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VOCABULARY

1. **Stubbornly**: in a way that is difficult to move, change, or deal with.

- **Synonyms**: tenaciously, obstinately
- **Antonyms**: adjustably, plially
- **Example**: The computer stubbornly refused to respond to the restart command.

2. **Disconcertingly**: in a way that makes someone feel uncertain and uncomfortable or worried.

- **Synonyms**: distressingly, unsettlingly
- **Antonyms**: encouragingly, hearteningly
- **Example**: The sudden change in weather was disconcertingly unpredictable.

3. **Precarity**: the state of being uncertain or likely to get worse.

- **Synonyms**: instability, unreliability
- **Antonyms**: sureness, security
- **Example**: The uncertain job market creates a sense of precarity for recent graduates.

4. **Outlook**: the likely future situation.

- **Synonyms**: prospect, forecast
- **Antonyms**: improbability, unlikelihood
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- **Example:** The economic outlook seemed promising as business started to recover.

5. **Dizzying:** causing someone to feel unsteady, confused, or amazed.

- **Synonyms:** bewildering, giddy

- **Antonyms:** clear, comprehensible

Example: The dizzying stock market fluctuations left investors uncertain about the future.

6. **Spiralling:** Quickly getting worse in a way that is becoming more and more difficult to control.

- **Synonyms:** worsening, deteriorating

- **Antonyms:** convalescing, recuperating

● **Example:** The company's financial situation was spirally, causing concern among the employees.

7. **Blasphemous:** showing a lack of respect for God or religion.

- **Synonyms:** sacrilegious, profane

- **Antonyms:** reverent, pious

● **Example:** The comedian's blasphemous jokes offended some members of the audience.

8. **Ruefully:** in a way that shows something had not happened.

- **Synonyms:** woefully, resentfully

- **Antonyms:** cheerfully, jovially

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- **Example:** James ruefully wished he had studied for the exam when he saw the difficult questions.

9. **Disconsolate:** very unhappy and unable to be comforted.

- **Synonyms:** despondent, doleful
- **Antonyms:** buoyant, upbeat
- **Example:** The disconsolate musician played a melancholic melody on the piano.

PHRASAL VERBS

10. **Catch up with:** if the police or authorities catch up with someone, they find and punish him or her after sometime.
11. **Set off:** to start a process or series of events.

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12. **Have your work cut out (for you):** to have something very difficult to do.
13. **Turn your back on someone:** to refuse to help someone.
14. **At large:** If someone dangerous is at large, that person is free when he or she should not be.
15. **Bring someone to book:** to punish someone and make that person explain his or her behaviour.

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15th January, 2024

1. China has recently sent a groundbreaking astronomical satellite named Einstein Probe (EP) into space on a mission to observe mysterious transient phenomena in the universe.
2. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries successful launch of an H-IIA rocket carrying Japan's Information-Gathering Satellite "Optical-8" .
3. Sanghai's New Development Bank (NDB) commits a substantial \$500 million loan for Gujarat's Mukhyamantri Gram Sadak Yojna during the Vibrant Gujarat Summit.
4. The Indian and Japanese Coast Guards have recently conducted a successful joint exercise named 'Sahyog Kaijin' of the coast of Chennai.
5. The centre has extended the tenure of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) deputy governor Michael Patra by another year. The extension takes effect from January 15 this year. He is in charge of the all important monetary policy department and a member of the rate-setting panel.

6. Gangireddu Malem, a traditional folk performance associated with the sankranti harvest festival in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.
7. Delhi's 1st International Kite festival begins at Baansera.
* International Camel festival kicked off in Bikaner, Rajasthan.
8. Karnataka chief Minister Siddaramaiah recently unveiled the 'Yuva Nidhi' scheme, which aims to provide unemployment assistance to graduates and diploma holders of the state.
9. The Pench Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra has been marked as india's 1st Dark Sky Park and the fifth such park in Asia for protecting the night sky and preventing light pollution, making the facility ideal for astronomy enthusiasts.
10. NITI AAYOG inaugurated India's 1st National Highway Steel Slag Road section on NH- 66 Mumbai-Goa National Highway.
11. New Zealand's veteran pace bowler Tim Southee has created history by becoming the first bowler to take 150 wickets in T20 International.

12. Sheel Vardhan appointed as New Member of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
13. Rhythm Sangwan bags India's 16th quota place in shooting for Paris Olympics.
14. Tenzing Norgay Award posthumously given to mountaineer Savita Kanswal.

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