

Word Lists

Part 02

Word Series 01: List 04

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

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
Abide	To acknowledge	Please abide by the rules laid down by the company.
Extravagant	Too costly	Machines that are extravagant in their requirement of energy cut down on the company's profitability.
Faction	A group	A faction of party-workers is still in dissent against Sonia's leadership.
Partiality	Favor unfairly	Ritika ought to give equal treatment to all her friends in this respect, any partiality in this regard will show her in poor light.
Quash	To put down	The Supreme Court has quashed the

		High Court's order on the ground that it was against the principles of natural justice and fairness.
Synthesis	The combination of parts to make a whole	In fact, he desired to marry a girl who was neither exclusively traditional nor totally modern, he was looking for a synthesis of the two extremes.
Unaccountable	Inexplicable	There are certain deeds that human beings do that are unaccountable.
Unbiased	Objective	We need more unbiased umpires like him to avoid having such one-sided judgments.
Uncommon	Rare	It's uncommon to see people in this world who don't tell a lie at all.
Underworld	Criminals	Most of the

underworld dons like Chhota Shakeel, Dawood Ibrahim operate secretly and from different locations to dodge the law-enforcement agencies.

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

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
Adversity	Great hardship, misfortune, a calamitous event	It is often said that adversity brings out the best and also the worst among our so-called friends and relatives.
Contentious	Quarrelsome	The differing opinions over the bill led to many contentious moments in the house, prompting the chairman to think about postponing the proceedings so as to let the tempers cool

down.		
Deceive	To mislead by or as by falsehood	I knew you could easily deceive him with your charm.
Demonstrable	Clearly apparent or capable of being logically proved	Her language skills are demonstrable in written and spoken English are commendable.
Hoodwink	To deceive	Many people are hoodwinked by the so-called beauty industry.
Impromptu	Without preparation	Since the speech was made impromptu by the minister, it looked as if the he had not done his homework properly.
Reverent	Humble	He had a reverent attitude which made him approachable and easy to work with.
Revocable	Able to be changed or cancelled	In case the Supreme Court finds no merit in the High Court's orders or finds them to be bad

		in law, the HC orders are revocable by the SC.
Ridiculous	Absurd	We could not but laugh at the ridiculous suggestion made by him that the entire staff should go to the Himalayas to do some meditation for a period of 3 months during the academic session.
Tacit	Understood, not put into words	He took her silence to be her tacit approval of his proposal to make her a partner in the new business.
Tantamount	Equivalent	His statement was tantamount to an admission of responsibility.
Vicious	Mean, evil	Poverty leads to inability to have good education, which in turn leads to more poverty; in short, it is a vicious cycle.

Yearn	Crave	I yearn to meet my mother as I haven't seen her for weeks now.
Yield	The amount produced, submit	India produces probably the largest amount of milk in the world, but regrettably per-animal yield of milk is also the lowest.

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

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
Acrimony	Bitterness in argument	The argument was not cordial anymore; there was a distinct flavor of acrimony in his remarks.
Assiduous	Diligent	The assiduous hard work put in by the director is obvious in each frame of the movie, it appears as if there could be no better way of presenting it.

Contiguous	Adjacent, abutting, adjoining	The house contiguous ours is recently renovated and is yet to be occupied.
Convalesce	Regain health, recuperate	These patients have already been cured of their illnesses, in fact, they are convalescing in the hospital before being sent back home.
Dogmatic	Stubbornly opinionated	Such dogmatic beliefs propagated by the Bajrang Dal, VHP and Babri Masjid Action Committee have further hardened the public stand on the temple issue on both sides.
Genteel	Polite	I met this very soft spoken and genteel person at the party yesterday.
Jocose	Playful	Contrary to his name DukhiNath, he was in a jocose mood, cracking

jokes, belting out funny incidents and in general enjoying himself.

Qualm A doubt or misgiving, uneasiness, a pang of conscience

The hard-core criminal did not have the slightest qualms about murdering his own mother at home.

Quarry Prey

The lion, on the lookout for a suitable quarry to quench his hunger, pounced upon the small lamb and tore it into pieces before eating it up.

Revulsion Total disgust

The Martin Party's revulsion for capitalism is now history and it has now happily embraced the once-hated system with full gusto.

Swindle Cheat

Yesterday a swindler promised to double Chhukchhuk's money

in one day. She realised her folly today when he failed to return her even the original sum.

Sycophant

A person who gains another's favor with insincere flattery

The sycophantic political chamchas are always eager to please their masters with high, undeserved praise for their actions.

Taciturn

Habitually silent or uncommunicative

Despite the best efforts of his courtiers, Akbar was absolutely taciturn regarding his problem and did not utter a single word.

Unbridled

Uncontrolled

Experience shows that whenever a powerful person is given unbridled freedom to act, without any check and balances, most often, he tends to misuse it.

Venomous

Poisonous

Monia Kandhi's

venomous outpourings against CuttleHajpee calling him a person with a crazy mind did not go well with the public, which wanted a more mature response from her.

Vindictive

Disposed to seek revenge, vengeful, intended to cause harm

"We should not adopt a vindictive attitude towards people who have harmed us in any way, instead, forgive and forget about it", the saint lectured to the audience.

Word Series 01: List 05

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

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
Beloved	Beloved describes someone or something that is loved dearly.	The way a mother feels about her baby is an example of beloved.
Devout	Sincere	An unending stream of the devout brings offerings of country-made liquor to this revered shrine of Baba Bhode Shah, who is believed to grant all wishes.
Exploit	To use immorally	The rich should not exploit the poor economically in the name of capitalism.
Fissure	Deep crack	Apparently, the party seems to be united in its approach, but of late deep fissures

have appeared among the leaders over tackling the issue of reservations in jobs.

Flimsy

Thin and weak

Flimsy objects don't last long.

Homogeneous

Uniform, even

Since India is a country with such diverse agricultural patterns, it is unwise to have a homogeneous policy for all regions.

Indicative

Showing

The large fiscal deficit this time is indicative of the fact that the government has spent more than it has earned during the last financial year.

Intricate

Very complex

The seemingly intricate carvings on the Taj are, in reality, extracts taken from

the Quran and this becomes clear only if you take a close look at them.

Oddity

An eccentricity

In early time working mothers were regarded a bit of an oddity.

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

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
Apprise	Inform	The visiting dignitary was apprised by the president of the progress made by the country during the last decade.
Beneficent	Doing or producing good, performing acts of kindness	It was only because of the beneficent nature of our principal that he could continue in the class despite failing all house

tests.

Cringe

Shrink from fear

The group of mischievous boys cringed at the sight of principal walking towards them.

Expertise

Skill

Jatu's superb expertise in playing different musical instruments owed itself to the immense practice he had with them.

Frenzied

Wild

The frenzied mob, already enraged with the police atrocities, set ablaze many government buildings and vehicles.

Frivolous

Non-serious, casual

The frivolity with which Mr. Casual treated the whole affair earned him the title of being

non-serious even in serious matters.

Garnish

To trim

The dish as such was just passable, but the garnishing done by her with green spices had made it a bit more palatable.

Homicide

The killing of one human being by another

The police arrived at the scene of the homicide.

Homologous

Alike in structure

The post of Indian President is, in many ways, quite homologous to the British Queen's, for both of them are nominal posts with little "real" power.

Magnanimous

Generous

Magnanimous soul as he was, he did not think twice before giving out money and relief

materials for the flood-ravaged populace.

Nausea

Severe upset stomach

She went to the doctor with a complaint of severe headache and nausea, although she had not actually vomited.

Safeguard

To protect

The company was blamed for failing to safeguard workers interests.

Tentative

Hesitant

Though nothing is finalized as yet, the tentative date for the test is in the first week of December.

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

Word

**Primary
Meaning**

Usage Example

Acquiesce	To agree without enthusiasm	The plaintiff acquiesced to the court's verdict, for he had no option but to accept it.
Ardour	Passion	The ardour with which you take part in sports, if applied to studies, can work wonders for your career.
Circuitous	Indirect	Ulta-Pulta is very fond of giving circuitous arguments instead of coming to the matter straightway.
Clique	A small group	The three of them Ram, Hari and Rajeew formed a clique to harass the chairman.
Devious	Deceiving	It may sound like a devious ploy, but this is the only way to achieve our targets.
Diffident	Lacking self confidence , timid, shy	The diffidence of a newly-wed girl entering her in-laws' house for the first

time is quite understandable, for she is extremely cautious of her newfound status among absolute strangers.

Emancipate	To release from bondage.	People visit holy places to emancipate from their sins.
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Exorbitant	Going beyond usual and proper limits	You need to earn exorbitant money to maintain such a lifestyle.
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Flagrant	Outrageous	It is surprising how this flagrant violation of rules on house allotment has been going on for the past ten years, without anybody raising any objection to it.
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Fraught	Filled	The solution proposed by Ritu to Gitu's problem was fraught with so many difficulties later that Gitu could not accept it despite finding it very appealing.
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Frigid	Cold	The warmth of the
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		hostess was matched only by the frigid attitude of her husband.
Gambit	A maneuver	As a kind of first move to resolve the dispute between them, Shampa sent a messenger with an invitation to Champa, but due to Champa's refusal, the gambit did not succeed.
Garner	Gather	India has sent its Foreign Minister to other countries to garner diplomatic support for India on the sensitive Kashmir issue.
Grovel	Crawl in humility	Rakhu, being a slave, had to grovel before his master to get even the smallest necessity of life.
Immutable	Not capable of change	Whatever interpretation we make of our religious scriptures is not immutable; with the changing times, the

		interpretation does and should change.
Knavery	Dishonesty	Deceit, lies and knavery are the characteristics of present-day politics.
Perjury	Lying under oath	I wonder how a person can commit perjury in the court after swearing to speak the truth.
Verbose	Wordy	He is too verbose at times and says more than is required.

Word Series 01: List 06

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

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
Decoy	To lure	Lavish lifestyle, glittering jewels were all a mere decoy to make her accept the assignment.
Deficiency	Lack or insufficiency.	Deficiency of Vitamin D leads to weak bones.
Fraudulent	Deceitful	Such fraudulent dealings may get you some money, but will make you lose a lot of sleep.
Plight	Sad situation	You can just imagine his plight: No family, no friends, no home and no money.
Proximity	Nearness, closeness	It is difficult to understand why the police could not hear his screams despite the fact that the

		police post and his house are in physical proximity of each other.
Quarrelsome	inclined or ready to quarrel	You can't call someone quarrelsome just because they give reasons to support themselves
Rehabilitate	To restore	The army takes upon itself the task of rehabilitating its retired soldiers so that they continue to be useful, productive citizens for the country and themselves also.
Terminal	Final	A terminal test, unlike a house test, is quite important because the marks you obtain in it count a lot.
Vocation	Career	The parents wanted their son to become an engineer, but the

son was more inclined towards taking up the vocation of a doctor.

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

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
Brevity	Conciseness	Since the time available to you for making the speech is short, you will have to exercise brevity.
Compendium	Brief, comprehensive summary	The compendium of results, published by the agency, gave us fair indication of the detailed results to be expected in future.
Elusive	Hard to catch	The ever-elusive officer was hard to track; whenever I went to him, he was either busy with some meeting, or was having lunch or was out of station.

Gait	Pace	Sidha's beautiful gait during the catwalk on the stage was made even more so by the slight pauses she took in between.
Kismet	Fate	"All this is kismet, my dear son. And you can do hardly anything to erase what God has written for you," the old man advised the restless young man.
Opulent	Rich	Such opulent lifestyle of a professedly simple and poor person is beyond explanation.
Pseudonym	An assumed name	To hide his real identity, Samuel Clemens adopted the pseudonym of Mark Twain, the name which appears in all his works.
Rue	To regret	He always rued the fact that due to family circumstances, he could

		not complete his education.
Sparse	Meager	As you move up the atmosphere, the oxygen available becomes increasingly sparse until you reach a point where it becomes practically impossible to breathe.
Toilsome	Laborious	Do not hate toilsome labor, or farm work, which were created by the God
Transient	Temporary	The current economic slowdown, the expert noted, was a transient phenomenon and was not bound to last forever.
Woeful	Pitiful	There is a woeful shortage of electricity supply against demand, which is zooming every day.

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

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
Crescendo	Increase in loudness	The song starts on low notes, slowly increases in intensity until it reaches a crescendo, at which point all the singers sing at the top of their voices.
Deadbeat	A lazy person	Such swiftness of action cannot be expected of a deadbeat like him.
Dissonance	Discord, opposite of harmony	The dissonance between Tarun's and his wife Sandhya's opinions over how to raise the kids often led to serious fight.
Enfeeble	To debilitate.	India came out of the war not enfeebled, but strengthened.
Jettison	Throw away	The captain of the sinking boat decided to jettison some less desirable cargo to deal with the overload.

Nestle	To press close to	She nestled her head on her father's shoulder and started weeping.
Nettle	To irritate, annoy, or provoke.	Her loud singing of television commercials soon began to nettle him.
Obstinate	Stubborn	Roni is such an obstinate girl that once she takes a particular stand, it is well nigh impossible to make her budge even an inch from it.
Pejorative	Derogatory	The defence minister's remark "such clothes are bound to invite lascivious eyes" was interpreted as pejorative to women by the women's organizations, who protested it strongly.
Proclivity	Natural tendency	Zulfi has a natural proclivity towards painting right from childhood given that the

atmosphere at home revolved only and only around paintings.

Prognosticate Predict

On the basis of these dismal financial results, even a layman can prognosticate the disaster this company is going to land up in.

Proscribe To condemn or forbid as harmful and unlawful, prohibit

Himachal Pradesh has proscribed the use of polythene bags altogether to preserve environment.

Subsistence Means of support

Though many people do business for a living in this region, most of them derive subsistence from agriculture

Swelter Oppressively hot

By God! 15 cups of coffee a day and that too in such sweltering heat!

Trenchant Vigorously effective and articulate, keen

His trenchant writing style, full of invectives and incisive remarks, never spared anyone.

Vagabond	A bum	Hounded out of his own country, Rousseau led the life of a vagabond, wandering here and there, in search of a place to live.
Venerate	Revere	Those venerating a particular God must remember that the other Gods, even if from other religions, are equally respectable.
Waft	Blow gently	One could smell the wafts of cookies let out by the soot rising from the chimneys.
Wistful	Longing	The widow's wistful remembrance of her shared past with her husband brought copious tears to her eyes.