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GAFFE N.

a social or diplomatic blunder, mistake

☑ **Syn.** faux pas, error of judgement

★ **Ant.** righteous move, correct

☒ I made a real gaffe, calling his new wife by the name of his ex-wife.

GAINSAY V.

to declare to be untrue, to deny, to contradict, to dispute

☑ **Syn.** oppose, naysay, refute

★ **Ant.** agree, concur

☒ There's no gainsaying the technical brilliance of his performance but one might have hoped for a little more feeling.

GALE N.

a strong wind; an emotional outburst

☒ Gales of laughter broke out after he completed the joke.

GALL N., V.

bitterness, nerve, brazen boldness; vex

☑ **Syn.** irritate, infuriate, provoke

★ **Ant.** please, entertain

☒ I don't know how she can have the gall to accuse other people of inefficiency when she's the most incompetent person!

☒ The loose saddle galled the horse's back.

GALLANT Adj., GALLANTRY N.

brave, noble, attentive to ladies; splendid, stately

☑ **Syn.** chivalrous, grand, fine, dashing

★ **Ant.** coward, unchivalrous, dastard

☒ Despite fierce competition she made a gallant effort to win the first medal of the championships.

☒ It would appear that there are not many gallant men left in the big cities, the way women are pushed around in the crowd.

GALORE Adv.

in abundance, plentiful

☑ **Syn.** in great quantity

★ **Ant.** meagre, in short supply

☒ And for the sweet-toothed, this café has desserts galore.

GALVANISE V.

stimulate by shock, stir up; to coat with zinc

☑ **Syn.** rouse, animate, incite

★ **Ant.** make dull

☒ The prospect of his mother coming to stay galvanised him into action and he immediately set about cleaning the house.

GAMBIT N.

an initial move, sacrifice for gain later on

☑ **Syn.** ploy, manoeuvre, scheme

☒ Her clever opening gambit gave her an early advantage.

GAMBOL V.

to frisk and frolic, leap playfully

☒ Seeing her gambol in the amusement park, I remembered my childhood.

GAMELY Adv.

in a spirited manner, with courage

☑ **Syn.** willingly, gladly, voluntarily

★ **Ant.** grudgingly, ungenerously

☒ Though outclassed, he fought on gamely against the superior adversary and won the applause of the audience.

GAMUT N.

the whole spectrum or range of anything, the full extent

☑ **Syn.** range, scale, breadth, array

☒ In her stories she expresses the whole gamut of emotions from happiness to sorrow.

GARBLE V.

to mangle or mutilate, misrepresent, misconstrue

☑ **Syn.** confuse, muddle, distort, jumble

★ **Ant.** arrange properly, display, pose

☒ He left a rather garbled message on my answering machine.

GARGANTUAN

giant, tremendous

☑ **Syn.** enormous, monstrous

★ **Ant.** tiny, minuscule

☒ Strangely, for some teenagers, it is a gargantuan task to maintain a little order.

Civil Law

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

BILK	:	withhold money by deceit or without justification
CHattel	:	movable property (not attached to land)
CODICIL	:	a legal document which adds to or changes the provisions of a will
DEMUR	:	to claim that even if another party's facts are true there is no legitimate claim or legal recourse
FIDUCIARY	:	one charged with the legal responsibility for administering and/or managing another's assets
NOVATION	:	substitution of a new contract or obligation for an existing one
QUITCLAIM	:	to transfer or relinquish title in property to another without any representation as to one's legal authority to do so
RECIDIVISM	:	tending to go back to crime
SUBROGATE	:	to substitute one party (e.g., a creditor) for another
VEST	:	to attain a right or interest without possibility of losing it

GARISH Adj.

showy, gaudy, flamboyant, ostentatious

☑ **Syn.** dazzling, showy, tawdry, kitschy

★ **Ant.** germane, apt, regular

🔗 The sets of most Hindi films are garish.

GARNER

to gather and store

☑ **Syn.** amass, stockpile

★ **Ant.** disperse, dissemble

🔗 The businessman managed to garner finance from several sources for his next project.

GARRULOUS Adj., **GARRULITY** N.

a person who talks a lot, extremely talkative, loquacious, gabby, verbose

☑ **Syn.** loquacious, chattering, babbling

★ **Ant.** taciturn, monosyllabic, subdued

🔗 After his daughter's birth, the normally shy Rohan turned garrulous, telling endless stories about his new and perfect child.

GASTRONOME N.

a person who relishes drinks and food, epicure,

☑ **Syn.** connoisseur, bon vivant

🔗 Delhi is the Mecca of gastronomes.

GAUCHE Adj.

clumsy, tactless

☑ **Syn.** maladroit, inept

★ **Ant.** debonair, suave

🔗 The finishing school transforms the gauche into suave.

GAUNT Adj.

excessively thin and angular; barren

🔗 Supermodel Giselle Bundchen has a characteristic long gaunt face.

GELID Adj.

very cold, icy (said of people's attitudes as well as of substances)

☑ **Syn.** frozen, chilled, dormant

★ **Ant.** warm, in action

🔗 The haughty old queen gave her subjects a brief, gelid smile as she informed them that their audience was over.

GENEALOGY N.

a history or study of the descent of a family, ancestry, pedigree

🔗 My father has produced a genealogy of our family going back to 1732.

GENERIC Adj., N

having a wide application, of a type of class, comprehensive, universal

☑ **Syn.** basic, common, standard

★ **Ant.** explicit, exact, unambiguous

🔗 Xerox has become a generic term for photocopiers.

GENESIS N.

generation, production

☑ **Syn.** origin, start, birth

★ **Ant.** end, armageddon

🔗 Banker-broker nexus was the genesis of the Bombay bank scam.

🔗 Scientists are carrying out research into the genesis of cancer.

GENIAL Adj., **GENIALITY** N.

kindly, healthful

☑ **Syn.** kind, affable, gracious, amiable

★ **Ant.** antagonistic, inhospitable

🔗 The geniality of those who receive or deal with the customers in any business plays a critical role in its success.

🔗 The headteacher is an easy-going genial man.

GENOCIDE N., **GENOCIDAL** Adj.

deliberate extermination of a race or group etc.

🔗 The genocide of Jews by Hitler was heinous.

🔗 Saddam's genocidal policy towards Kurds in northern Iraq was sheer barbarism.

GENRE

type, class, category

☑ **Syn.** ilk, variety

🔗 My sister loves mysteries, but I can't stand that genre of books.

GENUFLECT V.

to bend the knee as in worship

🔗 Thousands of Muslims genuflect simultaneously while offering *namaz* at the *Jama Masjid*.

GERMANE Adj.

something relevant, suitable, pertinent, proper, appropriate

☑ **Syn.** useful, connected, of interest

★ **Ant.** immaterial, extraneous

🔗 Her remarks could not have been more germane to the discussion.

GERONTOCRACY N.

government ruled by the old people

🔗 *Gulliver's Travels* describes gerontocracy in a country where the young are made to serve and the old rule.

GESTATION

growth process from conception to birth

☑ **Syn.** incubation, maturation

🔗 The longer the gestation period of an organism, the more developed is its baby at birth.

GESTICULATE V., **GESTICULATION** N.

to make vigorous and expressive signals or gestures

☑ **Syn.** wave, signal, sign, indicate

🔗 In *Kathakali*, the dancers convey their story using gesticulations and facial expressions.

🔗 As he became more excited, he gesticulated more and more wildly.

GHASTLY Adj.

terrifyingly horrible to the senses

- ☑ **Syn.** terrible, frightening, appalling
- ★ **Ant.** pleasant, enjoyable, agreeable
- ✗ She was wearing the most ghastly outfit you've ever seen.

GIBBER V., **GIBBERISH** N.

to utter senseless or inarticulate talk

- ☑ **Syn.** babble, rant, prattle, prate
- ✗ Don't you gibber in the presence of royalty.
- ✗ Stop that gibberish and tell us exactly what you saw.

GIBE V., N.

to scoff at, to make fun of, deride, tease with rude remarks

- ☑ **Syn.** mock, tease, jeer, joke, laugh
- ✗ The gibes should be well directed so that they entertain and not irritate.

GILD V.

to cover with gold or gold-like substance

- ☑ **Syn.** make golden, paint gold
- ✗ If you gild the lily you try to improve or decorate something which is already perfect and therefore spoil it.

GIRTH

circumference, width

- ✗ The young boy marvelled at the girth of the peepul tree.

GINGERLY Adj.

very carefully

- ☑ **Syn.** cautious, delicate, gentle
- ✗ Eggs should always be cracked gingerly especially when you want to separate the white from the yolk.

GIRTH N.

a measure around the body, circumference

- ✗ Deepak has been growing in girth ever since he moved to Delhi.

GLARING Adj., **GLARE** V., N.

highly conspicuous, harshly bright

- ☑ **Syn.** conspicuous, obvious, obtrusive
- ★ **Ant.** inconspicuous, ordinary, subtle
- ✗ Those wearing glaring clothes will attract a lot of attention and some jeer too.

GLIB

fluent in an insincere manner, offhand, casual

- ☑ **Syn.** loquacious, disingenuous
- ★ **Ant.** sincere, inarticulate
- ✗ The slimy politician managed to gain support because he was a glib speaker.

GLIMMER N., V.

feeble rays of light, faint perception

- ☑ **Syn.** twinkle, shine, gleam, spark
- ✗ I see a glimmer of intelligence in that young lad.

GLOAT V.

to look with intense, malicious satisfaction

- ☑ **Syn.** revel, take pride, glory, triumph
- ★ **Ant.** lament, mourn, grieve, bewail
- ✗ She won't stop gloating over her new job.

GLOOM N., **GLOOMY** Adj.

partial darkness, cloudiness, hopelessness

- ☑ **Syn.** obscurity, shade, shadow, murk
- ★ **Ant.** brightness, intensity, clarity
- ✗ The article about pollution painted a picture of gloom.
- ✗ A gloomy atmosphere prevailed in the colony where an elderly couple were murdered the previous night.

GLUT V., N.

to feed to satiety, to saturate, to flood

- ☑ **Syn.** excess, surplus, superfluity
- ★ **Ant.** shortage, scarcity, deficiency
- ✗ The glut of electronic goods reflects rampant consumerism.

GLUTINOUS Adj.

sticky, gummy

- ✗ The glutinous gel that I plastered my hair with is difficult to wash off.

GLUTTONOUS Adj., **GLUTTON** N.

voracious, ravenous; a greedy eater

- ☑ **Syn.** insatiable, excessive
- ✗ He is gluttonous and obviously suffers from obesity.
- ✗ For a glutton, he was remarkably slim.

GLUTTONY

eating and drinking in excess

- ☑ **Syn.** greediness, voracity
- ★ **Ant.** abstinence, moderation
- ✗ After all the gluttony at the party, the guests took days to recover their appetite.

Mini Revision Test

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

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|---------------|----------------|
| 1. forsake | a. secretive |
| 2. fortuitous | b. abandon |
| 3. furtive | c. accidental |
| 4. garrulous | d. type of art |
| 5. genre | e. chatty |

Answer Key - Mini Revision Test

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

GNARL V.

snarl, growl; twist into a state of deformity

- ☒ The man gnarled but was helpless with so many policemen surrounding him with guns drawn.
- ☒ The sight of the old gnarled tree reminded the poet about an old man.

GNOME N.

a dwarf (like an old man) living in a cave

- ☑ **Syn.** sprite, goblin, troll, leprechaun
- ☒ The gnomes in children's books are always kind and magical but some are quite mischievous.

GOAD N., V.

a sharp pointed stick to drive animals, a stimulus, an instrument or prod used to stimulate action

- ☑ **Syn.** provoke, drive, prod, push
- * **Ant.** calm, tranquil, peaceful, still, cool
- ☒ They may hate you but you must continue to goad the students to put in regular hours for their own good.
- ☒ The cowherd made cruel use of his goad to make the animals move faster.

GOBBLE V.

to swallow hastily, to eat greedily

- ☑ **Syn.** guzzle, bolt, gorge, gulp
- * **Ant.** nibble, chew, gnaw, bite, eat
- ☒ Expanding cities are gobbling up agricultural land.

GORGE N., V.

a ravine; to stuff to capacity

- ☑ **Syn.** canyon, defile, gap, chasm
- ☒ He was only interested in gorging at the party and did not bother to talk to anybody.
- ☒ The gorges cut out by the Colorado river in California make a spectacular sight.

GORY Adj.

bloodstained

- ☒ The gory details of the rape and subsequent murder of Hannah Foster shocked British society.

GOSSAMER Adj., N.

sheer, like cobwebs, substantial

- ☑ **Syn.** delicate, flimsy, gauzy
- * **Ant.** robust, vigorous, hearty
- ☒ The women stood about in the summer evening, their gossamer dresses stirring in the breeze.

GOURMAND N.

one who is excessively fond of eating and drinking

- ☑ **Syn.** glutton, gastronome, foodie
- ☒ The gourmand visited bylanes of *Chandni Chowk* trying out every dish that came his way.

GOURMET N.

an epicure, a person with very fine taste of food and drink

- ☑ **Syn.** gastronome, connoisseur
- ☒ Our speciality food will appeal to the gourmet.

GRANDEUR N.

impressiveness, stateliness, majesty

- ☑ **Syn.** splendour, opulence, majesty
- * **Ant.** austerity, severity, strictness
- ☒ The grandeur of Taj at night captivates the tourists.

GRANDILOQUENT Adj. GRANDILOQUENCE N.

pompous, bombastic, using high-sounding language

- ☑ **Syn.** pompous, pretentious, verbose
- * **Ant.** straightforward, easy, basic
- ☒ He was a performer who loved making grandiloquent gestures.
- ☒ Her speech was full grandiloquence but offered no new ideas.

GRANDIOSE

magnificent and imposing, exaggerated and pretentious

- ☑ **Syn.** resplendent, ostentatious
- * **Ant.** unimpressive, humble
- ☒ The house had a grandiose facade that hid its humble interior.

GRAPPLE V.

wrestle, come to grips with

- ☑ **Syn.** struggle, fight, tackle, seize
- * **Ant.** let go, release, liberate, free
- ☒ She grappled with the problem but could not find a solution.

GRATE V.

to rub hard or wear away, grind, file, grit

- ☑ **Syn.** shred, scrape, rasp, annoy
- * **Ant.** please, satisfy, gratify, delight
- ☒ After a while her voice really started to grate on me.
- ☒ I agreed to grate the carrots so that my mother could make her tasty *Gajar Halwa* in the evening.

GRATIS Adj.

without payment, free, complimentary

- ☑ **Syn.** on the house, complimentary
- ☒ The hangers-on are forever looking for gratis goods.

GRATUITOUS Adj.

done for nothing, uncalled for, unwarranted, offered freely, not necessary under the circumstances

- ☑ **Syn.** free, complimentary
- * **Ant.** compulsory
- ☒ A lot of viewers complained that there was too much gratuitous sex and violence in the film.

GRATUITY

something given voluntarily, tip

- ☑ **Syn.** gift, fringe benefit
- ☒ Many restaurants add an 18 percent gratuity to the bill if the dining party is large enough.

GREGARIOUS Adj.

fond of the company of others, sociable, extroverted, fond of groups, convivial

- ☑ **Syn.** outgoing, sociable, social
- * **Ant.** shy, introverted, withdrawn
- ☒ Emma is a gregarious, outgoing sort of person.

GRIMACE

facial expression showing pain or disgust

- ☑ **Syn.** frown, pout
- ★ **Ant.** smile, grin
- ✍ The manager grimaced when his wife, drunk as usual, spilled coffee on the boss.

GRIMY

dirty, filthy

- ☑ **Syn.** unclean, grubby
- ★ **Ant.** clean, sterile
- ✍ Betty was displeased when her date showed up in dirty clothes.

GRISLY Adj.

ghastly, frightfully, macabre

- ☑ **Syn.** gruesome, horrible, shocking
- ★ **Ant.** pleasant, amiable, congenial
- ✍ The newspaper described a series of grisly murders where people had been hacked to death.

GRIT N.

persistence, stamina; sand

- ☑ **Syn.** gravel, shingle, determination
- ★ **Ant.** cowardice, fearfulness, fear
- ✍ She is a person with a lot of grit and determination.

GROSS(adj.)

obscene, blatant, flagrant

- (v) – make, earn, bring in
- ☑ **Syn.** vulgar, indecent
- ★ **Ant.** pure, refined
- ✍ Spike's comment that he liked the casual look was a gross understatement.

GROTESQUE Adj.

absurd, fantastic, unnatural, distorted, ugly

- ☑ **Syn.** ugly, gross, fantastic, bizarre
- ★ **Ant.** attractive, good looking
- ✍ His attempt to appear young was grotesque and embarrassing.
- ✍ Gothic churches are full of devils and grotesque figures.

GROUSE V., N.

complain, fuss; a reddish brown game bird

- ☑ **Syn.** complaint, grumble, moan, nag
- ✍ Give the new hostellers a little time and soon they will stop grouching about inconveniences.

GROVEL V.

to crawl due to fear, to behave servilely

- ☑ **Syn.** plead, beg, cringe
- ✍ I will apologise to him but I won't grovel.

GRUELLING Adj.

severe, tough, demanding, exhausting, tiring, punishing

- ✍ Junior doctors often have to work a gruelling 100-hour week.

GRUESOME Adj.

macabre, bloody, ghastly, gory, grim

- ☑ **Syn.** grisly, horrible, horrid
- ★ **Ant.** pleasant, enjoyable, agreeable
- ✍ The gruesome tale of the Bhopal gas tragedy can be read on the faces of its victims.

GRUFF Adj.

rough-mannered

- ☑ **Syn.** grumpy, bad tempered, snippy
- ★ **Ant.** friendly, gracious, responsive
- ✍ She spoke to me in a gruff voice, obviously annoyed that she had been disturbed.

GUILD N.

an association for mutual aid or help

- ☑ **Syn.** association, union, league, club
- ✍ The city's Writers' Guild could not help the author when his story was allegedly plagiarised.

GUILE

trickery, deception

- ☑ **Syn.** craftiness, deviousness
- ★ **Ant.** candour, honesty
- ✍ Gautam acquired the job with guile, even claiming to be a retired army officer.

GUISE N.

external appearance, manner, behaviour, dress

- ☑ **Syn.** semblance, show, pretext, excuse
- ✍ Opportunity often knocks in the guise of a setback.

GULLIBLE Adj., **GULLIBILITY** N.

a person easily deceived, easy to fool, ingenuous

- ☑ **Syn.** naive, susceptible
- ★ **Ant.** smart, elegant, neat
- ✍ The local tourist guides delight gullible Western tourists with unlikely stories.

GUNG-HO Adj.

enthusiastic, eager, zealous

- ☑ **Syn.** competitive, bloodthirsty
- ★ **Ant.** passive, inert, inactive, reflexive
- ✍ Tushar is gung-ho about the market prospects for the next year.

GUSTATORY Adj.

relevant to the sense of tasting

- ✍ The wine produces a whole range of gustatory sensations.

GUSTO N.

enjoyment, enthusiasm

- ☑ **Syn.** delight, pleasure, zest
- ★ **Ant.** apathy, indifference, lethargy
- ✍ It is his habit to accept every assignment with gusto.

GUTTURAL Adj.

pertaining to the throat

- ☑ **Syn.** harsh, rasping, rough, throaty
- ★ **Ant.** silky, melodious, harmonious
- ✍ Two Egyptians were arguing outside the room, their voices loud and guttural.

GYPSY N.

traveller, rover

- ✍ There was something strange about the gypsy who offered to tell me my fortune.