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Synonyms & Antonyms

Here Are 10 Notable Words From Today's *The Hindu* And *Indian Express* Editorials, Along With Their Synonyms & Antonyms





Ubiquitous



Meaning : Present, appearing, or found everywhere.

Synonyms : Omnipresent, pervasive, universal. Antonyms : Rare, scarce, limited.

Example : Smartphones have become **ubiquitous**, transforming the way we communicate globally.





Pernicious

Meaning : Having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way.

Synonyms : Deleterious, detrimental, injurious. Antonyms : Beneficial, advantageous, wholesome.

Example :

The **pernicious** spread of misinformation can undermine public trust in essential institutions.





Paradigm

Meaning : A typical example or pattern of something; a model.

Synonyms : Model, standard, exemplar. Antonyms : Anomaly, deviation, exception.

Example :

The shift towards renewable energy represents a new **paradigm** in the global fight against climate change.





Proliferate

Meaning : To increase rapidly in number; multiply.

Synonyms : Multiply, expand, escalate. Antonyms : Diminish, decrease, wane.

Example :

Social media platforms continue to **proliferate**, influencing public opinion and discourse.





Quintessential

Meaning : Representing the most perfect or typical example of a quality or class.

Synonyms : Classic, exemplary, ideal. Antonyms : Uncharacteristic, atypical, abnormal.

Example :

Gandhi is often cited as the **quintessential** leader of India's independence movement.





Dichotomy

Meaning : A division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different.

Synonyms : Contrast, division, split. Antonyms : Unity, harmony, synthesis.

Example :

There is a clear **dichotomy** between urban and rural development strategies in the current policy framework.







Meaning : Intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge.

Synonyms : Obscure, abstruse, cryptic. Antonyms : Clear, obvious, accessible.

Example :

The economist's **esoteric** theories were difficult for the general public to grasp.





Facetious

Meaning : Treating serious issues with deliberately inappropriate humor; flippant.

Synonyms : Flippant, humorous, jesting. Antonyms : Serious, solemn, earnest.

Example :

His **facetious** remarks during the crisis were seen as insensitive by many.

English Practice Set

Mitigate



Meaning : To make less severe, serious, or painful.

Synonyms : Alleviate, reduce, diminish. Antonyms : Aggravate, intensify, exacerbate.

Example :

Implementing green technologies can help **mitigate** the adverse effects of pollution.



Disparate



Meaning : Essentially different in kind; not allowing comparison.

Synonyms : Diverse, distinct, varied. Antonyms : Similar, alike, homogeneous.

Example :

The committee comprises individuals from **disparate** professional backgrounds, ensuring a wide range of perspectives.