

# Word Lists 03

Part 01

## Word Series 03: List 01

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

| Word              | Primary Meaning                   | Usage Example  |
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| <b>Divest</b>     | Strip, deprive                    | Mr. Irresponsible has been divested of all his powers and responsibilities by the management keeping in view his suspected involvement in financial bungling, till further orders. |
| <b>Knowledge</b>  | Facts, information, awareness     | Knowledge cannot be gained only by reading books.  |
| <b>Intuition</b>  | Instinctive knowledge or feeling. | Intuition cannot be relied on.   |
| <b>Manifold</b>   | Many                              | The population of India has increased manifold after independence and so have the educational facilities.  |
| <b>Manipulate</b> | To change for one's own profit    | The Congress alleged that it was only because the Akali Dal had manipulated the counting process that  |

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|              |   | the Dal was able to win the elections in Punjab   |
| <b>Miser</b> | A covetous, grasping person, one who hoards money | A miser called Makhichoos Lal made a donation of one lakh for the orphanage! Are you kidding with me? |

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

| <b>Word</b>       | <b>Primary Meaning</b> | <b>Usage Example</b>  |
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| <b>Credence</b>   | Believability          | You need not attach any credence to what he says because he is always spreading one of his false rumors.                      |
| <b>Exhilarate</b> | To invigorate          | The exhilarating news of his topping the test after so many attempts was enough to send us all into an extremely joyous mood. |
| <b>Gimmick</b>    | A deceptive device     | Do not be misled by this discount sale ad, it's just another gimmick to push sales.   |

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| <b>Intrinsic</b>     | Inherent                  | This coin may have 25 paise printed on it, but believe me, the intrinsic value of this coin in terms of metal and labour is much more than that.                            |
| <b>Introspection</b> | Self analysis             | It is quite easy to find faults with others, but if we introspect, we are likely to come up with many more deficiencies in ourselves.                                       |
| <b>Introvert</b>     | Withdrawn, turned inwards | On her face, she appears to be quite an introvert, but once you speak to her, all your myths will be busted, she is as open, friendly and outgoing as any teenager her age. |
| <b>Invincible</b>    | Not conquerable           | The myth of the invincibility of the USA has been convincingly broken by the September 11 happenings when some Taliban workers managed to hit the WTC                       |

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|                     |   | and the Pentagon, leading to massive damage and loss of life.   |
| <b>Longevity</b>    | Unusually prolonged life.                             | Regular practice of yoga promotes longevity.  |
| <b>Malleable</b>    | Capable of being shaped or formed, tractable, pliable | The highly malleable nature of this new material is the reason that it is the preferred choice for making articles of complicated shapes.   |
| <b>Prestige</b>     | Influence   | She earned great prestige for herself as an ideal teacher while in college.   |
| <b>Repercussion</b> | Reaction  | The current riots will have far-reaching repercussions for India in terms of decreased foreign investment inflow, reduced international tourist traffic and a general battering of its international image. |
| <b>Requisite</b>    | Necessary   | Because the B. Tech in Computer Science   |

involves lots of mathematical work, a sound knowledge of mathematics is an essential requisite for getting admission to the programme.

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

| Word               | Primary Meaning                          | Usage Example   |
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| <b>Credulity</b>   | Readiness to believe                     | His credulity led others to make him the butt of their concocted stories and rumors.                                |
| <b>Credulous</b>   | Tending to believe too readily, gullible | I am not so credulous as to be taken in by his smart talk, I know him too well to be taken in by what he is saying. |
| <b>Exhortation</b> | An encouraging speech                    | The Principal's exhortation to their newly-admitted students to work single-mindedly towards their                  |

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|                  |                                  | goal had a lasting impact on their minds.   |
| <b>Exonerate</b> | To free from blame               | The judge had no choice in the matter but to exonerate him of the allegations leveled against him as there was no evidence to support them.   |
| <b>Guileless</b> | Without deceit                   | The charm of a baby's all-welcoming, guileless smile harboring no ill will.   |
| <b>Humane</b>    | Kind                             | The state government's act of waiving off the farm loans in view of the floods has been welcomed as a humane gesture by most farmers' unions.   |
| <b>Inundate</b>  | Overwhelm, to cover with a flood | While there were very few takers for fashion designing a few years ago, fashion design institutes are these days practically inundated with admission applications, forcing them to conduct rigorous entrance tests to select the |

|                 |   | best ones  |
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| <b>Inured</b>   | Accustomed to accepting something undesirable | He, being inured to misfortunes, he does not get ruffled over trivia.  |
| <b>Lambaste</b> | Scold severely                                | He is frequently lambasted by his boss for not acting quickly.   |
| <b>Lament</b>   | Grieve  | The media analyst laments the loss of innocence and naturalness among children as a consequence of over-exposure to electronic media.    |
| <b>Lithe</b>    | Flexible                                      | Her extremely lithe body enabled her to perform almost impossible gymnastic feats with great ease.                                       |
| <b>Lofty</b>    | Haughtily                                     | Experience shows that the lofty ideals like equal distribution of wealth contained in our constitution have not been realized till date. |



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| <b>Loquacious</b> | Talkative   | A loquacious talker as he was, Gaaldi could talk for hours at a stretch.  |
| <b>Lucrative</b>  | Highly profitable.  | Most of the people pursue MBA for the sole purpose of pitching for lucrative salaries.  |
| <b>Malice</b>     | Evil intent   | Despite the fact that almost 20 years have passed since Sidhi was cheated by his cousin, the feeling of malice still lingers on.  |
| <b>Malicious</b>  | Spiteful  | The news story was full of malicious remarks against the hospital administrator.  |
| <b>Pretense</b>   | False appearance or action intended to deceive, ostentation | When the 1400/- flat tax scheme was announced, many shopkeepers felt that the government was trying to identify people who can actually pay income tax under the pretense of this scheme. |
| <b>Raucous</b>    | Loud and  | The raucous atmosphere in the Lok Sabha, with   |

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|                  | rowdy                        | members shouting and hurling slogans, left the visiting team in doubt that the time had come to impose strict discipline.  |
| <b>Reprimand</b> | To tell, off rebuke severely | The reprimand these mischievous girls had got last time from the principal over their wrongdoings has done little to prevent them from indulging in their stupid pranks again. |
| <b>Reprisal</b>  | Retaliation                  | Yesterday's firing by the Indian soldiers was a kind of reprisal against the earlier Pak bombing on the Indian troops.   |
| <b>Repulsive</b> | Offensive                    | Eating non-vegetarian food is a far cry; he finds even its mention quite repulsive.  |
| <b>Tatter</b>    | Rag                          | The beggar in tatters pleaded with her to give him some woollens as his clothes were insufficient protection against winter.   |

## Word Series 03: List 02

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

| Word                | Primary Meaning                                 | Usage Example  |
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| <b>Depreciation</b> | A lowering in value or an underrating in worth. | The depreciation in her property led her into financial troubles.  |
| <b>Evasive</b>      | Elusive   | The superstar was quite evasive during the interview and gave very unclear answers to most questions, which indicated that he was not ready to part with the details on his personal life. |
| <b>Indifferent</b>  | Having no interest or concern, impartial        | This indifferent attitude on part of the government to the promotion of ancient arts has led to a virtual death of such rare arts in India.  |
| <b>Interrogate</b>  | To ask  | The police   |

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|                  |   | interrogated the arrested don to know more about his links with other criminals.  |
| <b>Lethargic</b> | drowsy  | The reasons behind the lethargic pace of dispensing justice by the courts in India are inadequate number of judges, too many pending cases and outdated laws. |
| <b>Obstruct</b>  | To fill with impediments so as to prevent passage, either wholly or in part | Tenants must not obstruct access to fire equipment.   |

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

| Word               | Primary Meaning   | Usage Example  |
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| <b>Crestfallen</b> | Dejected  | He looked very sad and crestfallen after losing the ambitious project.   |
| <b>Eccentric</b>   | Odd   | Kiran's eccentric ideas at the meeting made everybody wonder whether she was in her senses or not.   |
| <b>Extrapolate</b> | Conjecture, guess, surmise, extend data to derive conclusions | We are supposed to work on the basis of the information provided to us, we cannot extrapolate anything.  |
| <b>Gullible</b>    | Easily deceived or cheated                                    | The poor gullible fellow believed whatever the mischievous boys told him and soon handed over all his money to them in the belief that it would get doubled within days. |

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| <b>Heyday</b>         | At one's prime                     | The Congress could not earn this kind of tremendous popularity even during its heyday, talking of it now does not stand up to logic. |
| <b>Insubordinate</b>  | Disobedient                        | No officer worth his name would tolerate any kind of insubordination from his juniors in respect of his orders.                      |
| <b>Irreconcilable</b> | Incompatible, implacable, hardline | Because of their irreconcilable differences over almost every issue, they remained sworn enemies throughout their lives.             |
| <b>Jeopardise</b>     | To put in danger                   | The supervisor feared that he would jeopardize his job by standing up for his workers  |
| <b>Luminous</b>       | Shining, issuing light             | The luminous power of a bulb depends on many factors including its wattage, current supply and voltage.                              |

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| <b>Lustrous</b>  | Shining             | Lustrous and healthy hair is achieved by regular care and good diet.  |
| <b>Macho</b>     | A strong man        | The success of these racy romantic movies sans any crime shows that the days of macho men, with their biceps and hefty bodies, ruling the celluloid screen seem to be over. |
| <b>Notorious</b> | Well known for evil | His notorious reputation in the area is the result of his past track record full of thefts, murders and rapes.  |
| <b>Ominous</b>   | Threatening         | The ominously rising inflation this time is giving sleepless nights to the Finance Minister, who must now do something concrete to bring it down.                           |
| <b>Premise</b>   | Assumption          | The BJP had supported the BSP on the premise that it would allow it due   |

share in the process of governance, but contrary to all its beliefs, the BSP acted otherwise.

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

| Word             | Primary Meaning | Usage Example   |
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| <b>Demean</b>    | To degrade      | It is really ridiculous that while the government could hardly do anything about the demeaning comment by Ashok Kavi calling Mahatma Gandhi a “bastard bania” on a TV show, its scissor-happy censor board finds even expressions like “bhadwagiri” quite degrading to women. |
| <b>Fulminate</b> | To explode      | The workers fulminated against the management's overbearing attitude in   |



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|                  |                     | the form of an indefinite strike.  |
| <b>Holocaust</b> | Total destruction   | The holocaust which Hiroshima and Nagasaki experienced as a result of the nuclear bomb is virtually beyond words.  |
| <b>Jaded</b>     | Tired               | Though he appeared to be quite jaded after the day's hard work, he agreed to our proposal for a short interview.   |
| <b>Lurid</b>     | Sensational         | Sir Alfred Hitchcock is often considered a master in presenting the lurid details of murder.   |
| <b>Machinate</b> | Devise an evil plan | Shakuni, the Pandvas and the Kuarvas' maternal uncle, was always busy machinating, making devious plans to make somebody fight against the other for his |

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|                    |  | personal benefits.  |
| <b>Magnanimity</b> | Generosity                               | Bill Gates' act of donating \$5 billion for helping the underprivileged in their education will go down as an act of extreme magnanimity of heart and spirit. |
| <b>Malingerer</b>  | One who feigns illness to escape duty    | A malingerer always has a cooked up story to explain his absence from duty.   |
| <b>Morbid</b>      | Death-like, diseased, unhealthy          | While fear is a normal human emotion, phobia is a morbid fear of something, feel most psychologists.  |
| <b>Occult</b>      | Existing but not immediately perceptible | He practices occult sciences.   |
| <b>Ocular</b>      | Of the eye                               | Ocular transplants are being done at this hospital for the benefit of those who are   |

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|                     |   | suffering from a clouded cornea.   |
| <b>Officiate</b>    | To umpire   | The Vice-Principal has been asked by the management to officiate in view of the Principal's absence.                           |
| <b>Omniscient</b>   | Knowing all things                                    | No human being can claim to be omniscient, after all, there is a limit to one's capacity to learn and retain different things. |
| <b>Presage</b>      | Omen  | The early monsoons presages an early and exceptionally chilly winter season.   |
| <b>Presumptuous</b> | Overstepping due bounds of courtesy, taking liberties | Please do not be so presumptuous while dealing with the Director, stay within your limits to avoid any problems.               |
| <b>Pretentious</b>  | Acting superior                                       | As any job consultant will tell you, the prime concern at an interview   |

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should be: Do not be pretentious to impress, just be your natural self.

**Replenish**

Fill again

The in-charge of the guest-house asked the servant to replenish the empty bucket with hot water so that the visitors could have a bath.

**Reprehend**

To find fault

Critics have the ability to both praise and reprehend.

**Suppress**

Put down

Despite his best efforts, he could not suppress his desire to come out openly against the remarks of the speaker.

**Treacherous**

Likely to betray trust, marked by hidden dangers, perfidious

He was stabbed in the back by one of his own snake-in-the-grass treacherous friends.

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## Word Series 03: List 03

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

| Word               | Primary Meaning                                      | Usage Example   |
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| <b>Concede</b>     | Give in  | After about 3 days of game, Kasparov conceded to Vishwanathan Anand's mighty, intelligent moves.  |
| <b>Escalate</b>    | Increasing rapidly                                   | Since diesel is used in goods transportation vehicles, a rise in its prices is bound to escalate the prices of all essential commodities. |
| <b>Esteem</b>      | Respect  | Primarily because of his great experience, all his colleagues held him in considerable esteem.  |
| <b>Magnificent</b> | Grand or majestic in appearance, quality, or action. | The king lived in a magnificent palace  |
| <b>Reconstruct</b> | To make over   | We cannot rely on hearsay, only an eyewitness to the  |

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|                 |   | whole incident can reconstruct accurately the chain of events leading upto this dangerous consequence.   |
| <b>Shelter</b>  | Protection  | Undeterred by the rioting mobs, many do-gooders gave shelter and food to the minority community people, who were being targeted for attack by the rioters. |
| <b>Similar</b>  | Bearing resemblance to one another or to something else | The two women were strikingly similar in their appearance.   |
| <b>Tinge</b>    | To color slightly                                       | Her otherwise chirpy voice was tinged with a sense of deep sorrow and grief over the tragic accident in which many of our colleagues had lost their lives. |
| <b>Velocity</b> | Rapid motion  | The velocity of this bike varies all the time even though the acceleration is  |

uniform.

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

| Word              | Primary Meaning                     | Usage Example  |
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| <b>Compliant</b>  | Yielding, conforming to requirement | The new boss was not ready for any dissenting opinions from his subordinates and always wanted a compliant submission to his dictates.                         |
| <b>Conceive</b>   | To think                            | I cannot conceive of a more suitable time apart from this one to begin our struggle when the government is already in trouble on many fronts.                  |
| <b>Concentric</b> | A common center                     | An onion bulb consists of concentric layers of circle- or ellipse like structures, fitted one above the other, revealing themselves as you go on peeling them. |
| <b>Magnate</b>    | A person of rank or importance.     | The consulate officer commands respect being a magnate.  |

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| <b>Majestic</b>   | Lofty  | The snowclad Himalayas present a majestic sight, not to be missed by any avid mountain -lover.   |
| <b>Ponder</b>     | To think   | If you care to ponder over the issue for a while, you will come to realize that the proposal has very far-reaching implications.                             |
| <b>Subside</b>    | To sink to a lower level, to fall into a state of quite, abate | The angry tempers had subsided in the intervening period and now the two parties were ready to talk to each other to thrash out a solution to their problem. |
| <b>Wholesome</b>  | Healthy  | 1. Most nutritionists do not consider fast-foods like pizza and noodles to be wholesome, therefore, they advise against them.                                |
| <b>Complicity</b> | Partnership in wrong- doing                                    | Since Bhoot Nath, being PA to the MD, is quite close to him, his complicity in the scandal cannot be ruled   |



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| <b>Conceit</b>      | Think highly of oneself | The conceited young man, arrogant because of his father's official position, behaved in a very rude manner with his college friends.  |
| <b>Conception</b>   | An idea                 | The conception of mental illness, as opposed to physical disease, is quite recent and probably this explains why people still do not treat mental patients sympathetically. |
| <b>Conciliatory</b> | Reconciling, soothing   | The conciliatory tone of his speech is a pointer to the fact that the party is now ready to compromise on this issue.   |

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

| Word           | Primary Meaning         | Usage Example  |
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| <b>Erudite</b> | Very learned, scholarly | The book, written in an erudite style, is specifically meant for a |

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|                   |  | person who intends to have a deep knowledge of the subject.   |
| <b>Grindstone</b> | A flat circular stone, used for sharpening tools | The grindstone called life transforms ordinary mortals into respectable personalities.  |
| <b>Grisly</b>     | Horrible   | The grisly scene of the mass killings sent a chill down my spine.   |
| <b>Impassive</b>  | Revealing no emotion, expressionless, stolid     | Face expressions are a very significant part of a dance performance; with such an impassive face, Sarla cannot expect to bag the Dancing Queen trophy.      |
| <b>Impede</b>     | Hinder, block                                    | The high degree of friction in the bearings impeded the movement of the newly developed vehicle; the maximum speed that could be achieved was only 30 km/h. |
| <b>Insipid</b>    | Without taste                                    | The otherwise insipid   |

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|                  | or savor,<br>lacking in spirit,<br>dull                                | election speech of Lalu<br>was made a bit<br>interesting with his witty<br>anecdotes and couplets<br>in criticism of the<br>opposition members.  |
| <b>Potent</b>    | Powerful   | Potassium Cyanide is<br>such a potent poison that<br>ingesting even a speck of<br>it can lead to a person's<br>death.  |
| <b>Pragmatic</b> | Practical, as<br>opposed to<br>idealistic                              | Gappu is not just talking<br>in air, in fact, what he<br>says is quite a pragmatic<br>course of action in<br>contrast to the other<br>impractical proposals.   |
| <b>Precedent</b> | An earlier<br>occurrence<br>that may serve<br>as an example<br>or rule | Since such a request to<br>grant maternity leave to<br>an unmarried girl was<br>received for the first time,<br>there was no precedent<br>upon which the officer<br>could rely to deal with<br>this peculiar case. |
| <b>Precept</b>   | Law  | Precepts may provide<br>stringent penalties for  |

such crimes, but ultimately the common man is concerned with their implementation in the real sense.

**Sheepish**      Shy

Upon seeing the wads of notes tumbling out of the bank locker and seeing no way to escape from the situation, Gravy Piddu sheepishly admitted that he had collected all the money through fraudulent transactions.

**Subservient**      Submissive

Since the new boss did not like sweet talk, he intensely disliked this subservient attitude of his personal secretary.

**Timid**      Afraid

The timid husband hid himself under the bed, and when the wife asked “why are you hiding?”, he replied sheepishly, “ My sweet will! It’s my own house.”

**Tirade**      A long, angry,      The      Leader      of      the

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|                   | and often abusive speech                                       | Opposition began her tirade against the Vajpayee government by leveling allegations of kickbacks in the procurement of substandard caskets by the Army for carrying the dead soldiers. |
| <b>Utopia</b>     | Ideal land   | 'Utopia', the perfect, ideal land has been the dream of many ancient thinkers.   |
| <b>Vacillate</b>  | To waver indecisively between one course of action and another | Initially, he vacillated between the two equally attractive courses of action, but upon serious thought, decided to take the plunge in favour of the former.                           |
| <b>Variegate</b>  | Diversify  | The rich, variegated and highly sophisticated culture of our nation is threatened by cheap politics of various interest groups.  |
| <b>Witchcraft</b> | Black magic  | People accused the old lady of performing  |

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|               |   | witchcraft on small children.  |
| <b>Wither</b> | To shrivel from loss of moisture, to lose vitality or freshness | 1. Most flowering plants have already withered due to excessive shortage of water this season. |