

Day 14:

1. **imbibe** = পান করা; হজম করা;

verb: to drink or absorb as if drinking

*Ex: Plato **imbibed** Socrates' teachings to such an extent that he was able to write volumes of work that he directly attributed, sometimes word for word, to Socrates.*

2. **fractious** = ঝগড়াটে; খিটখিটে;

adjective: irritable and is likely to cause disruption

*Ex: We rarely invite my **fractious** Uncle over for dinner; he always complains about the food, and usually launches into a tirade on some touchy subject.*

3. **malfeasance** = কুকর্ম; বেআইনী কাজ;

noun: misconduct or wrongdoing (especially by a public official)

*Ex: Not even the mayor's trademark pearly-toothed grin could save him from charges of **malfeasance**: while in power, he'd been running an illegal gambling rink in the room behind his office.*

4. **byzantine** = কঠিন ও জটিল;

adjective: intricate and complex

*Ex: Getting a driver's license is not simply a matter of taking a test; the regulations and procedures are so **byzantine** that many have found themselves at the mercy of the Department of Motor Vehicles.*

5. **artless** = সরল; ছলচাতুরিহীন;

adjective: without cunning (ধূর্ত) or deceit (প্রতারণা)

*Ex: Despite the president's seemingly **artless** speeches, he was a skilled and ruthless negotiator.*

6. **insufferable** = অসহ্য; অসহনীয়;

adjective: intolerable, difficult to endure

*Ex: Chester always tried to find some area in which he excelled above others; unsurprisingly, his co-workers found him **insufferable** and chose to exclude him from daily luncheons out.*

7. **jingoist** = উগ্র দেশপ্রেমি;

noun: a person who thinks their country is always right and who is in favor of aggressive acts against other countries

*Ex: In the days leading up to war, a nation typically breaks up into the two opposing camps: doves, who do their best to avoid war, and **jingoists**, who are only too eager to wave national flags from their*

vehicles and vehemently denounce those who do not do the same.

8. **sedulous** = পরিশ্রমী; অধ্যবসায়ী;

adjective: done diligently and carefully

*Ex: An avid numismatist, Harold **sedulously** amassed a collection of coins from over 100 countries—an endeavor that took over fifteen years across five continents.*

9. **hector** = তর্জন-গর্জন করিয়া কর্তৃত্ব জাহির করা;

verb: to bully or intimidate (ভয় দেখান;)

bully = নির্মমভাবে পীড়ন করা;

*Ex: The boss's **hectoring** manner put off many employees, some of whom quit as soon as they found new jobs.*

10. **ponderous** = ভারী; কঠিন; কষ্টদায়ক;

adjective: weighed-down; moving slowly

*Ex: Laden with 20 kilograms of college text books, the freshman moved **ponderously** across the campus.*

11. **saturnine** = বিষম মেজাজসম্পন্ন; অপ্রফুল্ল;

adjective: morose or gloomy

*Ex: Deprived of sunlight, humans become **saturnine**; that's why in very northerly territories people are encouraged to sit under an extremely powerful lamp, lest they become morose.*

12. **supercilious** = উদ্ধত, অহংকৃত; গর্বিত; সবকিছুকে ঘৃণা করে এমন; উল্লাসিক;

adjective: haughty and disdainful; looking down on others

haughty = উদ্ধত; অহংকারী;

disdainful = ঘৃণাপূর্ণ; তাচ্ছল্যপূর্ণ;

*Ex: Nelly felt the Quiz Bowl director acted **superciliously** towards the underclassmen; really, she fumed, must he act so preternaturally omniscient each time he intones some obscure fact—as though everybody knows that Mt. Aconcagua is the highest peak in South America.*

13. **churlish** = অভদ্র; রুক্ষ; অসভ্য;

adjective: lacking manners or refinement (অভদ্র; রুক্ষ; অসভ্য;)

*Ex: The manager was unnecessarily **churlish** to his subordinates, rarely deigning to say hello, but always quick with a sartorial jab if someone happened to be wearing anything even slightly mismatching.*

14. **defray** = ব্যয়ভারবহন করা; বহন করা;

verb: to help pay the cost of, either in part or full

Ex: In order for Sean to attend the prestigious college, his generous uncle helped **defray** the excessive tuition with a monthly donation.

15. **turpitude** = অসচ্চরিত্রতা; লাম্পট্য;

noun: depravity (অসাধুতা;); a depraved (চরিত্রহীন;) act

Ex: During his reign, Caligula indulged in unspeakable sexual practices, so it is not surprising that he will forever be remembered for his turpitude.

16. **precipitate** = স্বরিত; তাড়াহুড়া করা; হঠকারি; প্রচণ্ডবেগে প্রশ্ন করা;***

adjective: hasty or rash

Ex: Instead of conducting a thorough investigation after the city hall break-in, the governor acted **precipitately**, accusing his staff of aiding and abetting (ঢাকা দেওয়া) the criminals.

verb: to cause to happen

Ex: The government's mishandling of the hurricane's aftermath precipitated a widespread outbreak of looting and other criminal activity.

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17. **feckless** = নিস্বৈজ; নিপ্রভ; অলস ও দায়িত্বজ্ঞানহীন;

adjective: lazy and irresponsible

Ex: Two years after graduation, Charlie still lived with his parents and had no job, becoming more **feckless** with each passing day.

18. **beg** =

verb: assume something is true (usu. followed by "the question", meaning that you ask a question in which you assume something that hasn't been proven true)

Ex: By assuming that Charlie was headed to college—which he was not—Maggie **begged** the question when she asked him to which school he was headed in the Fall.

19. **lascivious** = লাম্পট; কামুক;

adjective: lecherous (লাম্পট); sexually perverted

Ex: Lolita is a challenging novel for many, not necessarily because of the elevated prose style but because of the depravity of the main character, Humbert Humbert, who, as an old, **lascivious** man, lusts

after a girl.

20. **COW** = ভয়প্রদর্শন করা; ভয়ে কাতর করা;

verb: to intimidate

Ex: Do not be cowed by a 3,000-word vocabulary list: turn that list into a deck of flashcards!

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21. **untoward** = প্রতিকূল;

adjective: unfavorable; inconvenient

Ex: Some professors find teaching untoward as having to prepare for lectures and conduct office hours prevents them from focusing on their research.

22. **zeitgeist** = যুগচেতনা; যুগের মানসিকতা; যুগের ভাবধারা;

noun: spirit of the times

Ex: Each decade has its own **zeitgeist**—the 1990's was a prosperous time in which the promise of the American Dream never seemed more palpable.

23. **anathema** = অভিশাপ; অভিশপ্ত বা ঘৃণিত বস্তু;

noun: a detested (অবজ্ঞাজনক) person; the source of somebody's hate

Ex: Hundreds of years ago, Galileo was **anathema** to the church; today the church is anathema to some on the left side of the political spectrum.

24. **apogee** = শীর্ষবিন্দু; শিখর;

noun: the highest point

Ex: The apogee of the Viennese style of music, Mozart's music continues to mesmerize audiences well into the 21st century.

25. **equivocate** = দ্ব্যর্থবাক্য ব্যবহার করা; বাঞ্চাতুরী করা;

verb: to speak vaguely, usually with the intention to mislead or deceive

Ex: After Sharon brought the car home an hour after her curfew, she equivocated when her parents pointedly asked her where she had been.

26. **kowtow** = শ্রদ্ধা বা আনুগত্য জানাতে মাটিতে মাথা ঠেকানো; অত্যন্ত বিনয় প্রদর্শন করা;

verb: to bow (নম; প্রণাম;) or act in a subservient manner

Ex: Paul **kowtowed** to his boss so often the boss herself became nauseated by his sycophancy.

27. **nadir** = নিম্নতম বিন্দু;

noun: the lowest point

Ex: For many pop music fans, the rap– and alternative-rock–dominated 90s were the **nadir** of musical expression.

28. **alacrity** = উদ্দীপনা; ক্ষিপ্ৰতা; সক্রিয়তা; স্ফূৰ্তি; উত্সাহপূৰ্ণ; তত্পৰতা;

noun: an eager willingness to do something

Ex: The first three weeks at his new job, Mark worked with such **alacrity** that upper management knew it would be giving him a promotion.

29. **exegesis** = ব্যাখ্যামূলক সমালোচনা; বাইবেলের সমালোচনা ও ভাষ্য;

noun: critical explanation or analysis, especially of a text

Ex: The Bible is fertile ground for exegesis—over the past five centuries there have been as many interpretations as there are pages in the Old Testament.

30. **prosaic** = নীৰস; বৈকল্পিক;

adjective: dull and lacking imagination

Ex: Unlike the talented artists in his workshop, Paul had no such bent for the visual medium, so when it was time for him to make a stained glass painting, he ended up with a **prosaic** mosaic.

31. **vicissitude** = পৰিবৰ্তন; ভাগ্যপৰিবৰ্তন; উত্থান-পতন;

noun: change in one's circumstances, usually for the worse

Ex: Even great rulers have their **vicissitudes**—massive kingdoms have diminished overnight, and once beloved kings have faced the scorn of angry masses.

32. **choleric** = বদৰাগী; রাগান্বিত; দজ্জাল;

adjective: prone to outbursts of temper; easily angered

Ex: While a brilliant lecturer, Mr. Dawson came across as choleric and unapproachable—very rarely did students come to his office hours.

33. **expansive** = অকপট; খোলাখুলি; প্ৰসাৰণক্ষম;

adjective: communicative, and prone to talking in a sociable manner

Ex: After a few sips of cognac, the octogenarian shed his irascible demeanor and became expansive, speaking fondly of the “good old days”.

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34. **penurious** = 1অভাবগ্রস্ত; 2কৃশশ্রমভাব; ব্যয়কুণ্ঠ

adjective: lacking money; poor

Ex: Truly penurious, Mary had nothing more than a jar full of pennies.

adjective: miserly

Ex: Warren Buffett, famous multi-billionaire, still drives a cheap sedan, not because he is penurious, but because luxury cars are gaudy and impractical.

35. **conciliate** = শান্ত করা; সন্তুষ্ট করা; ঠাণ্ডা করা;

verb: to make peace with

Ex: His opponents believed his gesture to be conciliatory, yet as soon as they put down their weapons, he unsheathed a hidden sword.

36. **factionous** = দলাদলি সম্বন্ধীয়; বিরোধপূর্ণ; ***

adjective: produced by, or characterized by internal dissension (মতানৈক্য)

dissenting = ভিন্নমত;

Ex: The controversial bill proved factionous, as dissension even within parties resulted

37. **perfunctory** = যেমন-তেমনভাবে কৃত; তাচ্ছল্য সহকারে কৃত; দ্রুতসম্পাদিত; ভাসা-ভাসা;

adjective: done routinely and with little interest or care

Ex: The short film examines modern perfunctory cleaning rituals such as washing dishes, doing laundry and tooth-brushing.

38. **attenuate** = কমানো; শক্তিহীন করা; ঘনত্ব হ্রাস করা;

verb: to weaken (in terms of intensity); to taper off/become thinner.

Ex: Her animosity towards Bob attenuated over the years, and she even went so far as to invite him to her party.

39. **indigent** = অভাবগ্রস্ত; দরিদ্র;

adjective: poor; having very little

Ex: In the so-called Third World, many are **indigent** and only a privileged few have the resources to enjoy material luxuries.

noun: a poor or needy person

Ex: The **indigents**, huddled under the overpass, tried to start a small bonfire in the hope of staying warm.

40. **apostate** = ধৰ্মত্যাগী;

noun: a person who has abandoned a religious faith or cause

Ex: An **apostate** of the Republican Party, Sheldon has yet to become affiliated with any party and dubs himself an independent.

41. **truculent** = নিষ্ঠুর; হিংস্র;

adjective: having a fierce, savage nature

Ex: Standing in line for six hours, she became progressively **truculent**, yelling at DMV employees and elbowing other people waiting in line.

42. **arrant** = পুরাদস্তুর; পুরাদস্তুর কুখ্যাত;

adjective: complete and wholly (usually modifying a noun with negative connotation)

Ex: An **arrant** fool, Lawrence surprised nobody when he lost all his money in a pyramid scheme that was every bit as transparent as it was corrupt.

43. **overweening** = উদ্ধত; দাষ্টিক;

adjective: arrogant; presumptuous (বেয়াদব)

Ex: Mark was so convinced of his basketball skills that in his **overweening** pride he could not fathom that his name was not on the varsity list; he walked up to the basketball coach and told her she had forgotten to add his name.

44. **expunge** = মুছিয়া ফেলা;

verb: to eliminate completely

Ex: When I turned 18, all of the shoplifting and jaywalking charges were expunged from my criminal record.

45. **base** = 1ভিত্তি; 2নিম্নদেশ; নিকৃষ্ট; নীচ;

adjective: the lowest, without any moral principles

Ex: She was not so **base** as to begrudge the beggar the unwanted crumbs from her dinner plate.

46. **contentious** = কলহপ্ৰিয়; ঝগড়াটে; বিতৰ্কমূলক;

adjective: likely to argue

Ex: Since old grandpa Harry became very **contentious** during the summer when only reruns were on T.V., the grandkids learned to hide from him at every opportunity.

47. **pariah** = জাতিচ্যুত ব্যক্তি;

noun: an outcast (নির্বাসিত; সমাজচ্যুত;)

Ex: The once eminent scientist, upon being found guilty of faking his data, has become a **pariah** in the research community.

48. **chary** = সতর্ক; সাবধান; সাবধানী; লাজুক;

adjective: cautious, suspiciously reluctant to do something

Ex: Having received three speeding tickets in the last two months, Jack was **chary** of driving at all above the speed limit, even on a straight stretch of highway that looked empty for miles ahead.

49. **diatribe** = তীব্র সমালোচনা;

noun: a strong verbal attack against a person or institution

Ex: Steve's mom launched into a **diatribe** during the PTA meeting, contending that the school was little more than a daycare in which students stare at the wall and teachers stare at the chalkboard.

50. **catholic** = বিশ্বজনীন; সার্বজনীন;

adjective: of broad scope; universal

Jonah's friends said that Jonah's taste in music was eclectic; Jonah was quick to point out that not only was his taste eclectic but it was also catholic: he enjoyed music from countries as far-flung as Mali and Mongolia.

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