the death bed

✓ The patient was **moribund** by the time the doctor arrived

✓ The government is trying to stimulate the **moribund** economy



Moribund

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8. Harness (Noun)= Gale ki janjeer

- **Harness (Verb)**= To control and take advantage of something
- **Syn:** Leash (**Noun**), Restrain (**Noun**), Curb (**Verb**), Utilize (**Verb**), Exploit (**Verb**)

In harness



- ✓ He tried to grab the **harness** of the horse, but it jumped and ran away
 - ✓ The world needs to **harness** the solar power and convert it into electricity
 - ✓ The old man intended to die **in harness**
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9. Render (**Verb**)

- Dena
- Bana dena

Surrender



- ✓ She needed someone to hear her out and **render** some advice
 - ✓ The extension of lock-down has **rendered** many people jobless
 - ✓ The article has so many errors that **render** it worthless
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- 10. Beleaguer (Verb)**= Pareshan karna, Charo taraf se gher lena
- **Beleaguered (Adj)**= Pareshan, Har taraf se ghira hua
 - **Syn**: Seize, Annoy, bother, badger, pester



- ✓ We are **beleaguered** by problems
 - ✓ Enemy troops **beleaguered** the city
 - ✓ The occupants of the **beleaguered** city had no means of escape
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11. So much so (Phrase, Adverb) = Itna ki

- ✓ We are very busy, **so much so** that we can't manage to take a holiday this year
- ✓ The disease is really lethal. **So much so**, that every nation in the world is fighting to contain it