August Month Editorial Vocabulary – 2021

1. **Complacent (adjective)** – smug, conceited, proud
   
   Example: Picky eaters are never **complacent** unless you fully cater to their tastes.
   
   **Antonyms**: Complacent x reserved, modest

2. **Ardent (adjective)** – passionate, fervent, intense
   
   Example: Melissa has always been an **ardent** supporter of the city’s community theater.
   
   **Antonyms**: Ardent x cool, impassive, disloyal

3. **Debacle (noun)** – disaster, failure, collapse
   
   Example: The exact cause of the **debacle** will probably never be determined.
   
   **Antonyms**: Debacle x success, smash, attainment

4. **Implosion (noun)** – crumbling, disintegration, insolvency
   
   Example: The **implosion** of the Soviet regimes and the ensuing collapse of state capitalism caused great suffering to women.
   
   **Antonyms**: Implosion x solvency, ascent, benefit

5. **Assuage (verb)** – alleviate, mitigate, calm
   
   Example: Having friends by my side will **assuage** the worries of becoming a parent.
   
   **Antonyms**: Assuage x aggravate, exacerbate, heighten

6. **Augur (noun)** – Prophet, sage, futurist
   
   Example: Diminishing gas prices **augur** a high amount of road travel on the upcoming holiday.
   
   **Antonyms**: Augur x misinterpret, neglect, misread

7. **Ravage (noun)** – Destroy, ruin, wreck
   
   Example: The mobster swore he would **ravage** the man’s family if he testified against him in court.
   
   **Antonyms**: Ravage x assist, bear, construct

8. **Covert (noun)** – secret, clandestine, private
   
   Example: The spy went to great lengths to make sure his enemies would not discover his **covert** plans.
   
   **Antonyms**: Covert x overt, open, public

9. **Astound (verb)** – astonish, amaze, surprise
   
   Example: The taste of the wonderful dessert is sure to **astound** anyone who likes chocolate.
   
   **Antonyms**: Astound x clarify, calm, and bore

10. **Reticent (adjective)** – reserved, silent, quiet
    
    Example: I was nervous because all three of the judges were **reticent** during my performance.
    
    **Antonyms**: Reticent x garrulous, chatty, voluble

**Editorial 03 – 08 – 2021**

1. **Reprehensible (adjective)** – culpable, censurable, disgraceful
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<td>Reprehensible x creditable, good, laudable</td>
<td>The boxer hopes to annihilate his opponent during the first round of the match.</td>
<td>Annihilate x create, build, establish</td>
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<td>2. Annihilate (verb) – destroy, demolish, wreck</td>
<td>3. Contentious (adjective) – combative, belligerent, pugnacious</td>
<td>The author wrote a contentious novel which caused a great deal of unrest.</td>
<td>Contentious x pacific, peaceful, cordial</td>
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<td>4. Scourge (noun) – affliction, plague, torment</td>
<td>5. Succinct (adjective) – concise, brief, compact</td>
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<td>Example: My literature class is so crowded the teacher insists our presentations be succinct and no more than three minutes in length</td>
<td>6. Fawning (adjective) – crawling, flattering, deferential</td>
<td>Example: Jane hates Laura so everyone was surprised when she made a fawning tribute during Laura’s going away party.</td>
<td>Succinct x verbose, diffuse, lengthy</td>
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<td>7. Insidious (adjective) – cunning, devious, deceitful</td>
<td>8. Prevaricate (verb) – dodge, hedge, deceive</td>
<td>The car dealership used attractive insidious models to lure in buyers.</td>
<td>Prevaricate x confront, order, release</td>
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<td>9. Vile (adjective) – disgusting, horrible, awful</td>
<td>Miles has a tendency to prevaricate when he believes things are not going his way.</td>
<td>Vile x upright, noble, pleasant</td>
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<td>Example: Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation declared freedom to slaves in the south.</td>
<td>10. Emancipation (noun) – release, freedom, liberation</td>
<td>The vile banker seemed to take great pleasure in foreclosing on the homes of elderly people.</td>
<td>Emancipation x slavery, bondage, confinement</td>
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<td>1. Ruminate (verb) – consider, cogitate, ponder</td>
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<td>Helen decided to ruminate before making her final vacation plans.</td>
<td>Ruminate x discard, ignore, neglect</td>
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2. Rescission (noun) – cancellation, recall, revocation
Example: Many people were grateful for the rescission of alcohol prohibition all those decades ago.
Antonyms: Rescission x continuation, approval, enactment

3. Illusory (adjective) – deceptive, fallacious, false
Example: The magician is known for his ability to deceive people with illusory tricks.
Antonyms: Illusory x true, authentic, genuine

4. Surreal (adjective) – bizarre, weird, peculiar
Example: The program’s surreal storyline was not popular at all with fans of reality television.
Antonyms: Surreal x ordinary, normal, common

5. Elicit (verb) – cause, induce, provoke
Example: The comedian hoped his jokes would elicit a great deal of laughter from the audience.
Antonyms: Elicit x repress, hide, cover

6. Opulent (adjective) – deluxe, luxurious, palatial
Example: We were afraid to sit in the chairs because they looked so opulent.
Antonyms: Opulent x paucity, scarcity, frugality

7. Malediction (noun) – curse, execration, denunciation
Example: The witch’s malediction made the young princess fall into a deep sleep.
Antonyms: Malediction x blessing, praise, compliment

8. Repudiation (noun) – rejection, denial, rebuttal
Example: The repudiation of our country to submit to the enemy will lead to war.
Antonyms: Repudiation x confirmation, admission, approval

9. Unerring (adjective) – impeccable, certain, faultless
Example: The photographer had an unerring eye that allowed her to capture the right moment.
Antonyms: Unerring x frail, imperfect, fallible

10. Tardiness (noun) – delay, delinquency, retardation
Example: Tardiness in answering a text from a friend may lead them to believe that you are ignoring them.
Antonyms: Tardiness x punctuality, regularity, anticipation

Editorial 05 – 08 – 2021

1. Dastardly (adjective) – wicked, barbarous, evil
Example: The trial exposed the dastardly methods utilized by the mob to acquire huge sums of money.
Antonyms: Dastardly x brave, bold, spirited

2. Prejudice (adjective) – discrimination, injustice, intolerance
Example: Judge Barnes should not hear this case because of the prejudice he bears for the prosecuting attorney.
Antonyms: Prejudice x equality, justice, tolerance

3. Exonerate (verb) – acquit, clear, absolve
Example: The job of the defense attorney is to exonerate his clients and keep them out of jail
Antonyms: Exonerate x charge, convict, accuse

4. Unwitting (adjective) – innocent, ignorant, unaware
Example: Banks try to lure in unwitting customers who know little about repaying debt
Antonyms: Unwitting x knowing, witting, conscious

5. Curtailment (noun) – reduction, lessening, cut
Example: The Parliament Act 1911 forced the Lords to agree to a curtailment of their powers.
Antonyms: Curtailment x increase, expansion, extension

6. Majestic (adjective) – grand, magnificent, imposing
Example: The majestic movie theater was so glamorous it was converted into a film museum.
Antonyms: Majestic x humble, low, ignoble

7. Repercussion (noun) – result, ramification, aftermath
Example: The people in my neighborhood will not report the crime lord’s activities because they are afraid of a possible repercussion.
Antonyms: Repercussion x cause, reason, source

8. Plummeting (adjective) – dropping, plunging, falling
Example: Two years after winning Olympic gold he was plummeting down the rankings like a stone.
Antonyms: Plummeting x rising, improving, increasing

9. Ingrained (adjective) – constitutional, inherent, inborn
Example: The new teacher wanted her rules and procedures ingrained in her students in order to promote a smoothly run classroom.
Antonyms: Ingrained x extrinsic, acquired, incidental

10. Ostensible (adjective) – supposed, apparent, alleged
Example: This new archaeological discovery is an ostensible source of hundreds of valuable artifacts.
Antonyms: Ostensible x real, genuine, obscure

Editorial 06 – 08 – 2021

1. Perverse
Synonym: Contrary, Difficult
Antonym: Accommodating
Sentence: Ram’s perverse decision not to cooperate held good

2. Amoral
Synonym: Unethical, Unscrupulous
Antonym: Moral
Sentence: He has an amoral attitude towards everything in life

3. Contempt
Synonym: Disdain, disrespect
Antonym: Respect
Sentence: Priya stared at the girl with total contempt

4. Extradite
Synonym: Deport, repatriate
Antonym: Hold
Sentence: He will be **extradited** from the U.S to Canada to face criminal charges there.

5. Repressive
Synonym: Oppressive, Despotistic
Antonym: Democratic
Sentence: A **repressive** regime was approved.

6. Animosity
Synonym: Hostility, Friction
Antonym: Friendship
Sentence: He no longer felt any **animosity** towards her.

7. Bizarre
Synonym: Strange, peculiar
Antonym: Ordinary
Sentence: We had to face **bizarre** situation.

8. Prevalence
Synonym: Generality, Pervasiveness
Antonym: Infrequency
Sentence: The **prevalence** of obesity is there in adults.

9. Appease
Synonym: Conciliate, Placate
Antonym: Provoke
Sentence: Amendments have been added to **appease** local pressure groups.

10. Dissipate
Synonym: Disappear, Vanish
Antonym: Grow
Sentence: The concern she’d felt for him had wholly **dissipated**.

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**Editorial 09 – 08 – 2021**

1. Judicious
Synonym: Sensible, Prudent
Antonym: Injudicious
Sentence: The **judicious** use of public investment should be ensured.

2. Dynamic
Synonym: Spirited, Active
Antonym: Half-hearted
Sentence: He is **dynamic** young advertising executive.

3. Combat
Synonym: Tackle, Attack
Antonym: Give into
Sentence: An effort was made to **combat** drug trafficking.

4. Circumspect
Synonym: Wary, careful
Antonym: Unguarded
Sentence: The officials were very **circumspect** in their statements.

5. Dwindle
Synonym: Decrease, reduce
Antonym: Increase
Sentence: Traffic has **dwindled** to a trickle.

6. Steady
Synonym: Balanced, firm
Antonym: Unstable
Sentence: The lighter the camera, the harder it is to hold **steady**.

7. Enact
Synonym: Approve, Ratify

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2. Fabled (adjective) – Fabulous, mythic, legendary
Example: The bird of Paradise is fabled to have no feet.
Antonyms: Fabled × real, factual, unimportant

3. Palpable (adjective) – perceptible, discernible, detectable
Example: The hatred between the two sports teams was palpable and seemed to fill the entire stadium.
Antonyms: Palpable × ambiguous, cryptic, dark

4. Scourge (noun) – affliction, plague, torment
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5. Decrepit (adjective) – deteriorated, ruined, antiquated
Example: The owners have plans to renovate their decrepit hotel.
Antonyms: Decrepit × sturdy, good, healthy

6. Assiduous (adjective) – diligent, sedulous, persistent
Example: Local patrols had sufficient reason to be assiduous in their duties
Antonyms: Assiduous × careless, inactive, lazy

7. Engulfed (verb) – overwhelmed, inundated, flooded
Example: The tidal wave racing towards the coast is so large that everything for several miles will be engulfed by its mass.
Antonyms: Engulfed × drained, neglected, dried

8. Gloat (verb) – glory, delight, rejoice
Example: The winning team was polite enough to not gloat over its huge win.
Antonyms: Gloat × console, comfort, commiserate

9. Boisterous (adjective) – ebullient, excited, exuberant
Example: This boisterous welcome restored the princess's good spirits.
Antonyms: Boisterous × restrained, controlled, quiet

10. Bemoan (verb) – lament, deplore, mourn
Example: The author's fans had started to bemoan his recurring plots and simple endings.
Antonyms: Bemoan × applaud, commend, rejoice

1. Copious (adjective) – abundant, bountiful, lavish
Example: He was able to support his argument with copious reasoning.
Antonyms: Copious × rare, scant, meager

2. Spartan (adjective) – simple, austere, modest
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Example: The monks have chosen to live a Spartan life devoid of all luxuries.
Antonyms: Spartan x opulent, complex, luxurious

3. Ablaze (adjective) – lighted, combusting, ignite
Example: The field was ablaze with poppies and wild flowers.
Antonyms: Ablaze x lackluster, unbrilliant, dull

4. Urbane (adjective) – smooth, elegant, civilised
Example: The magazine’s target audience is the urbane woman who is highly cultured and stylish.
Antonyms: Urbane x rude, impolite, uncultured

5. Stockpile (noun) – hoard, supply, accumulation
Example: The coupon queen keeps a large stockpile of laundry detergent stacked toward the ceiling in her laundry room.
Antonyms: Stockpile x dissipate, disperse, spend

6. Recalcitrant (adjective) – defiant, willful, intractable
Example: Our recalcitrant boss refuses to listen to the union representative’s proposal.
Antonyms: Recalcitrant x docile, obedient, amenable

7. Belligerent (adjective) – aggressive, hostile, combative
Example: You make more friends being nice than you do by being belligerent
Antonyms: Belligerent x amicable, friendly, peaceful

8. Alimony (noun) – support, allowance, provision
Example: The judge ordered the rich woman to pay alimony to her ex-husband as a way to keep up the lifestyle he had grown accustomed to living.
Antonyms: Alimony x entertainment, fun, neglect

9. Behest (noun) – charge, dictate, command
Example: The singer decided to perform two more songs at the behest of her audience.
Antonyms: Behest x appeal, requisition, petition

10. Relentless (adjective) – persistent, unabated, incessant
Example: The relentless marshal pursued the escaped prisoner for ten years.
Antonyms: Relentless x intermittent, irresolute, compassionate

Editorial 13 – 08 – 2021

1. Arcane (adjective) – mysterious, obscure, cryptic
Example: The elderly teacher had an arcane way of teaching mathematics
Antonyms: Arcane x accessible, clear, obvious

2. Calumniate (verb) – blacken, knock, libel
Example: The dishonest reporter would calumniate her own mother in order to make front page news.
Antonyms: Calumniate x compliment, flatter, honor

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7. Malignant (adjective) – deadly, dangerous, fatal
Example: Crystal cried when she learned the tumor was malignant.
Antonyms: Malignant x benign, healthy, kind

8. Egregious (adjective) – blatant, fragrant, glaring
Example: The judge said it was the most egregious act he had ever seen
Antonyms: Egregious x concealed, good, hidden

9. Vernacular (adjective) – informal, popular, familiar
Example: The vernacular of today’s young people is very confusing for some of the older generation.
Antonyms: Vernacular x formal, learned, erudite

10. Ostensible (adjective) – supposed, apparent, alleged
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3. Interdict (verb) – prohibit, ban, bar
Example: The government’s new plan to interdict illegal drug sales will cost the country billions of dollars.
Antonyms: Interdict x permit, allow, suffer

4. Succour (verb) – relief, support, assistance
Example: The Red Cross is dedicated to providing succor and support to families who have been displaced by natural disasters.

Antonyms: Succor x hindrance, obstruction, damage

5. Blasphemous (adjective) – profane, contemptuous, cursing

Example: A third common law offence which may involve strict liability is that of blasphemous libel.

Antonyms: Blasphemous x religious, respectful, godly

6. Malevolent (adjective) – baleful, injurious, dangerous

Example: The bully buried his malevolent nature and transitioned into a kind person.

Antonyms: Malevolent x benign, innocuous, safe

7. Morbid (adjective) – unhealthy, sick, gruesome

Example: The boy’s morbid fascination with death led him to collect dead animals.

Antonyms: Morbid x healthy, salubrious, happy

8. Refurbish (verb) – renovate, rehabilitate, revamp

Example: We wanted to refurbish the garage into an extension of the living room.

Antonyms: Refurbish x break, damage, destroy

9. Rigorous (adjective) – meticulous, accurate, exact

Example: A good rigorous scrubbing will help to clean up most stains.

Antonyms: Rigorous x hurried, desultory, coarse

10. Prelude (noun) – foreword, preamble, preface

Example: The fast-paced musical prelude leads into the movie’s police chase.

Antonyms: Prelude x conclusion, end, final

Editorial 16 – 08 – 2021

1. Concomitant (adjective) – accompanying, attendant, associated

Example: The disappearance of the turtles in the backyard appeared to be concomitant with Mr. Blackstone’s application of the new fertilizer

Antonyms: Concomitant x accidental, chance, independent

2. Scramble (verb) – hurry, run, race

Example: The frantic team continued to scramble to make a goal but came up short at the end.

Antonyms: Scramble x dawdle, crawl, amble

3. Gratification (noun) – pleasure, delight, happiness

Example: Telling someone thank you through a simple note is an inexpensive form of gratification.

Antonyms: Gratification x dissatisfication, discontent, control

4. Prodigious (adjective) – huge, enormous, massive

Example: The magician held the audience’s attention with several prodigious tricks

Antonyms: Prodigious x small, tiny, diminutive
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<th><strong>6. Devious (adjective)</strong> – scheming, deceitful, dishonest</th>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong> Everyone expected the mean wrestler to do something devious to his opponent during the match.</td>
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<td><strong>Antonyms:</strong> Devious x ingenuous, innocent, blunt</td>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong> The way that the board has restricted the freedom of creativity of the workers has put blight on the general morale of the company</td>
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<th><strong>8. Affluent (adjective)</strong> – opulent, rich, wealthy</th>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong> Only affluent families could afford the top-dollar price tags attached to the homes in that neighborhood.</td>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong> Environmental specialists would prefer to oust herbicides because they can cause health problems and diseases to many people</td>
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<td><strong>Antonyms:</strong> Oust x allow, accept, and give</td>
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<th><strong>10. Nascent (adjective)</strong> – budding, incipient, developing</th>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong> Online dating has gone from a nascent idea to an established concept that helps millions of people find love.</td>
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<td><strong>Antonyms:</strong> Nascent x mature, ripened, grown</td>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong> Perhaps the most contentious issue in this debate is the use of standardized tests to measure school performance.</td>
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<th><strong>4. Succinct (adjective)</strong> – concise, brief, compact</th>
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Example: Jane hates Laura so everyone was surprised when she made a **fawning** tribute during Laura’s going away party.

**Antonyms:** **Fawning** x arrogant, assertive, brazen

6. **Grimace (noun)** - Frown, twisted expression on person face

Example: With a **grimace** he dropped it into his pocket.

**Antonyms:** **Grimace** x smile, beam, smirk

7. **Dogged (adjective)** - Tenacious, Determined, Persistent

Example: Persistent rumors of breakups dogged the pretty pair until their secret Wedding on October

**Antonyms:** **Dogged** x Hesitant, irresolute, soft

8. **Discretion (noun)** - Circumspection, care, prudence

Example: Parents have the **discretion** to determine which Television program their children may watch.

**Antonyms:** **Discretion** x neglect, inattention, omission

9. **Juggernaut (noun)** – huge, powerful, overwhelming force

Example: The Company predicts its unique mobile phone will become a best seller and make it a **Juggernaut** in the phone market.

**Antonyms:** **Juggernaut** x hesitation, indecision, uncertainty

10. **Abrogation (noun)** - The repeal or abolition of law, right or agreement

Example: China regrets the abrogation of the anti-ballistic missile treaty.

**Antonyms:** **Abrogation** x approve, establish, introduce

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**Editorial 18 – 08 – 2021**

1. **Onslaught (noun)** – attack, assault, charge

Example: The musician received an **onslaught** of hate mail after he canceled his tour.

**Antonyms:** **Onslaught** x retreat, withdrawal, recession

2. **Intrigue (noun)** – conspiracy, scheme, collusion

Example: The **intrigue** surrounding the latest political scandal has created some interesting tabloid articles.

**Antonyms:** **Intrigue** x honesty, openness, reality

3. **Perturb (Verb)** – Upset, worry, disturb

Example: Loud music tends to **perturb** my elderly grandparents.

**Antonyms:** **Perturb** x calm, compose, quiet

4. **Imprudent (adjective)** – Careless, reckless, unwise

Example: The teenager did not understand how her **imprudent** actions affected other people.

**Antonyms:** **Imprudent** x prudent, discreet, wise

5. **Repentant (adjective)** – Regretful, contrite, remorseful

Example: The little boy was quite repentant for hitting his sister and apologized many times.

**Antonyms:** **Repentant** x praise, delight, joy

6. **Fiasco (noun)** – Crises, catastrophe, disaster

Example: The president must accept some blame for this economic **fiasco**.
Antonyms: Fiasco x advantage, agreement, benefit

7. Adversary (noun) – opponent, rival, enemy
Example: I will destroy my adversary during our battle.

Antonyms: Adversary x friend, supporter, ally

8. Morbidity (noun) – anguish, distress, oppression
Example: The morbidity rate rose significantly in the impoverished country due to the increase in Malaria.

Antonyms: Morbidity x bliss, ecstasy, elation

9. Sedition (noun) – agitation, incitement, fomentation
Example: The newspaper editor was accused of sedition when he encouraged his fans to rise up against police officers.

Antonyms: Sedition x calm, obedience, harmony

10. Deterrence (noun) – prevention, dissuasion, inhibition
Example: Universal controlled disarmament must replace deterrence and arms control as the national defense goal.

Antonyms: Deterrence x Assistance, support, promotion

Antonym:Irresponsibility
Sentence:Lack of accountability has corroded public respect of political leaders

3. Deny
Synonym:Refuse, reject
Antonym: Accept
Sentence: The inquiry was denied access to intelligence sources.

4. Excavation
Synonym: Uncovering, Revealing
Antonym: Bury
Sentence: The methods of excavation have to be extremely rigorous

5. Sustainable
Synonym: Continuous, Viable
Antonym: Unsustainable
Sentence: Economic growth must be gradual and sustainable

6. Spur
Synonym: Stimulus, Incentive
Antonym: Disincentive
Sentence: Wars act as a spur to practical invention

7. Imminent
Synonym: At hand, Close
Antonym: Remote
Sentence: They were in imminent danger of being swept away

8. Eminent
Synonym: Distinguished, Renowned
Antonym: Unknown
Sentence: He is one of the world’s most eminent scientists

9. Extraordinary
Synonym: Exceptional, Amazing
Antonym: Ordinary
Sentence: The sight of thousands of flamingoes flying in the sky was extraordinary

10. Intimacy
Synonym: Togetherness, Affinity
Antonym: Being unfriendly
Sentence: The intimacy of these two is evident to all.

Editorial 20 – 08 – 2021

1. Stumble (verb) – stagger, blunder, struggle
Example: She needed practice walking in high heels for her wedding day as she managed to only stumble around in them.

Antonyms: Stumble x continue, move, walk

2. Aftermath (noun) – consequence, result, outcome
Example: The avalanche’s aftermath required extensive resources including rescue and clean-up crews.

Antonyms: Aftermath x antecedent, cause, reason

3. Obligation (noun) – duty, responsibility, charge
Example: An obligation of being an employee is following standard operational procedures.

Antonyms: Obligation x imprudence, negligence, inattention

4. Skirmish (noun) – Fight, battle, conflict
Example: Several players got into a skirmish following the first play of the game.

Antonyms: Skirmish x accord, agreement, calm

5. Stockpile (noun) – store, hoard, stock

Example: The coupon queen keeps a large stockpile of laundry detergent stacked toward the ceiling in her laundry room.

Antonyms: Stockpile x disperse, divide, scatter

6. Scrutiny (noun) – inspection, search, survey
Example: The detectives hope the suspect will confess while under investigative scrutiny.

Antonyms: Scrutiny x negligence, ignorance, neglect

7. Jeopardy (noun) – risk, peril, danger
Example: People who drive when they are intoxicated put their lives and the lives of others in jeopardy.

Antonyms: Jeopardy x safety, security, assurance

8. Semblance (verb) – appearance, front, façade
Example: Life at last returned to some semblance of normality.

Antonyms: Semblance x back, character, difference

9. Denounce (verb) – censure, condemn, attack
Example: Management was quick to denounce the hard work done by the union representatives.

Antonyms: Denounce x applaud, endorse, compliment

10. Fanatical (adjective) – enthusiastic, passionate, fervent
Example: He was a fanatical and not very competent golfer and a member of the Royal Bucks Club.
Antonyms:  Fanatical x lethargic, tolerant, unexcited

1. Resentment (noun) – grudge, irritation, animosity
Example: Deep resentment existed between the two rival players who had hated each other for many years.
Antonyms:  Resentment x contentment, affection, calm

2. Hiatus (noun) – interval, break, interlude
Example: The professor will take his family on a long vacation during his hiatus.
Antonyms:  Hiatus x continuation, closure, juncture

3. Sober (adjective) – depress, discourage, daunting
Example: The woman’s expression was sober and sensible because she was generally a calm person.
Antonyms:  Sober x blind, wasted, hammered

4. Implosion (noun) – crumbling, disintegration, insolvency
Example: The implosion of the Soviet regimes and the ensuing collapse of state capitalism caused great suffering to women.
Antonyms:  Implosion x solvency, ascent, benefit

5. Assuage (verb) – alleviate, mitigate, calm
Example: Having friends by my side will assuage the worries of becoming a parent.
Antonyms:  Assuage x aggravate, exacerbate, heighten

6. Augur (noun) – Prophet, sage, futurist
Example: Diminishing gas prices augur a high amount of road travel on the upcoming holiday.
Antonyms:  Augur x misinterpret, neglect, misread

7. Ravage (noun) – Destroy, ruin, wreck
Example: The mobster swore he would ravage the man’s family if he testified against him in court.
Antonyms:  Ravage x assist, bear, construct

8. Covert (noun) – secret, clandestine, private
Example: The spy went to great lengths to make sure his enemies would not discover his covert plans.
Antonyms:  Covert x overt, open, public

9. Astound (verb) – astonish, amaze, surprise
Example: The taste of the wonderful dessert is sure to astound anyone who likes chocolate.
Antonyms:  Astound x clarify, calm, bore

10. Assail (verb) – attack, assault, charge
Example: Someone hacked into my computer and now all kinds of junk email and spam constantly assail my inbox.
Antonyms:  Assail x defend, compliment, exonerate

Editorial 23 – 08 – 2021

1. Imbibe (verb) – drink, consume, down
Example: We read poems by our predecessors to imbibe the experience of life as captured by them.
Antonyms:  Imbibe x abstain, fast, conserve

2. Morbid (adjective) – unhealthy, sick, gruesome
Example: The boy’s morbid fascination with death led him to collect dead animals.
Antonyms: Morbid x healthy, salubrious, happy

3. Refurbish (verb) – renovate, rehabilitate, revamp
Example: We wanted to refurbish the garage into an extension of the living room.
Antonyms: Refurbish x break, damage, destroy

4. Mawkish (adjective) – sentimental, emotional, touching
Example: The star’s mawkish poem at her mentor’s funeral was so insincere that most of the guests rolled their eyes.
Antonyms: Mawkish x calm, dry, rational

5. Imprudent (adjective) – careless, reckless, unwise
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8. Whittle (verb) – carve, fashion, cut
Example: The number of kittens quickly began to whittle once their video went viral.
Antonyms: Whittle x build, destroy, develop

9. Formidable (adjective) – intimidating, terrifying, dreadful
Example: Growing tomato crops during a severe drought proved to be formidable for one farmer.
Antonyms: Formidable x encouraging, comforting, inspiring

10. Incessant (adjective) – constant, continual, perpetual
Example: My sister’s incessant phone conversation with her boyfriend may never end.
Antonyms: Incessant x occasional, intermittent, broken
1. **Fray (verb)** – Unravel, strain, erode, and ragged
   
   **Example:** The state controlled authority threw itself into the fray.

   **Antonyms:** Fray x accord, peace, tranquility

2. **Hustle (verb)** – jostle, push, knocks
   
   **Example:** Dean asked, trying to hustle Fred along with his drawn out explanation.

   **Antonyms:** Hustle x delay, procrastinate, slow

3. **Padded (adjective)** – Filled or covered with soft material, protection
   
   **Example:** John took a shower and padded through the quiet mansion to the kitchen.

   **Antonyms:** Padded x reduced, lessened, curtailed

4. **Extortion (noun)** – extraction, the practice of obtaining something
   
   **Example:** On home minister’s return to his country, he was accused of extortion in his province.

   **Extortion x** harmony, honesty, kindness

5. **Pertinent (adjective)** – relevant, applicable to particular matter.
   
   **Example:** Raja has an uncanny way of sticking to pertinent details.

   **Pertinent x** Irrelevant, Inappropriate.

6. **Confined (adjective)** – restricted, limited

   **Example:** People who do not sleep well are often worn out during the day because of lassitude.

   **Antonyms:** Lassitude x rejuvenation, diligence, energy

5. **Tremulous (adjective)** – fearful, nervous, frightened
   
   **Example:** Annie wasn’t sure that her tremulous fingers would be able to open the telegram.

   **Antonyms:** Tremulous x stalwart, valorous, adventurous

6. **Verity (noun)** – Trueness, accuracy, sooth
   
   **Example:** The teacher doubted the verity of the student’s excuse for being absent.

   **Antonyms:** Verity x falsehood, imprecision, roughness

7. **Insinuate (verb)** – suggest, indicate, allude
   
   **Example:** Many dictators use propaganda to insinuate fear among the public.

   **Antonyms:** Insinuate x conceal, declare, refuse

8. **Flamboyant (adjective)** – exciting, colorful, dazzling
   
   **Example:** The immature singer was arrested for speeding in his flamboyant sports car.

   **Antonyms:** Flamboyant x restrained, calm, moderate

9. **Captious (adjective)** – critical, censorious, pedantic
   
   **Example:** People hate being around Harry because he is a captious person who always criticizes others.

   **Antonyms:** Captious x laudatory, indulgent, relaxing

10. **Unblemished (adjective)** – impeccable, perfect, flawless

    **Example:** He has established an unblemished reputation for accuracy.

    **Antonyms:** Unblemished x harmed, injured, damaged
The risk of infection is confined to certain age groups and people working in health sector.

1. **Succour (verb)** – support, assistance, abetment
   **Example:** The Red Cross is dedicated to provide succour and support to families who have been displaced by natural disasters.

2. **Prudence (noun)** – discretion, wisdom, judgment
   **Example:** A wealthy partner risks money on the prudence of less affluent partners.

3. **Rampant (adjective)** – unrestrained, uncontrolled, unchecked
   **Example:** Diseases associated with contaminated water are rampant in the country of Haiti.

4. **Impute (verb)** – attribute, assign, accredit
   **Example:** The foolish drunk driver tried to impute the accident on the bartender who made the strong drinks.

5. **Profane (adjective)** – obscene, offensive, crude
   **Example:** The seventy-year-old nun has probably never made a profane statement in her life.

6. **Ostentatious (adjective)** – Flamboyant, extravagant, loud
   **Example:** The little girl’s birthday party was an ostentatious affair with live ponies, a chocolate fountain, and a six-tier cake.

7. **Gaily (adverb)** – gleefully, joyfully, happily
   **Example:** The gaily painted striped poles of the merry-go-round figure in almost every work.
Antonyms: Gaily x darkly, heavily, badly
8. Spurt (verb) – spray, surge, eruption
Example: Growth spurts and shrinking budgets are just two of the reasons why frugal parents shop for kids discount clothing.
Antonyms: Spurt x gather, collect, conceal
9. Brunt (noun) – force, impact, pressure
Example: The children bear the brunt of the emotional trauma when parents divorce.
Antonyms: Brunt x peace, relaxation, adjunct
10. Flounder (verb) – squirm, thrash, struggle
Example: My ability to flounder was evident when I fell on the slippery floor.
Antonyms: Flounder x idle, succeed, correct

Example: The store used a bait and switch ploy to get customers to buy a more expensive item.
Antonyms: Ploy x Inaction, Failure, Regression

5. Blister (noun) – vesicle, blain, ulcer
Example: A blister appeared on the surfer’s nose after a day spent in sweltering sun.
Antonyms: Blister x obstruct, prevent, repel

6. Spooked (verb) – Frighten, unnerve
Example: The Pony spooked and tipped the cart scattering everyone around
Antonyms: Spooked x fearless, brave, valiant

7. Dispel (verb) – Banish, eliminate, dismiss
Example: The director of the disease centre gave a press conference to dispel the myths about the Ebola virus.
Antonyms: Dispel x assemble, collect, accumulate

8. Juggernaut (noun) – huge, powerful, overwhelming force
Example: The Company predicts its unique mobile phone will become a best seller and make it a Juggernaut in the phone market.
Antonyms: Juggernaut x hesitation, indecision, uncertainty

9. Devolution (noun) – delegation, transfer, surrender
Example: The commitment on devolution was the Trojan horse with in labour gates.
Antonyms: Devolution x disloyalty, indifference, hatred

10. Smudge (verb) – streak, mark, dirty
Example: There was a dark smudge on his forehead.
Antonyms: Smudge x clean, clear, light up
11. Muckraking (noun) — the action of searching out and publicizing scandal
Example: A rich history of muckraking exists in this country.
Antonyms: Muckraking x laudation, praise, commendation

Editorial 30 – 08 – 2021

1. Assassination (noun) — murder, killing, termination
Sita was in constant fear of Assassination and distrusted all around her.
Assassination x bear, build, construct.

2. Abduct (verb) — take someone illegally by force, kidnap
Here is the picture of woman who tried to abduct the millionaire’s young child.
Abduct x release, free, unleash

3. Tussle (noun) — a vigorous struggle or scuffle
State governments have another tussle over conducting election in the pandemic situation.
Tussle x calm, peace, accord.

4. Extortion (noun) — extraction, the practice of obtaining something
On home minister’s return to his country, he was accused of extortion in his province.
Extortion x harmony, honesty, kindness

5. Pertinent (adjective) — relevant, applicable to particular matter.
Raja has an uncanny way of sticking to pertinent details.
Pertinent x Irrelevant, Inappropriate.

6. Confined (adjective) — restricted, limited
The risk of infection is confined to certain age groups and people working in health sector.

7. Deleterious (adjective) — harmful, detrimental
Parental divorce has often been assumed to have deleterious effects on children.
Deleterious x harmless, safe, innocent

8. Throng (noun) — crowd, multitude
People raised voice over water sharing issues between the two states and forced into the throng of MPs.
Throng x divide, disappear, vanish

9. Denounce (verb) — Condemn, Criticize
It was tempting to denounce him in front of everyone, but that would be childish.
Denounce x support, embrace, advocate

10. Inoculate (verb) — Immunise, Vaccinate
The mother decided not to inoculate her son because she felt the side effects were worse.
Inoculate x neglect, drain, halt

11. Deterred (verb) — discourage
Her words of warning would hardly deter him.
Deterred x encourage, optimist, happy

12. Turmoil (noun) — confusion, tumult, disorder
The answer to his turmoil was clear; his revenge was not worthy her life.
Turmoil x Calm, quiet, rest

13. Grimace (noun) — Frown, twisted expression on person face
With a grimace he dropped it into his pocket.
Grimace x smile, beam, smirk

14. Leap Frog (verb) — to go ahead, advance
The intention was to allow London to leapfrog its rivals into a leading position.
Leap Frog x allow, decrease, decline
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<td><strong>Example:</strong> The professional soccer player became desiccated after being in a car accident that left him in a coma.</td>
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<td><strong>Example:</strong> The draconian Special Powers Act was never repealed despite the election promises.</td>
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<td>4. <strong>Thrift (noun)</strong> – austerity, frugality, prudence</td>
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