

The Hindu Vocabulary - 10.07.2017

1. **STIFLE (VERB):** *Restrain*

Synonyms: suppress, repress

Antonyms: release, free

Example Sentence:

She makes no attempt to stifle a yawn.

2. **ARCHAIC (ADJECTIVE):** *Old-fashioned*

Synonyms: obsolete, antiquated

Antonyms: latest, modern

Example Sentence:

These archaic practices are advocated by people of limited outlook.

3. **PRUNE (VERB):** *Pare down*

Synonyms: trim, reduce

Antonyms: include, increase

Example Sentence:

Economic hard times are forcing the companies to prune their budget.

4. **ASCENSION (NOUN):** *Taking over*

Synonyms: succession, assumption

Antonyms: declension, decline

Example Sentence:

He was killed after his ascension to the throne.

5. **STIFFEN (VERB):** *make or become harder*

Synonyms: tighten, solidify

Antonyms: weaken, dilute

Example Sentence:

The blood supply to the skin is reduced when muscles stiffen.

6. **FRET (VERB):** *to worry*

Synonyms: agonize, bother

Antonyms: please, delight

Example Sentence:

She was always fretting about something or the other.

7. **ETHEREAL (ADJECTIVE):** *extremely delicate*

Synonyms: light, sublime

Antonyms: earthly, indelicate

Example Sentence:

In this ethereal realm are the currents that make possible wireless telegraphy.

8. **CONTRITE (ADJECTIVE):** *chastened*

Synonyms: repentant, sorrowful

Antonyms: indifferent, unapologetic

Example Sentence:

He was so contrite that he wrote me a letter of apology.

9. **CORNUCOPIA (NOUN):** *abundance*

Synonyms: bounty, fullness

Antonyms: need, lack

Example Sentence:

I shall come from London Town with a cornucopia of presents.

10. FLOP (VERB): slump

Synonyms: fall, drop

Antonyms: succeed, achieve

Example Sentence:

She flopped, exhausted, on to the sofa.