

## 100 Vocabulary December

- 1. Abet:**  
**Meaning:** assist usually in doing something wrong; encourage  
**Synonyms:** incite, brew, ferment, provoke, raise, stir  
**Antonyms:** bridle, check, constrain, curb, discourage  
**Sentence:** He was not guilty of murder but was guilty of aiding and abetting others
- 2. Abeyance:**  
**Meaning:** suspended action, a state of temporary inactivity <our weekend plans were held in abeyance until we could get a weather forecast  
**Synonyms:** cold storage, deep freeze, doldrums, dormancy, holding pattern, latency, moratorium, quiescence, suspended animation, suspense, suspension  
**Antonyms:** continuance, continuation  
**Sentence:** Our weekend plans were held in abeyance until we could get a weather forecast
- 3. Accord:**  
**Meaning:** Give or grant someone power, status or recognition  
**Synonyms:** Give, Grant, Present, Award, Yield.  
**Antonyms:** Take, Withhold, Remove, Absent  
**Sentence:** His views were accorded by the government.
- 4. Archipelago:**  
**Meaning:** a fairly small area of land completely surrounded by water.  
**Synonyms:** isle, islet, island.  
**Antonyms:** mainland, continent.  
**Sentence:** The visit is aimed at further cementing ties with the Indian Ocean archipelago.
- 5. Bashful:**  
**Meaning:** reluctant to draw attention to oneself;  
**Synonyms:** shy, timid outgoing,  
**Antonyms:** assured, strong, confident  
**Sentence:** Everything you need to know but have been too bashful to ask"
- 6. Brickbat:**  
**Meaning:** an act or expression showing scorn and usually intended to hurt another's feelings  
**Synonyms:** affront, barb, epithet, indignity.  
**Antonyms:** accolade, commendation, compliment, acclaim.  
**Sentence:** The candidates were reduced to hurling brickbats at each other.

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7. **Brusque:**  
**Meaning:** abrupt or offhand in speech or manner  
**Synonyms:** abrupt, bluff, crusty, curt, downright, short, short-spoken  
**Antonyms:** circuitous, mealymouthed
8. **Clamour:**  
**Meaning:** To shout loudly or making a forceful demand or protest.  
**Synonyms:** Agitation, Noise, Uproar, Upheavel, Shout.  
**Antonyms:** Harmony, Silence, Peace, Calm, Agreement.  
**Sentence:** The screams continued, filling the entire hall with their clamour.
- Consternation:**  
**Meaning:** a feeling of anxiety or dismay, typically at something unexpected  
**Synonyms:** dismay, perturbation, anxiety, distress, disquiet  
**Antonyms:** satisfaction
9. **Condescension:**  
**Meaning:** an attitude of patronizing superiority  
**Synonyms:** disdain, superiority, haughtiness  
**Antonym:** respect, admiration  
**Sentence:** My father loves to deliver lectures at the dinner table, not realizing how condescending they can make him sound.
10. **Congenital:**  
**Meaning:** A diseases or abnormalities present from birth.  
**Synonyms:** Inherited, Inbuilt, Hereditary, Deep-rooted, Native.  
**Antonyms:** Developed, Acquired, Unnatural, Alien, Cultivated.  
**Sentence:** Type 2 Diabetes are mostly comgenital in nature.
11. **Cue:**  
**Meaning:** a slight or indirect pointing to something (as a solution or explanation)  
**Synonyms:** signal, clue, hint, indication.  
**Antonyms:** answer, solution.  
**Sentence:** Taking a cue from nature, scientists are developing safe and effective insecticides using insect hormones.
12. **DAFT:**  
**Meaning:** silly; foolish.  
**Synonyms:** balmy, bedlam, demented, deranged  
**Antonyms:** rational, reasonable, judicious, sensible.  
**Sentence:** We were shocked that Diana was so daft to believe John's tale.

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- 13. DIRE :**  
**Meaning:** hopeless and dangerous or fearful  
**Synonyms:** serious, drastic  
**Antonyms:** mild, trivial  
**Sentence:** When the police didn't explain what was happening right away, Jane knew that the situation must be dire.
- 14. Embezzlement:**  
**Meaning:** Theft or misappropriation of funds placed in one's trust or employer.  
**Synonyms:** Fraud, Theft, Misuse, Larceny, Defalcation.  
**Antonyms:** Honest, Pay, Reimburse, Return, Compensate.  
**Sentence:** There are many cases of embezzlement by certain companies.
- 15. Filibuster:**  
**Meaning:** A legislator who gives long speeches in an effort to delay or obstruct legislation that he (or she) opposes  
**Synonyms:** procrastination, hindrance, corsair, stall, linger  
**Antonyms:** catalyst, impetus, incentive, progression, expedition  
**Sentence:** Hillary Clinton filibustered legislation to reform Fannie and Freddie Mae – institutions at the center of the Great Recession
- 16. Fracas:**  
**Meaning:** Noisy quarrel  
**Synonyms:** brawl, affray, donnybrook, rumpus, tumult  
**Antonyms:** peace, harmony, amity, compromise, concord  
**Sentence:** The fracas was broken up by stewards
- 17. Geniality:**  
**Meaning:** Warmth and kindness of disposition  
**Synonyms:** cordiality, amiability, affability, bonhomie, benevolence  
**Antonyms:** discourtesy, grumpiness, incivility, aloofness, asperity  
**Sentence:** The geniality and ability both seem nearly endless for a humble person
- 18. Gibe:**  
**Meaning:** To utter taunts or reproaches  
**Synonyms:** Sarcasm, Swipe, derision, taunt, sneer  
**Antonyms:** Admire, applause, laud, approve, endorse  
**Sentence:** some cynics in the media might gibe at serious issues

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- 19. Grotesque:**  
**Meaning:** Incongruously composed or ill-proportioned  
**Synonyms:** bizarre, outlandish, queer, freakish, ludicrous  
**Antonyms:** aesthetic, classy, bonny, comely, elegant  
**Sentence:** The rods are carved in the form of a series of gargoyle faces and grotesques.
- 20. Gossamer:**  
**Meaning:** Characterized by unusual lightness and delicacy  
**Synonyms:** diaphanous, sheer, delicate, flimsy, ethereal  
**Antonyms:** coarse, massive, ponderous, rugged, anaerobic  
**Sentence:** A fine gossamer fabric that clung to her skin
- 21. Heterodox:**  
**Meaning:** Characterized by departure from accepted beliefs or standards  
**Synonyms:** dissident, heretical, nonconformist, unorthodox, iconoclastic  
**Antonyms:** agnostic, devout, mainstream, nonsectarian, orthodox  
**Sentence:** It's not just taxes where Trump betrays his heterodox rhetoric to embrace unpopular, orthodox conservative policy
- 22. Harangue:**  
**Meaning:** A tirade  
**Synonyms:** screech, spiel, oration, jeremiad, hassle, exhortation  
**Antonyms:** tribute, homage, eulogy, citation, accolade  
**Sentence:** In the digital age, what would matter was crudeness of the harangue
- 23. Larceny:**  
**Meaning:** The act of taking something from someone unlawfully  
**Synonyms:** burglary, Crime, stealing, touch, pilfering  
**Antonyms:** return, pay, reimbursement, compensation  
**Usage:** The larceny is appalling at Kennedy International
- 24. Morbidity:**  
**Meaning:** The condition of being diseased or rate of a disease in population.  
**Synonyms:** Dullness, Despair, Misery, Deadliness, Morbidness.  
**Antonyms:** Bright, Hopeful, comfortable, joyful.  
**Sentence:** Morbidity and mobility are continuously deteriorating the health index of our nation.
- 25. Mundane :**  
**Meaning:** lacking interest or excitement; dull  
**Synonyms:** everyday, nitty-gritty, prosaic, terrestrial, workaday  
**Antonyms:** heavenly, nontemporal, unearthly, unworldly  
**Sentence:** After an exciting weekend, Monday is just another mundane day

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26. **Obsequious:**  
**Meaning:** Attempting to win favor from influential people by flattery  
**Synonyms:** servile, sycophantic, fawning, subservient, cringing  
**Antonyms:** arrogant, assertive, disobedient, rebellious, defiant  
**Sentence:** They were served by obsequious waiters
27. **Opprobrium:**  
**Meaning:** A state of extreme dishonor  
**Synonyms:** disgrace, infamy, obloquy, odium, ignominy  
**Antonyms:** admiration, repute, appreciation, notoriety, adoration  
**Sentence:** The critical opprobrium generated by his films is not acceptable.
28. **Overweening:**  
**Meaning:** Unrestrained, especially with regard to feelings  
**Synonyms:** haughty, presumptuous, conceited, uppity, insolent  
**Antonyms:** modest, demure, meek, mousy, restrained  
**Sentence:** George Osborne had many failings, but perhaps his greatest was an overweening self-belief.
29. **Patois:**  
**Meaning:** A characteristic language of a particular group  
**Synonyms:** argot, dialect, jargon, lingo, vernacular  
**Antonyms:** standard, literary, colloquial, customary, conventional  
**Sentence:** In local patois, bangla refers to country liquor, a fact that has caused much mirth on social media.
30. **Pellucid:**  
**Meaning:** Transmitting light; able to be seen through with clarity  
**Synonyms:** transparent, limpid, clear, crystalline, see-through  
**Antonyms:** cryptic, foggy, incomprehensible, indefinite, nebulous  
**Sentence:** He writes, as always, in pellucid prose

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