

# “J” and “K”

## J

### JAB V., N.

to pierce, poke with a sharp object; a short straight boxing punch

☑ **Syn.** scoff, scorn

★ **Ant.** praise, laud, extol

✎ Tyson's right jab can knock his opponent out in one blow.

✎ She jabbed two sticks into the ground and tied a string between them.

### JADED

tired, bored, or lacking enthusiasm, typically after having had too much of something

☑ **Syn.** burned out, wearied

★ **Ant.** fresh

✎ While the naive girls stared at the spectacle in awe, the jaded matrons dozed in their chairs.

### JACUZZI N.

a special type of bath mechanism where water is agitated to give a whirlpool effect

✎ I may not have time even for a regular bath on working days but on Sundays you cannot get me out of my jacuzzi.

### JAGGED Adj.

uneven, rough-edged, notched

☑ **Syn.** rough, serrated

★ **Ant.** smooth, flat, even

✎ The jagged rocks in the rapids of *Ganga* make whitewater rafting very dangerous.

### JAMBOREE N.

a boisterous frolic, a spree

☑ **Syn.** party, celebration, fête, shining

✎ The issue was ignored during the huge political jamboree of the polls.

### JANGLING

clashing, jarring, harshly unpleasant (in sound)

☑ **Syn.** assaulting, fraying

★ **Ant.** soothing, pleasing

✎ Ritesh stood on the terrace jangling his car keys.

### JARGON

nonsensical talk, specialised language

☑ **Syn.** argot, technical language

★ **Ant.** dialect, common lingo

✎ You need to master technical jargon in order to communicate successfully with engineers.

### JAUNDICED

affected by jaundice, prejudiced or embittered

☑ **Syn.** cynical, resentful

★ **Ant.** optimistic, charitable

✎ The cynical man adopted a jaundiced view towards all marriages after going through five divorces.

### JAUNT N., V.

an excursion; to make a short journey

☑ **Syn.** outing, spree, stroll, excursion

✎ The soldiers are on extra pay during their jaunt to one of the world's most expensive resorts, *Siachen*.

✎ We jaunted through *Madhya Pradesh* in just three days.

### JAUNTY Adj.

having a sprightly manner, lively and cheerful in manner

☑ **Syn.** cheerful, vivacious

★ **Ant.** gloomy, listless, dull

✎ Our mountain guide had a jaunty air about him as we set off on our trek up the slopes of *Himalayas*.

### JEER V., N.

to make fun of, deride, scoff, mock

☑ **Syn.** boo, hiss, heckle, taunt

★ **Ant.** applaud, clap, congratulate

✎ She jeered at him after he was expelled from the class.

✎ I am no longer disturbed by her jeers.

### JEOPARDY N., JEOPARDISE V.

danger, insecurity, peril, hazard

☑ **Syn.** risk, threat

✎ International terrorism has put humanity in jeopardy.

✎ Indira jeopardised Mohan's plan to get nominated by filing a sexual harassment case against him.

### JETTISON V.

to throw overboard, to eject from an airplane or spaceship in flight

☑ **Syn.** discard, ditch, dump

★ **Ant.** keep, stay, remain, be, maintain

✎ As political instability perseveres, worthless shares are being jettisoned and the market continues to sink.

✎ Air traffic control instructed the pilot to jettison fuel and prepare for emergency landing.

### JINGOISM N. extremely aggressive and militant patriotism

☑ **Syn.** loyalist, nationalist, partisan

★ **Ant.** turncoat, traitor, deserter, spy

✎ He was a confirmed jingoist and frequently warned his countrymen against the dangers from the other nations of the union.

✎ Her jingoistic speech was only an election gimmick but nobody questioned her for fear of being labelled unpatriotic.

### JOIE DE VIVRE (*ZHWA DE VEEVR*)

the joy of living

✎ You cannot find the warmth and joie de vivre of Goa anywhere else in India.

### JOVIAL Adj.

joyous, full of geniality

☑ **Syn.** cheerful, jolly, happy, buoyant

★ **Ant.** miserable, unhappy, sad, down

✎ The jovial boss is a delight to work with.

# K

## JUBILATION N.

celebration, elation, euphoria, exultation

- ☑ **Syn.** elation, triumph, euphoria, joy
- ★ **Ant.** unhappiness, sorrow, sadness
- ✗ There was great jubilation the night India won the World Cup.

## JUBILEE

special anniversary

- ☑ **Syn.** celebration, commemoration
- ✗ At the queen's Silver Jubilee, the entire country celebrated her long reign.

## JUDICIOUS

sensible, showing good judgment

- ☑ **Syn.** prudent, discerning
- ★ **Ant.** injudicious, rash
- ✗ The wise and distinguished judge was respected for his judicious temperament.

## JUGGERNAUT N.

a massive force, campaign that crushes everything on its path

- ✗ The advertising juggernaut launched by the giant company is calculated to wipe out the small players.

## JUGULAR Adj.

pertaining to the neck

- ✗ The enemy lay dead in a minute as Achilles cut the jugular veins in a swift move.

## JURISPRUDENCE N.

principles on which laws are based

- ✗ The Chief Justice expressed concern over the quality of jurisprudence.

## JUVENILE Adj., N.

young, childish, immature

- ☑ **Syn.** infantile, callow
- ★ **Ant.** mature, adult, ripen, older
- ✗ Juvenile delinquents need rehabilitation more than the reprimand.
- ✗ Her behaviour was quite juvenile at the party.

## JUXTAPOSITION N., JUXTAPOSE V.

placing close together, side by side

- ☑ **Syn.** combination, concurrence
- ✗ Juxtapose the two different situations and you will appreciate my decision.
- ✗ The juxtaposition of cultures in New York makes it a varied and interesting city.

## KALEIDOSCOPE N.,

**KALEIDOSCOPIC** Adj.

an optical toy showing a changing variety of forms

- ✗ The kaleidoscopic life of the Gypsies is enticing.
- ✗ The street bazaar was a kaleidoscope of colours, smells and sounds.

## KEEL V., N.

turn or be turned over, to heel or lean precariously; the chief longitudinal structural member of a boat or ship

- ✗ For the first time, the annual budget of the central government was on an even keel.
- ✗ We realised that after colliding with the iceberg the boat had damaged its keel.

## KEN N.

range of knowledge or mental perception

- ☑ **Syn.** knowledge, awareness
- ✗ This maths problem is difficult but it is not beyond my ken.

## KEEN

having a sharp edge, intellectually sharp, perceptive

- ☑ **Syn.** eager, incisive
- ★ **Ant.** stupid, dull
- ✗ With her keen intelligence, she figured out the puzzle in two seconds flat.

## KENNEL N.

house for dogs

- ✗ I plan to leave my dog in a kennel when I go on holiday.

## KERNEL N.

the inner softer part of the seed

- ✗ The delicacy required fresh kernels of corn.

**KEYNOTE** – note or tone on which a musical key is founded, main idea of a speech, program, etc.

- ☑ **Syn.** theme, salient point
- ✗ The university asked the historian to deliver the keynote address at the conference.

## Mini Revision Test

Match each word in the first column with its meaning in the second column.

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|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. insolent    | a. provoke        |
| 2. instigate   | b. like an island |
| 3. insular     | c. uncontrollable |
| 4. integral    | d. essential      |
| 5. intractable | e. arrogant       |

## Answer Key - Mini Revision Tes

- 1.(e)    2.(a)    3.(b)    4.(d)    5.(c)

**KINDLE V.**

to set fire to, arouse

- ☑ **Syn.** light, inflame, inspire, ignite
- ★ **Ant.** extinguish, discourage
- ⌘ To kindle a dream is an act of kindness.
- ⌘ Use paper to kindle the fire.

**KINDRED Adj.**

a group of related individuals

- ☑ **Syn.** relatives, family members
- ⌘ The rich man was ready to spend millions in his search for someone kindred to him.
- ⌘ We recognised each other as kindred spirits.

**KINETIC**

relating to motion, characterised by movement

- ☑ **Syn.** dynamic, mobile
- ★ **Ant.** static, stationary
- ⌘ The kinetic sculpture moved back and forth, startling the museum visitors.

**KINGPIN N.**

chief, don, boss

- ☑ **Syn.** key player, top dog, linchpin
- ⌘ The terrorist group has been the kingpin behind many bomb blasts in India.

**KINK N.**

a whim; a mental or physical peculiarity; imperfection

- ⌘ If a ruler goes by his kinks, he may play havoc with the governance.
- ⌘ She asked her hairdresser to make her hair straight and take out any kink.

**KLEPTOMANIA N.**

a morbid impulsion to steal things

- ⌘ A kleptomaniac needs psychological attention.

**KNACK (NAK) N.**

dexterity, talent, proficiency, ability

- ☑ **Syn.** ability, skill, talent, flair, aptitude
- ⌘ The knack of hitting the headlines makes one a celebrity.
- ⌘ Making pastry is a knack that you can soon pick up.

**KNEAD (NEED) V.**

to press together in a mass

- ☑ **Syn.** massage, press, rub, work, mold
- ⌘ If your muscles are stiff, knead them with your fingers to help them relax.

**KNELL (NELL) N.**

the stroke of a bell usually connected with death or funeral

- ⌘ The Quit India movement was the death knell of British rule.

**KNICKKNACK (NIK-NAK) N.**

a small trifling toy, plaything, amusement, trinket

- ☑ **Syn.** ornament, souvenir, object
- ⌘ The room was crowded with ornaments and useless knickknacks.

**KNOLL N. (NOLL)**

a small hillock, top of a hill

- ☑ **Syn.** hill, hummock, mound, mount
- ⌘ The car was parked beyond the knoll.
- ⌘ A grassy knoll was visible through the trees.

**KNOTTY (NOTTY) Adj.**

intricate, difficult, tangled

- ☑ **Syn.** difficult, tricky, awkward, hard
- ★ **Ant.** simple, easy, plain, effortless
- ⌘ The knotty problems of our country are poverty, population explosion, poor infrastructure and corruption.

**KOWTOW V.**

to act in an obsequious way, bow, kneel, genuflect

- ☑ **Syn.** be conventional, be traditional
- ★ **Ant.** rebel, insurgent, mutineer
- ⌘ I want a promotion but I'm not prepared to kowtow to the boss for it.

**KUDOS N.**

prestige, credit, fame

- ☑ **Syn.** status, standing, stature, esteem
- ⌘ Kudos to the athlete who won the marathon.

### Engineering and Construction

*The following are 10 words that are related to the topic mentioned above.*

<b>CALIPER</b>	:	a two-pronged instrument used to measure diameter or thickness of an object
<b>DOWEL</b>	:	a round peg used to join wooden parts together
<b>FLANGE</b>	:	a projecting rim, edge, collar or ring on a pipe or shaft
<b>GLAZIER</b>	:	one who cuts and fits glass panes for windows
<b>HYDRAULICS</b>	:	the branch of science and technology concerned with the conveyance of liquids through pipes and channels, especially as a source of mechanical force or control
<b>MASONRY</b>	:	stonework
<b>PITON</b>	:	spike hammered into rock fissures or ice to aid in climbing
<b>RASP</b>	:	an abrading tool made of steel
<b>SHAFT</b>	:	a long cylindrical rotating rod for the transmission of motive power in a machine
<b>WINCH</b>	:	a machine used to pull up heavy weights