

# Word Lists 03

Part 02

## Word Series 03: List 04

### ➤ Level 1 Words in the list: Let's get warmed up

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
<b>Adapt</b>	Adjust, familiarize	They adapted themselves to the change quickly.
<b>Eclipse</b>	To quietly terminate: said of time.	Time elapse never returns.
<b>Exemplify</b>	To show by example	What makes this book doubly helpful is that the author quotes several well-thought out case studies to exemplify the application of these management principles in real-life situations.
<b>Facilitate</b>	To make easier	To facilitate the accounting work and its efficiency, the bank has decided to install several computers, which would eliminate all scope for manual errors and also complete the work much

		faster.
<b>Fundamental</b>	Basic	Winning in a sport is quite important, no doubt, but much more fundamental is a spirit of participation and a killing spirit to fight, which we lack.
<b>Modify</b>	to change	To be made applicable to the changed economic scenario, the policy needs to be modified suitably.
<b>Pirate</b>	To reproduce without authorization	We are not at all interested in buying the pirated version of this highly successful music album; the original may be a bit more expensive, but we'll surely buy that.

➤ **Level 2 Words in the list: Let's take it up a notch**

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
<b>Averse</b>	Opposed	Though I do not like the idea in totality, yet I am not averse to a discussion on it in detail to iron out the finer points.
<b>Considerate</b>	Compassionate, sympathetic, thoughtful	The superstar is reputed to have a very considerate attitude towards newcomers; in all likelihood you will get some help from him.
<b>Contention</b>	Claim, thesis	You may believe what she says, but my contention remains that unless we thoroughly examine the entire records, we cannot deduce any reliable conclusion.
<b>Empirical</b>	Based on experience	Though most people believe that familiarity

with a person induces liking for him or her, there are no relevant empirical studies to support this widely shared notion regarding human behaviour.

**Eradicate**      Totally destroy

The WHO has started a worldwide campaign to eradicate polio from the entire world by 2004.

**Estrange**      Alienate

Though SaviJiddu was trying to bring back his estranged wife from his in-laws' place, his mother-in-law was insistent on keeping her.

**Exaggerate**      To overstate

There is no need to exaggerate or understate your achievements, just be yourself.

**Exponent**      A representative      Ustad Balla Chalkha

Khan is one of the most famous living exponents of the dying art of the Jaltarang.

**Inedible**

Not good for food

They complained of being given food which was inedible.

**Misery**

Distress

Those used to the luxuries of the city life can never think of the miseries besetting rural life i.e. potholed roads, lack of schools and hospitals, irregular power supply and the like.

**Paucity**

Scarcity

There is no paucity of hard-working, innovative and committed scientists in India; the only thing they need in order to be discovered is a merit-based compensation,

		freedom from politicization and an atmosphere suited to the promotion of new ideas.
<b>Raze</b>	To destroy	The WTC was razed to the ground when two airplanes hijacked by the Taliban hit it, causing it to catch fire.
<b>Reimburse</b>	To repay	You need not worry on this count, you just spend the money, the office is certainly going to reimburse every cost you incur in this important matter.
<b>Remuneration</b>	Compensation	They work in excess of their contracted hours for no additional remuneration.

➤ **Level 3 Words in the list: Time to be a master**

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
<b>Capitulate</b>	Give up	Upon being pestered unrelentingly by them, Shaukin Nath capitulated to their demand for an enquiry into the entire episode.
<b>Demented</b>	Insane	The wild, crazy way in which the old man behaved with others suggested that he had probably become demented and was a case fit for a psychiatrist.
<b>Depreciate</b>	Reduce in value	The vehicle had depreciated greatly ever since it was bought because of the great wear and tear it had undergone.
<b>Disabuse</b>	To set right	You must disabuse his misconceptions about the working of our organization.



<b>Fatuous</b>	Foolish, inane	We cannot rest on the fatuous assumption that the benefits of growth at higher levels will automatically flow down to the common people.
<b>Frugality</b>	Thrift, economy	Unless he exercises frugality in expenditure, he is likely to land in a financial disaster of his own making, because it is very difficult to manage on the small salary he gets.
<b>Heedless</b>	Thoughtless	We have always known that heedless self-interest was bad morals
<b>Ineluctable</b>	Impossible to avoid, inevitable	Who can escape the ineluctable fate God has written for us all even before we came on this earth?
<b>Inimitable</b>	Not capable of being imitated	We never expected the young singer to match up to Jagjit Singh's inimitable

		voice and singing style.
<b>Mollify</b>	Soothe	The visiting leader tried to mollify the angry tempers of the villagers by assuring them of immediate action against the erring policemen.
<b>Propinquity</b>	Closeness of relationship	We soon turned into fast friends because of our residential and occupational propinquity.
<b>Remnant</b>	Leftover	Though the commission records had been burnt in the all-consuming fire, yet some remnants were visible in the form of some un-burnt pieces of paper, which had survived the fire.
<b>Repartee</b>	Witty reply	To his innocent question "Do you like pop?", he had this funny repartee as a reply "Not mine".
<b>Repel</b>	To drive back	What really repels her from Anirudh is his lack of

seriousness and bad habits like smoking and drinking.

**Resolute**

Determined

Their resolute refusal to compromise forced us to call off the deal.

**Reverberate**

To echo

Though Mohammed Rafi is no more, our drawing rooms still reverberate with the sound of his melodious voice.

**Sporadic**

Occurring irregularly

While it rained continuously last night, the day saw only sporadic spells of rains, interspersed with dry periods.

**Transgress**

To break a law

Transgression of law is a crime and will remain so, howsoever high or mighty you may be.

## Word Series 03: List 05

### ➤ Level 1 Words in the list: Let's get warmed up

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
<b>Capacity</b>	Room, aptitude	The hall does not have the seating capacity to accommodate so many people.
<b>Certify</b>	To confirm formally as true, accurate, or genuine.	The facts of the case were certified to be true by the commission.
<b>Decline</b>	To sink or lessen	Though the inflation level was quite high last year, it has declined a bit this year.
<b>Illusion</b>	False conception	Until recently, she was under the illusion that anybody having the right looks and a bit of talent can make it big in Bollywood, but now she knows that the right connections matter a lot.
<b>Noble</b>	High born	The noble profession you are in requires you to act

		with great degree of selflessness, sacrifice and service-mindedness.
<b>Nominal</b>	Slight	While the Springdale School charges pretty hefty admission fees, the fees demanded by the Navodaya Vidyalyas are just nominal.
<b>Proceed</b>	To renew motion or action, as after rest or interruption	I came to a stop on Main Street when the stop light turned Red. When the light turns Green I will proceed through the intersection headed north.

➤ **Level 2 Words in the list: Let's take it up a notch**

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
<b>Abstain</b>	To keep oneself from doing something	They had abstained from the meeting inspite of the fact that they had been specially asked to be present.
<b>Cordial</b>	Friendly	A cordial relationship among the staff members is essential for the smooth functioning of the organization.
<b>Deface</b>	To mar	"Anybody found defacing the walls of the temple in any way is liable to penalty" thus read the message at the gate.
<b>Denote</b>	Refer to	As per the WHO norms, the absence of any disease does not denote health; rather health signifies complete physical and mental well being of an individual.

<b>Distill</b>	Purify, refine, concentrate	The impure rock material is mixed with water and is then subjected to distillation to separate pure metal from the useless by-products.
<b>Diverge</b>	Vary, go in different direction from the same point	The paths of the two partners diverged after their differences over certain issues became too deep.
<b>Diversity</b>	Variety	The diversity of languages, foods and dresses prevalent in different parts of India sometimes makes foreigners wonder if India is a single, unified country.
<b>Illuminate</b>	To light up	The entire colony was illuminated with earthen diyas and colourful lights on the occasion of Deepawali
<b>Modulate</b>	To regulate	A dubbing artist's best asset is not just his voice, but his ability to modulate it to a high or low pitch, in

		tune with the demands of the situation.
<b>Momentous</b>	Very important	The nomination of Lagaan for the Oscars was once-in-a-lifetime, momentous occasion not just for Aamir Khan, but for the entire Bollywood.
<b>Phenomenal</b>	Extraordinary or marvelous	Our coach is a phenomenal player as well.
<b>Precise</b>	Exact	There is no precise method of measuring intelligence.
<b>Sensational</b>	Outstanding	The sensational scandal of her mysterious death has rocked the Page 3 society in particular and the city population in general.
<b>Stagnant</b>	Not flowing: said of water, as in a pool	The elephants gathered around a stagnant watering hole since they were too tired to look for a freshwater source.



➤ **Level 3 Words in the list: Time to be a master**

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
<b>Cynical</b>	Contemptuously distrustful of human nature and motives	Disowned by parents for no fault of his, deserted by his girlfriend and cheated by friends; what else will he become, if not cynical, doubting everybody's intentions.
<b>Daunt</b>	Intimidate, frighten	The task of breaking in to the high-security fort was, no doubt, quite daunting but the great brave hero persisted with it and came up victorious at the end.
<b>Default</b>	Failure to act	The notice said that all those defaulting on payment of their electricity bills by due date would be penalized at the rate of 500/- per day in excess of the due date.

<b>Degrade</b>	Corrupt	The degradation of our once-pure environment is one issue that has failed to attract the attention of any of our major national political parties.
<b>Fidelity</b>	Faithfulness, loyalty	Even a fool can tell you, fidelity towards one's country is the biggest single criterion for a person aspiring to join the army.
<b>Flutter</b>	Vibrate	The beautiful tricolour, fluttering in the sky, is enough to fill every patriotic Indian's heart with pride.
<b>Mettle</b>	Courage	"Do I have the mettle to shoulder this massive responsibility of running this company?" is the million-dollar question I am facing.
<b>Minuscule</b>	Tiny	The opposition could

not muster even minuscule evidence against the Prime Minister, who, they alleged, had a hand in the commission payments to arms dealers.

**Pedigree** One's line of ancestors

Our unmatched pedigree of 140 years makes us the most authoritative, independent advocate of women's rights in the UK.

**Pompous** Self-important

The earlier pomposity of his public statements like "Hum Unki Eent Se Eent Bajaa Denge" is considerably diluted now as is proved by his latest "Aapsi Sadbhavana Se Hum Kuchh Bhi ....".

**Remonstrate** To protest

He had gone to the

		manager to remonstrate against the cut in his salary.
<b>Smoulder</b>	To burn without fire	The earlier fire of revenge in his mind may have come down considerably, nevertheless, it is still smouldering and may flare up any moment.
<b>Solace</b>	Comfort	There is not much to cheer about in this year's budget, the only solace it offers to the middle class is that it has not proposed any increase in taxes
<b>Suave</b>	Polite, smooth	A Customer Care Executive's job requires the incumbent to be extremely suave while dealing with customers of different types.
<b>Sullen</b>	Sad	Why have you become so sullen? Cheer up,

		we have lost only a battle, not a war.
<b>Tenor</b>	General meaning	The tenor of the article suggests that it has been written by one of your opponents.
<b>Terse</b>	Concise	The defence counsel gave a very terse, but striking concluding remark which summed up the whole thing in just two lines.
<b>Vernacular</b>	The language of one's country	Most people down south have a vernacular accent and their English sounds different from the rest of the world.
<b>Versatile</b>	Having an aptitude for applying oneself to new and varied tasks or to various subjects	She is so versatile when it comes to performing in live concerts.

## Word Series 03: List 05

### ➤ Level-1 Words in the list: Let's get warmed up

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
<b>Disbursement</b>	Expenditure	The increment has been sanctioned by the board, but will be disbursed along with the next month's salary.
<b>Havoc</b>	Devastation	The great havoc wrought by the hurricane in Orissa calls upon all of us to donate generously for reconstruction and rehabilitation.
<b>Lethargy</b>	Drowsy or sluggish indifference, apathy	Such lethargy on an important issue was hardly expected of a dynamic person like Pallu.
<b>Mortal</b>	Deadly	All living beings in this world are mortal; only He is never born, never died.
<b>Objective</b>	Grasping and representing	The objective of the committee was to raise enough money to repair

	facts as they are	the playground equipment for the park.
<b>Unreserved</b>	Frank	In an unreserved interview, the Pintustan Fever chairman spoke candidly regarding the failures of the co. and the self-analysis it was doing to improve its performance.

➤ **Level-2 Words in the list: Let's take it up a notch**

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
<b>Autonomous</b>	Self governing	While the very young baby is highly dependent on its caretakers for all its needs, an older baby tends to be more autonomous because it can walk and speak.
<b>Cosmopolitan</b>	Belonging to the whole world	New York, London, Los Angeles are truly cosmopolitan cities, with people from across the globe inhabiting them.
<b>Discordant</b>	Not harmonious, conflicting	The proposal enjoys enormous popularity and backing by most parties but for some discordant voices that are not interested in it.
<b>Emissary</b>	Agent	Instead of coming himself, the Ambassador sent his emissary to discuss the bi-lateral issues.



<b>Inculcate</b>	To teach by repetition	The qualities of patriotism, courage and honesty were inculcated in Shivaaji's mind by his mother Jijabai who used to tell him stories of great warriors and patriots.
<b>Merciful</b>	Disposed to pity and forgive	The judge mercifully let him off the crime.
<b>Perennial</b>	Something long-lasting	A perennial problem which this hospital has been facing since its inception has been the shortage of suitably qualified doctors.
<b>Peripheral</b>	External	Only peripheral vision is impaired in cases of optical periphra <sup>s</sup> is, leaving vision in the central region of the eye absolutely intact.
<b>Propriety</b>	Fitness, correct conduct	The propriety of the lower court's order can be challenged only in the high court, which will decide whether the order passed

		by the lower court was legally genuine or otherwise.
<b>Rationale</b>	Reason	The rationale behind an incentive-based compensation plan is that people tend to work harder if their salary is linked to their performance.
<b>Satire</b>	Wit, mockery	The humorous poem by Ashok Chakardhar was a great political satire, which amused the audience no end.
<b>Unrelenting</b>	Inflexible	The anti-dam activists were not scared by the police lathi charge on them and declared that they would persist with their agitation unrelentingly.
<b>Vigilance</b>	Alert in guarding against danger	The policemen were on vigilance after they received repeated complaints of eve teasing

		in that area.
<b>Vigorous</b>	Strong	The vigorous campaign launched by him against the corrupt elements has finally started yielding good results.

➤ **Level-3 Words in the list: Time to be a master**

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
<b>Concomitant</b>	Accompanying	The graying of hair and onset of wrinkles on face are two necessary concomitants of the aging process, which cannot be arrested by any known means so far.
<b>Cryptic</b>	Secret	The Indian Army has tried its best to decode the cryptic message, supposedly sent by the Al-Qaida to the ISI.
<b>Heinous</b>	Evil	The Indian Penal Code prescribes stringent punishment for such heinous crimes like the burning alive of a man and gang rape.
<b>Indictment</b>	Accusation	Jay indictment by the Madras High Court should send out a strong signal to all

		those in high offices not to indulge in corrupt practices.
<b>Indigence</b>	Poverty	India is a land of strange and often unexplainable contrasts wherein you will find miserable indigence co-existing with stinking wealth.
<b>Muddle</b>	Confuse	Mr. Confused says something only to retract it later, again goes back to what he said originally, his mind is nothing but a great muddle of ideas.
<b>Mundane</b>	Of the world, typical of or concerned with the ordinary	I often wonder why the mundane things of life keep us busy most of the time and it is only towards the end that we come to think of religion or spirituality.
<b>Munificent</b>	Generous	1. Only a really munificent person will

		ever condone such a embarrassing mistake against him by anyone.
<b>Platitude</b>	Trite remark, commonplace statement	The report was rich in platitudes with barely any fresh insight.
<b>Rarity</b>	Not common	Alphonsos in winters are a rarity in Northern India.
<b>Ravage</b>	Ruin	The ravages of war were yet to be repaired when another grave tragedy struck Afghanistan in the form of an earthquake, which led to great loss of lives and property.
<b>Regress</b>	To go backward	The Indian society, the speaker regretted, was regressing instead of progressing as shown by its Taliban-like intolerance for any dissent.
<b>Renunciation</b>	Giving up	The renunciation of worldly pleasures and

the adoption of an ascetic lifestyle by the Buddha was in response to great sufferings he had seen in the world.

**Resilience**

The ability to recover from or adjust easily to stresses

The inherent resilience of the great Indian culture is proved by the fact it has survived and flourished even after so many foreign invasions.

**Scrutinize**

To examine closely

The IT department is scrutinizing his business accounts of the past five years to determine if he has evaded taxes in the past.

**Sear**

To burn or scorch, to make dry or withered, parch

The heat of summers literally seared the few remaining patches of grass in the courtyard.

**Suffrage**

Vote

The Indian Constitution prescribes universal

adult suffrage, thereby giving all adult Indians a right to cast their votes in any legislative election irrespective of caste, creed, sex or color.

**Tether**

To fasten

The horse broke free from its tether.

**Vilify**

Defame

He tried to vilify his rivals by spreading false rumors about them.