

Word Lists 02

Part 02

Word Series 02: List 04

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

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
Argument	An oral disagreement	They were deeply involved in an argument about inflation.
Arrogance	Pride	Undue arrogance in his abilities and knowledge led to Ravana's fall from grace.
Artless	Without guile, open and honest	The artless villager was taken in by the city-bred salesman's smooth talk and agreed to put his money in the venture without asking a question.
Banish	To expel from	He was banished to another country as whatever he had done didn't confine to the law.
Charisma	Charm	The superstar's charisma was irresistible; even the elderly ladies found him

		attractive.
Confiscate	Seize	The army has seized substantial quantities of arms and ammunition, apart from objectionable literature from the arrested terrorists.
Deadlock	Stalemate, point where no progress is possible	The talks between the NSCN and the government have reached a deadlock due to the uncompromising stand taken by both the parties.
Decent	Proper and kind	There is such wretched poverty in some places that people are not able to give even a decent cremation to their dead.

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

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
Basal	Basic	If you really want to assess the effectiveness

of the course, you must know your basal performance before joining it and then compare it with your performance, say, six months later.

Bask To enjoy a happy or very comfortable situation

He went on basking in the glory of his first book.

Congruent In agreement

His views and mine on most issues are hardly congruent; we always have some differences.

Debacle A rout

The cricketing debacle, instead of dampening our spirits, should make us sit up and analyze what went wrong with us.

Figurative Not literal

When the WHO says that India is sitting on a virtual population bomb, it does not mean that India will be blown up by this; the statement needs to be seen figuratively.

Honorarium A payment

The NGO being a non-profit organization, could not afford to give him a decent salary; what all they could give him was a small honorarium in recognition of his services.

Nascent Being born

The nascent democracy is yet to witness it's first-ever assembly elections, only then will we come to know if the experiment will succeed.

Ornate Heavily decorated

The ornate chariot, complete with a golden canopy, buntings and very expensive frills indicated that lots of money had gone into readying it for the CM's journey.

Perceive Recognize

To us, ice is just ice, but to the Eskimos, it is much more and consequently, they can perceive differences among

		different types of ice, which we cannot; obviously, it requires a lot of practice.
Plummet	To plunge or drop straight down	The demand for the paging service has plummeted so much in view of the cell phones, which provide better service at almost the same price, that many paging companies are now on the brink of virtual closure.
Prune	to reduce by moving superfluous matter	Since the hedges have grown a lot, the gardener will now prune them, making them look more orderly and beautiful.
Salient	Prominent	He only mentioned the salient benefits of the scheme without getting into too much details.
Sanctify	To make holy	Just a visit by such a holy and revered person should be enough to sanctify this place,

	corrupted by the wrongdoings of these mischievous people.
Sanctimony Hypocrisy	Politicians the world over are fond of being sanctimonious in public pronouncements: doing A and saying B.

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

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
Articulate	To speak distinctly and carefully	The speaker articulated very clearly the difficulties being faced by the villagers in respect of the availability of drinking water.
Condone	To pardon or overlook voluntarily, to treat as if trivial	The Principal can, at his discretion, condone the shortage of attendance, if he is convinced that the student could not

		attend those classes because of some unavoidable circumstances.
Confound	Confuse, puzzle	Remembering so much data was a big problem for him, getting new statistics will further confound him in the examination.
Conglomeration	A mixture of things	The gathering was an unlike conglomeration of philosophers, sociologists and historians.
Conjecture	A theory from incomplete evidence	Since he knew nothing of the question put by the teacher, he could only offer a conjecture as a reply.
Deadpan	Without emotion	It was very strange that he was breaking this emotionally surcharged news to us in a deadpan manner, as if it mattered little to him.
Dearth	Smallness of	There was no dearth of

	quantity or number, scarcity, paucity	learned ladies who held important social and political positions in ancient India, the only regret being that they never gained as much prominence as they should have.
Debase	Cheapen	The women's organization dubbed as "debasing" the remark made by the minister calling the blunt-cut women as "sirkati".
Debilitate	To make weak	The month-long sickness had debilitated him considerably, making it quite difficult for him to walk.
Debonair	Genial	The hostess' debonair manners, in sharp contrast to her husband's almost rude disposition, served to make the guests completely at home.

Interject	Interrupt	The member would have gone on with his long speech but for the interjection in between by the speaker asking him to cut his speech short in view of the limited time available.
Jargon	Technical language	Since I do not understand medical jargon, please explain this thing to me in simple language.
Levitate	Float in air	Some people believe that mediation and magic will help them to levitate.
Mercurial	Characterized by rapid and unpredictable change in mood	Badlu's mercurial behaviour is just like the weather of Mumbai, one minute it rains and five minutes later there is bright sunlight.
Mesmerize	To hypnotize	So mesmerized was she with Aamir Khan 's performance in the movie that she decided

		to go to Bombay to meet and congratulate him.
Penury	Extreme poverty, destitution	The extent of penury in Indian villages is obvious when you look at the recent poverty figures, which tell you that approximately 17.5% of them go to bed without meal.
Retribution	Deserved punishment	Sharminder Singh's ongoing campaign against Kavi Pidhu is believed to be an act of retribution for the vicious media attack launched by the latter against him when he was a reporter for The Bindu.
Salubrious	Promoting health or well-being	The salubrious climate of Dalhousie did much to boost his declining health.

Word Series 02: List 05

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

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
Conventional	Following accepted practice, customary	A rebellious fellow, Primtrim always questioned the conventional ways of his teachers' thinking and tended to make his own theories to explain the things.
Flout	Reject, mock	The rule regarding observing a dry day on the Gandhi Jayanti was flouted by the liquor vends without the slightest fear.
Fluctuate	Oscillate	The prices of gold fluctuate from day to day, so it is not possible to give a fixed rate for this commodity.

Fragile	Capable of being broken	The fragile items should be packed properly before dispatching.
Hallucination	Delusion	Very often, psychiatric patients with serious disorders have hallucinations, e.g., if you tell them a lion is there confronting them, they will really believe it and start crying for help.
Judicious	Sensible, wise, prudent	Each solution to this problem has some commendable features, let's make a judicious selection of these features and arrive at a composite solution.
Jurisdiction	Lawful power or right to exercise	It is not possible to oust the jurisdiction

	official authority.	of the court in any way
Justification	Defense, excuse.	His justification for his actions didn't impress me.

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

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
Derivative	Unoriginal, obtained from another source	There is nothing original about Posho Ranjish's philosophy, in fact, it is a derivative of Neitzsche's ideas regarding human existence and its problems.
Descendant	A person, plant, or animal that is descended from a particular ancestor	The descendants of the Scindia Family still live in the royal fort.
Detrimental	Harmful	Eating too many sweets and chocolates can prove

		detrimental to the dental health of a child.
Enlighten	To reveal	"Will you please enlighten me on this topic in details?" the young boy asked the teacher.
Enrage	To infuriate	Crowd was enraged due to poor traffic management.
Entice	Allure	The smart salesman tried to entice the reluctant customer into buying the spurious-looking gold chain by offering him a huge discount.
Florid	Flushed or ruddy in appearance, heavily embellished, flowery	Oh! The florid speech of a poet-prime minister adorned with similes, couplets and long-forgotten comparisons.
Haggle	Bargain	She considers it below her dignity to haggle over a Rs. 10/- purchase with a shopkeeper and straightway makes the payment.

Hamper	To interfere with the operation of, to restrain, to disrupt	The movement of all traffic on this road has been hampered by the repair work going on for the past two months.
Handy	Easy, helpful	A sound knowledge of calculations can prove to be handy in your small business if you do not have a calculator by your side.
Innocuous	Harmless	Wow! A child's innocuous smile that betrays no feelings of guile, malice or ill-will against anybody.
Insinuate	Hint, imply, creep in	Their years in parliament had sharpened their wits and made them adept at insinuation.
Itinerary	Plan of a trip	His itinerary originally included trips to Varanasi, Mathura and Allahabad, but due to the shortage of time, he could go only to Mathura.

Juvenile	Characteristic of youth	The juvenile could not be put into the cage with the adult chimps until it was strong enough to fend for itself
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➤ **Level-3 Words in the list: Time to be a master**

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
Deride	Ridicule, make fun of	The side-splitting comedy show derides all sorts of social rituals, exposing their illogicality and ends up being great entertainment.
Desist	Abstain	Pallu's father advised him to desist from joining his friends on the 7-day long trip if he wanted to produce good results in the test.
Desolate	Deserted	Such a desolate place with few human beings and animals around is just about the perfect setting for someone

		who wants to meditate over some serious matter.
Despondent	Dejected	<p>1. The air of despondency spread throughout the town, when the news about the soldiers, who were killed, broke.</p> <p>2. The despondent appealed in the higher court for justice.</p>
Deterrent	Something that, discourages, hindrance	How far the death penalty can act as a deterrent to prevent serious crimes is a matter of hot debate among judges and other penal experts.
Enigmatic	Mysterious, obscure, difficult to understand	1. His was an absolutely enigmatic personality, I could hardly understand him despite living with him for ten years.

2. Very few of his friends could manage to peep into his enigmatic life, which was totally shrouded in mystery.

Enrapture

To delight extravagantly or intensely

Her melodious voice enraptured the audience.

Enthrall

Fascinate

His foot-tapping songs kept the audience enthralled for more than two hours.

Flippant

Saucy

Such a flippant attitude towards your parents should shame you; after all you are there because of them only, they need more respect and regard.

Halcyon

Calm

Ah! The halcyon days of childhood when I had no worries, no tensions and absolutely no responsibilities on my shoulders.

Hoard	To gather and store away for the sake of accumulation	They've begun to hoard food and gasoline.
Ignominious	Disgraceful	Kavi Piddu's ignominious exit from the high post could have been avoided, had he chosen the more graceful path of resigning on his own, after the scandal became public.
Insatiable	Greedy	His appetite for money and power was insatiable, so much so that any amount of it was just not enough.
Inscrutable	Mysterious	The inscrutable, reserved movie-star's ways could knotty be understood even by close friends, who often complained of his being too shrouded in mystery.

Insidious	Crafty	He was as poisonous as a cobra, and as insidious as a fox.
Jovial	Good humored	His jovial nature led him to laugh off even very serious downturns in life.
Jubilant	Joyful	The Zimbabwe team was in a jubilant mood after their series victory over the Indians.
Jurisprudence	Science of law	Jurisprudence demands equal punishment for both the culprit and his accomplice.

Word Series 02: List 06

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

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
Deter	To prevent or discourage from acting by use of fear or doubt	High customs duties are imposed with a view to deterring people from importing more foreign goods.
Incorporate	Introduce something into a larger whole combine , unite	Apart from discussing the economic scenario in general, this issue also incorporates important data on the performance of different companies.
Lapse	small error	He failed to realize that this small lapse on his part might lead to bigger problems later on.
Legible	Readable	You must write your answers legibly in the answer booklet so that they are easily readable.

Leisure	Spare time	Leisure reading can not only be relaxing but also one of the most productive hobbies.
Mediocre	Average	The painting is neither too good nor too bad, it is just mediocre.
Melodious	pleasing to the ear	Such a melodious voice is bound to please even the most discerning of music critics.
Taint	To soil	The scam-tainted ministers will be denied any party post or ministry in future, the P.M. asserted at the press conference on the scam.

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

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
Aloof	Reserved	Never the one to bare her feelings in the open, Renuka mostly keeps aloof from the rest of the group.
Blatant	Very showy or noisy	The official, it was alleged, had made many unjustified appointments in blatant violation of selection norms.
Contaminate	To pollute	As per a news report, two bottles of the widely popular Tangola drink were found to be contaminated with mud and dead insects and were sent to the FDA for analysis.
Deviate	To turn aside	Oh God! Grant us the power and the sagacity not to deviate from our chosen paths, come what

may.

Inanimate Lifeless

The rather inanimate portrayal of a gussy girl, without any freshness or novelty in approach, had half the audience sleeping in their chairs.

Incapacitate Disable

Depression is notorious for incapacitating its victim's ability to function normally in a social environment.

Incompetent Lacking ability

The incompetent successors of Bansi Khan, who lacked both the ability and the will to work, caused the downfall of his once-flourishing business.

Latent Present but undeveloped, dormant

The latency of the tension between the two friends was revealed when they moved the court over a seemingly trivial issue.

Lax	Not strict	These college girls are able to cheat during the final exams mainly because of lax vigilance by the invigilation staff posted by the university.
Mayhem	Violence	Oh! The mayhem that resulted when the monkey-man struck in Delhi.
Meddlesome	Interfering.	Her meddlesome attitude robbed her off the few friends she has.
Mediate	To settle a dispute	I am not ready to mediate this time between the two warring factions because I have already burnt my fingers: the last time I got nothing but abuses from both the sides.
Opportunist	One who takes advantage of circumstances to gain his	She was an opportunist, and thus never turned down any chance to get

	ends	ahead.
Parasite	A free-loader	By giving alms to beggars, many of us feel proud that we have done our social duty, but in reality, we are encouraging their parasitic habits.

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

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage Example
Affection	Fond attachment	He has great affection for his younger brother.
Apparition	Ghost	She had died a long time back; probably you have seen her apparition, if you believe in them and if they exist.
Incarcerate	Imprison	The judge had ordered his incarceration, but the jail official pleaded helplessness as there was no room left in the jail to accommodate the new prisoner.

Inception	A start	Ever since its inception in the early 1950s, the Planning Commission has been busy making 5-year plans for the optimal socio-economic development of India and this continues even in these liberalized times.
Incinerate	Burn up	The hospital rules require that the medical waste must be incinerated to prevent any spread of infection.
Inclement	Harsh	The inclement jury, impervious to all his pleas for mercy, slapped a fine of \$ 10 million on him.
Incontrovertible	Not debatable, true	The Church was an incontrovertible institution before Renaissance made its advent.
Juxtapose	To place close together	Juxtapose the administrations of Bush and Obama to find the

		culprit of America's downfall.
Kindle	Set on fire	Regrettably, we need national crises like Kargil to kindle our fire of patriotism, which should always be burning in our hearts.
Lampoon	Ridicule	A cartoon, by definition, is meant to lampoon the character concerned and if it does not, it is not a cartoon at all.
Medley	A mixture	The concert has a harmonious medley of Indian and western musical forms.
Opulence	Affluence	The opulence of the tycoon's lifestyle was demonstrated by the solid gold cutlery on the large dining room table.
Parley	To confer	The BSP members were seen parleying with both the BJP and the Congress for hammering out an acceptable

		formula for government formation in UP.
Parochial	Local	The parochial-minded elements within the community, who cannot think beyond the confines of their own religious teachings, are a real threat to communal harmony.
Tactile	Sensed by touch	Human tactile sense, dependent on the presence of touch-sensitive cells in the skin, is probably the least prominent of all human senses and has attracted very little research.