



SPELL BEE WORDS

(GRADE -VI)

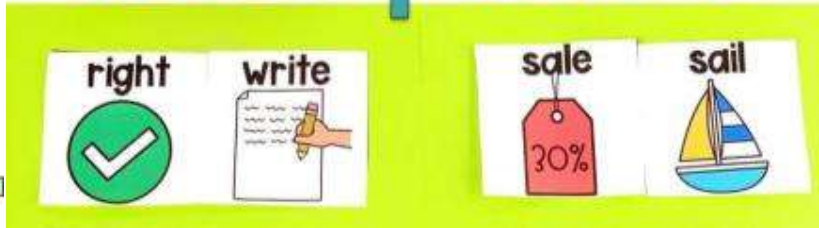


WORD	MEANING	SENTENCE/EXAMPLE
Ambiguous (Adjective)	Open to more than one interpretation, having a double meaning	The politician's statement was intentionally <u>ambiguous</u> .
Apprehensive (Adjective)	Anxious or fearful that something unpleasant will happen	I'm very <u>apprehensive</u> about tomorrow's meeting.
Avarice (Noun)	extreme greed for wealth or material gain	The minister's <u>avarice</u> led to heavy taxation, causing dissatisfaction among the people of his state.
Amalgamate (Verb)	combine or unite to form one organization or structure	The two companies decided to <u>amalgamate</u> their resources to create a stronger market presence.
Aplomb (Noun)	self-confidence or assurance, especially when in a demanding situation	Despite the challenging circumstances, she handled the situation with remarkable <u>aplomb</u> .
Bibliophile (Noun)	A person who collects or has a great love of books	As a true <u>bibliophile</u> , she spent hours browsing in the bookstore.
Bunyip (Noun)	A mythical amphibious monster said to inhabit inland waterways	He fences the entrance with sharpened wood and waits for the <u>Bunyip</u> .
Conundrum (Noun)	A confusing and difficult problem or question	Solving the puzzle was a <u>conundrum</u> that stumped many.
Conceit (Noun)	Excessive pride in oneself	Camille's <u>conceit</u> about her beauty is quite annoying.
Cruising (Verb)	The action of sailing about in an area without a precise destination	We were <u>cruising</u> along the highway.
Cannibal (Noun)	Person who eats the flesh of other humans	Let a man not speak of <u>cannibal</u> deeds among the blessed gods.
Cognizant (Adjective)	having knowledge or being aware of	She was <u>cognizant</u> of the risks involved but decided to proceed anyway.
Clamour (Noun)	Loud noise	The children were all <u>clamouring</u> for attention.
Counterpart (Verb)	A person or thing closely resembling	The secretary of Defence met with his <u>counterparts</u> in Asia to discuss the nuclear crisis.
Dearth (Noun)	A scarcity or lack of something	The <u>dearth</u> of clean water in the region was a major concern for the residents.



Deluge (Noun)	A severe flood	The office is deluged with mail every day.
Dogmatically (Adverb)	Laying down principles as undeniably true	I am not by any means dogmatically opposed to these products.
Effusive (Adjective)	To express gratitude enthusiastically	They offered effusive thanks for our help.
Desperate (Adjective)	Feeling or showing a hopeless sense that a situation is so bad as to be impossible to deal with	They made one last desperate attempt to fight their way out.
Deleterious (Adjective)	Causing harm or damage	Eating junk food has deleterious effects on both physical and mental health.
Engulf (Verb)	To surround or cover something/ someone completely	The war is threatening to engulf the entire region.
Exterminate (Verb)	Destroy completely	We made arrangements to have the termites exterminated .
Evanescent (Adjective)	Quickly fading	We would have all missed the evanescent moment if not for the photographer's speed and skill.
Environmentalist (Noun)	A person who is concerned about protecting the environment	She is a committed environmentalist but needed to learn the economic realities of environmental protection.
Esoteric (Adjective)	intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a specialized knowledge or interest	The professor's lecture on quantum mechanics was too esoteric for the panel to grasp.
Ferocious (Adjective)	Fierce or cruel	A ferocious wind swept the beach.
Fickle (Adjective)	Changing frequently	Teenagers are fickle and switch brands frequently.
Fervid (Adjective)	Intensely enthusiastic or passionate	He was a scholar as you are, but more fervid and impatient.
Fiasco (Noun)	A complete failure, especially a ludicrous or humiliating one	The college play turned into a fiasco when the lead actor forgot his lines.
Fraternity (Noun)	a group of people sharing a common profession or interests	He's a member of the medical fraternity .
Fatigue (Noun)	extreme tiredness resulting from mental or physical exertion	His eyes were rimmed with fatigue .
Gloomy (Adjective)	dark or poorly lit	It was a wet and gloomy day.
Gregarious (Adjective)	fond of company, sociable	Sarah is known for her gregarious nature and ability to make friends easily.

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Haughty (Adjective)	Arrogantly superior or pompous	He spoke in a haughty , supercilious voice.
Hegemony (Noun)	leadership or dominance, especially by one country or social group over others	Few nations sought to establish hegemony over neighbouring territories through military conquest.
Garrulous (Adjective)	Excessively talkative, especially on trivial matters	If I have any suggestions, I shall put them with garrulous hesitation and a suitable air of diffidence.
Gastronomy (Noun)	The practice or art of cooking and eating good food	India is renowned for its gastronomy , history and culture.
Genteel (Adjective)	elegant	She always talks in such a genteel voice when she's on the phone.
Gibberish (Noun)	Meaningless speech or writing	He's been babbling since he was born, and he's still speaking gibberish .
Gibe (Noun)	An insulting or mocking remark	The recruits rushed into battle so that no one could gibe at them for cowardice.
Hallucinate (Verb)	See something which is not actually present	While in his medicated, pain-saturated state, he begins to hallucinate .
Hapless (Adjective)	Unfortunate or unlucky	The hapless protagonist of the story faced one misfortune after another.
Hearsay (Noun)	Information received which may be unreliable, rumour,	The court is not allowed to admit hearsay evidence.
Hortatory (Verb)	advising, serving to encourage or urge to good deeds	The Principles' general law compliance obligation can have a hortatory effect on managers in particular situations.
Humility (Noun)	The quality of being humble	Humility is the foundation of all virtue.
Incoherent (Adjective)	Hard to understand	She became quite incoherent as the disease got worse.
Ingenious (Adjective)	Clever, brilliant,	He has an ingenious technique for dealing with problems of that sort.
Innocuous (Adjective)	Harmless	Someone stood up and asked the professor an apparently innocuous question about his laboratory work.
Inquisitive (Adjective)	Curious or enquiring	The inquisitive child always asked a lot of questions.
Ineffable (Adjective)	too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words	The ineffable beauty of the sunset left them speechless.









Homophones





WORDS	MEANING	SENTENCE/EXAMPLE	PICTURE
Chord (Noun)	A musical term for three notes played together	He would hear a chord in his head and play each note individually.	
Cord (Noun)	Rope or string made of twisted threads	They used only one cord to charge different devices.	
Pair (Noun)	A set of two things regarded as one.	I'm going to buy a new pair of shoes.	
Pear (Noun)	A fruit	Rufus is eating an apple, and I am eating a pear .	
Which (Pronoun)	A word used for saying exactly what thing or things you are talking about	Which is the best book you read last year?	
Witch (Noun)	A person, especially a female, who practices witchcraft or magic.	The witch enchanted the princess with magic words.	
Break (Verb)	A pause in work, for coffee etc.	She dropped the vase onto the floor and it broke .	
Brake (Noun)	A device for slowing down a vehicle.	She put her foot on the brake and just managed to stop in time.	






WORDS	MEANING	SENTENCE/EXAMPLE	PICTURE
Aisle (Noun)	A walkway between sets of rows of seating, especially a long walkway	By the end of the concert, the people in the theatre were dancing in the aisles .	
Isle (Noun)	A small island	The deserted isle was in the middle of the Atlantic ocean.	


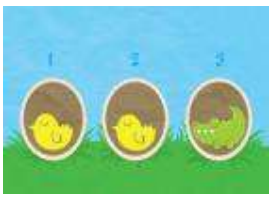


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Address (Verb)	To make an important speech to an audience	The government is finally addressing the question of corruption.	
Address (Noun)	The number or name of the building/street where somebody lives or works	Kindly provide me your address so that I can send you the books.	
Bright (Adjective)	Very smart or intelligent	She had a bright and bubbly personality.	
Bright (Adjective)	Filled with light	She can't resist the lure of the bright light.	
Capital (Noun)	Chief city	Paris is the gastronomic capital of the world.	
Capital (Noun)	wealth, in the form of money	At last they ceased working for lack of capital .	
Cricket (Noun)	A game	Cricket is the archetypal English game.	
Cricket (Noun)	An insect that makes a shrill sound	The only sound was a cricket chirping.	





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Sink (Verb)	To go down or make something go down under the surface of liquid or a soft substance	If you throw a stone into the water, it sinks .	
Sink (Noun)	A large open container in a kitchen, with taps to supply water, where you wash things	I stood at the kitchen sink to put my old toys in the carton.	






IDIOMS & MEANING	SENTENCE/EXAMPLE	PICTURE
Hit the nail on the head - to do or say something that is exactly right	Harish hit the nail on the head with his decision to buy this piece of land.	
Clouds on the horizon - something that threatens to cause problems or unhappiness in the future	The only cloud on the horizon is the physics exam in June.	
Blessing in disguise - An unexpectedly good thing.	My car broke down again, but maybe it was a blessing in disguise ; I've been wasting too much time driving around anyway.	
Birds of a feather flock together - People with a lot in common become good friends.	I'm not surprised these two are such friends; they are birds of a feather flock together .	
Leave no stone unturned - to do everything possible to find something or to solve a problem.	Mohan left no stone unturned in his search to find the ring.	

IDIOMS & MEANING	SENTENCE/EXAMPLE	PICTURE
Don't judge a book by its cover- Appearances can be deceiving.	The candidate did not look very intelligent, but you can't judge a book by its cover.	
Don't count your chickens before they hatch- Don't make assumptions.	She wanted to buy a dress in case someone asked her to the dance, but I told her not to count her chickens before they hatched.	



PHRASES & MEANING	SENTENCE/EXAMPLE	PICTURE
On pins and needles- worried or excited about something that is going to happen	We were on pins and needles until we heard that your plane had landed safely.	
Round the clock - All day and all night, without stopping	He studied round the clock for his history exam.	
Nuts about- To be extremely enthusiastic	Both the boys are nuts about jazz music.	
On cloud nine- extremely happy and excited	The grandmother was on cloud nine to see her grandson after a long time.	

PHRASES & MEANING	SENTENCE/EXAMPLE	PICTURE
<p>Think outside the box- to think differently, unconventionally, or from a new perspective.</p>	<p>We stood second at the inter-college debate competition. Had we thought something <u>out of the box</u>, we would have bagged the first place.</p>	
<p>See eye to eye- To be in full agreement</p>	<p>It is a mere coincidence that they <u>see eye to eye</u> on this point.</p>	
<p>Cost an arm and a leg-Very expensive</p>	<p>This dress is lovely, but it <u>cost me an arm and a leg</u>.</p>	



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WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
Amiable (Adjective)	Having or displaying friendly and pleasant manner.	She was known for her amiable personality.
Audacious (Adjective)	Showing a willingness to take surprisingly bold risks.	His audacious plan to climb the mountain alone impressed everyone.
Avert (Verb)	To prevent or ward off (an undesirable occurrence).	She managed to avert a disaster by acting quickly.
Amalgamate (Verb)	To combine or unite to form one organization or structure.	The two companies decided to amalgamate their resources to compete in the market.
Bewilder (Verb)	To cause someone to become perplexed and confused.	The complex instructions bewildered the new recruits.
Blatant (Adjective)	Very clear or obvious	The politician's blatant disregard for the law led to his downfall.
Benevolent (Adjective)	charitable	The teacher's benevolent smile reassured the child.
Cynical (Adjective)	believing that people are only interested in themselves and are not sincere	His cynical view of politics led him to believe that all politicians were corrupt.
Catalyst (Noun)	an event or person that causes great change	The enzyme acted as a catalyst in the reaction, speeding up the process.
Capricious (Adjective)	Given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behaviour.	Her capricious nature made it hard for others to predict her actions.
Cacophony (Noun)	A harsh, discordant mixture of sounds.	The cacophony of car horns outside made it difficult to concentrate.
Covet (Verb)	to want to have something very much, especially something that belongs to someone else	She always coveted power but never quite achieved it.
Dexterity (Noun)	Skill in performing tasks, especially with the hands.	The juggler's dexterity impressed the audience as he effortlessly tossed objects into the air.
Dearth (Noun)	A scarcity or lack of something.	There was a dearth of fresh vegetables during the winter months.
Debonair (Adjective)	Confident, stylish, and charming, typically used to describe a man.	He was always debonair , dressed impeccably and with a smile on his face.
Quaint (Adjective)	Attractively old-fashioned	The writer talks about the quaint customs of the villagers.





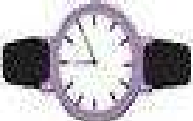



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Quash (Verb)	Put down by force or intimidation	The army would be brought in to quash any rebellion.
Queasy (Noun)	Feeling nausea	This food made me a bit queasy .
Radical (Adjective)	Wanting great social or political change	The new president has made some radical changes in the company.
Rampant (Adjective)	Occurring or increasing in an unrestrained way	Car theft has become rampant in this town.
Rapport (Noun)	A friendly relationship in which people understand each other really well	I have developed a good rapport within few months in my new office.
Ravenous (Adjective)	Very hungry	After hiking up the mountains, the hikers were ravenous to eat their lunch.
Realm (Noun)	A domain in which something is dominant	The great victory was proclaimed throughout the realm .
Reap (Verb)	To get or to derive	She is now reaping the benefits of her hard-work.
Rebuke (Verb)	To express sharp disapproval	I was rebuked by my mother for being late.
Jaded (Adjective)	Exhausted, depleted of strength or energy	My father's words had left me jaded and depressed.
Jargon (Noun)	Specialized technical terminology characteristic of a particular subject	When doctors speak in medical jargon , they often mystify their patients, who have little knowledge of medical terminology.
Jeopardize (Verb)	Pose a threat to; present a danger to	Furthermore, Facebook could jeopardize Google's onlin dominance by developing its ow search capabilities.
Juggernaut (Noun)	A huge powerful and overwhelming force.	My best friend John is a wrestling juggernaut who has never lost a high school match.
Juncture (Noun)	Joint, connection	At this juncture it looks like they are going to get the promotion.
Jovial (Adjective)	Joyous	She was a really jovial character and easy to like.
Jostle (Verb)	Push or bump against roughly	He was jostled by passengers rushing for the gates
Juxtapose (Verb)	Place or deal with close together for contrasting effect.	The exhibition juxtaposes Picasso's early drawings with some of his later works.
Kindle (Verb)	To light a fire or to inspire	A love of art was kindled in me.
Kinesthetic (Adjective)	Having to do with movement or sensation	A kinesthetic child is a physical learner.
Knack (Noun)	An acquired or natural skill at doing something	He has an uncanny knack of noticing things that seem to have happened yesterday.

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
Ken (Noun)	Range of knowledge or perception	Financial matters are beyond my ken , I'm afraid.
Ludicrous (Adjective)	Amusing or laughable through obvious absurdity	He looked ludicrous in that suit!
Luxuriant (Adjective)	Yielding abundantly	This stretch of land was once covered with luxuriant forest, but is now bare.
Laudable (Adjective)	Worthy of praise : Commendable	Recycling is a laudable activity.
Loquacious (Adjective)	Full of excessive talk	He sipped the drink with relish and soon became somewhat loquacious .
Lucid (Adjective)	Clear to the understanding	She gave a clear and lucid account of her plans for the company's future.
Magnanimous (Adjective)	Having or suggesting lofty and courageous spirit	The team's manager was magnanimous in victory and praised the losing team.
Meagre (Adjective)	Lacking desirable qualities (such as richness or strength)	The prisoners existed on a meagre diet.
Mundane (Adjective)	Lacking interest or excitement; dull.	Mundane matters such as shopping and partying do not interest her.
Manoeuvre (Noun)	A movement or series of moves requiring skill and care.	A clever manoeuvre by the chairman secured a valuable contract for the company.
Malfeasance (Noun)	An act that is illegal and causes physical or monetary harm to someone else	Several cases of malpractice and malfeasance in the financial world are currently being investigated.
Naïve (Adjective)	Innocent	They make the naive assumption that something is good because it is popular.
Nostalgia (Noun)	Feeling of pleasure and also slight sadness when you think about things that happened in the past	Some people feel nostalgia for their schooldays.
Nefarious (Adjective)	Especially of activities morally bad	These nefarious plans have increasingly been coming from above.



Homonyms










WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE	PICTURE
Bear (Noun)	A large, wild animal	They saw a black bear .	
Bear (Verb)	Being able to accept and deal with something	You will have to bear the pain.	
Bright (Adjective)	Strong, full of light	The sun is very bright today.	
	Intelligent, clever, learning quickly	Aarati is a bright student.	
Bow (Noun)	a knot tied with two loops and two loose ends	I really like your bow tie.	
Bow (Noun)	a weapon for shooting arrows	He shot at the bird with a bow and arrow.	
Watch (Noun)	A device to check the time of the day	I bought a new watch .	
Watch (Verb)	To see or look at something	Can we watch the match together?	
Fair (Adjective)	impartial and just	Sherry gave her address so that we would get a fair decision.	
Fair (Noun)	event with many rides and stalls	Today, Susan will go to the fair with her brother.	



HOMOPHONES







WORD	EXAMPLE	PICTURE
Cent (Noun)	I will not spend a cent more on this silly habit of gaming.	
Sent (Verb)	'Sent' is the past form of the verb 'send'.	
Pray (Verb) Address a prayer to God or another deity	I came up here to pray for the most important things.	
Prey (Noun) An animal that is caught and killed for food.	A hawk hovered in the air before swooping on its prey .	
Soar (Verb) To rise very quickly to a high level	All night long fireworks soared into the sky.	
Sore (Adjective) Painful and uncomfortable because of injury, infection	All the dust has made my eyes sore .	
Allowed (Verb)	You are not allowed to sit here.	
Aloud (Adverb)	Danna read the letter aloud .	
Sweet (Adjective) Having a taste similar to that of sugar; not bitter or salty:	The pineapple was sweet and juicy.	
Suite (Noun) A set of rooms designated for one person's or family's use	She stayed in a wonderful suite in Bengaluru.	



IDIOMS



IDIOMS	MEANING	EXAMPLE	PICTURE
Burn the midnight oil	To work late into the night.	I had to burn the midnight oil to complete the assignment on time.	
Hit the nail on the head	To describe or identify something exactly right.	I haven't heard any more news, but I'll try to hit the nail on the head as I am about to describe every event.	
Get your act together	Get organized and do things effectively	He could be out of work if he does not get his act together .	
Spill the beans	To reveal a secret	We arranged a party without inviting John and Sara; suddenly my son spilled the beans in an embarrassing manner.	
Hit the sack	Go to sleep	He never hits the sack before midnight.	
Sell like hot cakes	Quick sell-out	His record sold like hot cakes on the first day after its release.	
Blow hot and cold	Alternate inconsistently between two moods, attitudes, or courses of action.	His enthusiasm for the job blows hot and cold .	



PHRASE	MEANING	EXAMPLE
A little bird told me	Someone told me a secret	<u>A little bird told me</u> that you're getting a divorce.
When pigs fly	Something that will never happen.	<u>When pigs fly</u> , she'll tidy up her room.
To feel under the weather	To not feel well.	I'm really <u>feeling under the weather</u> today; I have a terrible cold.
Bob's your uncle	to indicate that something is simple or easy.	Just add the ingredients, give it a stir, and <u>Bob's your uncle</u> , you've got a cake!
An arm and a leg	Very expensive	That new car costs <u>an arm and a leg</u> .
Penny for your thought	This is a polite way of asking someone what they are thinking or feeling	Raquel said to me, "Hey, you've been quiet <u>a penny for your thoughts</u> "
All hands on deck	Everyone's help is needed	We need <u>all hands on deck</u> if we want to reduce carbon emissions.



SPELL BEE WORDS (GRADE -VIII)












WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
Indignant (Adjective)	Feeling or showing anger or annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment	The customer became indignant when she received poor service at the restaurant.
Sovereign (Noun)	A supreme ruler, especially a monarch	We must respect the rights of sovereign states/nations to conduct their own affairs.
Supererogatory (Adjective)	Going beyond the requirements of duty; greater than that required or needed; superfluous	You may be tempted to resist calling such small actions supererogatory because they are not grand or heroic.
Theocracy (Noun)	A system of government in which priests rule in the name of God or a god	The country was ruled under a theocracy , where religious leaders held all the power.
Taciturn (Adjective)	Reserved or uncommunicative in speech; saying little	The taciturn old man rarely spoke, preferring to keep to himself.
Temporize (Verb)	Draw out a discussion or process in order to gain time	The politician decided to temporize on the issue until he had a clearer understanding of the public's opinion.
Pernicious (Adjective)	Having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way	The pernicious spread of misinformation on social media can have far-reaching consequences on public opinion and societal trust.
Disseminate (Verb))	To spread or disperse something widely	The organization's goal is to disseminate information about climate change.
Wanderlust (Noun)	A strong desire to travel	Her wanderlust drove her to explore the world, seeking new experiences and adventures.
Inundate (Verb))	To overwhelm someone with things or people to be dealt with	After the announcement, the company was inundated with job applications..
Whimsical (Adjective)	Determined by chance or impulse rather than by necessity	The artist's latest painting was a whimsical masterpiece, full of vibrant colours and playful shapes.


Zealous (Adjective)	Showing great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or objective	He was zealous in his pursuit of success, working tirelessly to achieve his goals.
Exacerbate (Verb)	To make a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling worse	His criticism only served to exacerbate the situation.
Traipse (Verb)	Walk or move wearily or reluctantly	She loved to traipse through the countryside, exploring new trails and soaking in the beauty of nature.
Tintinnabulation (Noun)	A ringing or tinkling sound	The sound of the tintinnabulation filled the cathedral, creating a sense of reverence and awe.
Sagacious (Adjective)	Having or showing keen mental discernment and good judgement; wise or shrewd	The sagacious professor offered valuable insights into the complex topic at hand.
Elicit (Verb)	To evoke or draw out a response, reaction, or information	His remarks elicited laughter from the audience.
Savvy (Noun)	Practical knowledge and ability	She was a savvy negotiator, always finding a way to get the best deal.
Surveillance (Noun)	Continuous observation of a person, place, or activity in order to gather information	The government kept the activist under constant surveillance , fearing that he would incite unrest.
Vicarious (Adjective)	Experienced through another person's actions	She experienced a vicarious thrill watching her daughter perform on stage.
Surreptitious (Adjective)	Kept secret, especially because it would not be approved of	The spy made a surreptitious entrance into the enemy's headquarters.
Verisimilitude (Noun)	The appearance of truth; the quality of seeming to be true	The movie had a high degree of verisimilitude , with the actors perfectly embodying their characters.
Tantamount (Adjective)	Being essentially equal to something	The new policy was tantamount to a declaration of war, sparking outrage among the affected parties.
Tautological (Adjective)	Characterized by unnecessary repetition	His argument was tautological , repeating the same point over and over without offering any new insights.
Esoteric (Adjective)	Intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a	The professor's lectures on quantum physics were too esoteric for most students to

	specialized knowledge or interest	comprehend.
Sombre (Adjective)	Dull	The somber mood in the room reflected the gravity of the situation at hand.
Subservient (Adjective)	Prepared to obey others unquestioningly	The subservient assistant always did exactly as he was told, never questioning his superiors.
Swindle (Verb)	Obtain (money) fraudulently	The businessman was accused of trying to swindle his clients out of their money.
Sporadic (Adjective)	Occurring irregularly or only in a few places	The company experienced sporadic growth over the years, making it difficult to predict its future success.
Simpleton (Noun)	A foolish person	He may have seemed like a simpleton , but he had a deep wisdom that belied his humble appearance.
Turquoise (Noun)	A greenish blue colour	The turquoise waters of the Caribbean were breathtakingly beautiful.
Truncheon (Noun)	A short thick stick carried as a weapon by a police officer	The police officer brandished his truncheon , ready to take action if necessary.
Timorous (Adjective)	Tendency to get nervous and easily frightened	The timid student was too timorous to speak up in class, even when he knew the answer.
Triumvirate (Noun)	A group or association of three	The triumvirate of leaders worked together to guide their organization towards success.
Unanimous (Adjective)	Agreed by everyone involved	The decision was unanimous , with everyone in agreement on the best course of action.
Usurp (Verb)	Take a position of power or importance illegally or by force	The ambitious executive sought to usurp his boss's position of power
Virtuoso (Noun)	A person who has special knowledge or skill (mostly in music or any other artistic pursuit)	He was a virtuoso on the piano, captivating audiences with his skill and passion.
Ventriloquist (Noun)	An entertainer who can make their voice seem to come from a puppet	The ventriloquist expertly manipulated his puppet, bringing it to life with his words.
Tenacious (Adjective)	Tending to keep a firm hold of something; clinging or adhering closely	The tenacious climber refused to give up, even when faced with difficult terrain.

Impervious (Adjective)	Not allowing fluid to pass through; unable to be affected by	The new waterproof phone case is impervious to water damage.
Uproarious (Adjective)	Provoking loud noise or laughter	Her uproarious laughter filled the room, causing everyone to smile.
Wriggle (Verb)	Twist and turn with quick writhing movements	The worm wriggled its way through the soil, seeking sustenance and shelter.
Trundle (Verb)	Move or roll slowly	The cart trundled down the road, laden with goods for the market.
Quixotic (Adjective)	Exceedingly idealistic; unrealistic and impractical	She embarked on a quixotic mission to rescue every stray animal in the city, believing she could single-handedly solve the problem of animal homelessness.
Xenodochial (Adjective)	Friendly to strangers	The hotel staff were xenodochial , making every guest feel welcome and at home.
Waggishly (Adverb)	In a way that is funny and usually very clever	He waggishly joked with his friends, always ready with a clever quip.
Ambivalent (Adjective)	Having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone	She felt ambivalent about the job offer, torn between the higher salary and longer commute.
Ostentatious (Adjective)	To show off in a flashy or overly fancy way	His ostentatious display of wealth included a large mansion and expensive cars.
Vehemently (Adverb)	In a forceful, passionate or intense manner	She vehemently protested the proposed changes, arguing that they would be detrimental to the organization.
Unobtrusive (Adjective)	Not conspicuous or attracting attention	The unobtrusive photographer captured candid moments without disturbing his subjects.






HOMOPHONES




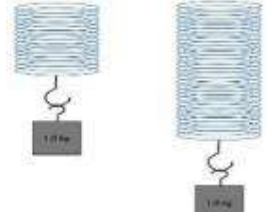
WORDS	MEANING	SENTENCE	PICTURE
Aisle	A narrow passageway between two objects.	I have a friend who likes to go down the aisle in the grocery store to ensure she doesn't forget anything.	
Isle	An island (typically a small one)	Davis admired the exquisite turquoise water as he walked along the isle's shoreline.	
Allude	To refer to something indirectly.	The smirk on her face alluded to her mischievous behaviour.	
Elude	To avoid or escape.	The reason for his strange behaviour continues to elude her.	
Mussel (Noun)	Mollusc with purple-brown shell.	I had the mussels as a starter and they were delicious!	
Muscle (Noun & verb)	Type of human body tissue.	What do you prefer in a gentleman – brains or muscles ? They were muscling baggage into the hold of the plane.	
Currant (Noun)	Type of berry, also of dried berry variety.	We have lots of currant bushes at the bottom of our garden – both red- and black currants .	
Current (Noun & adjective) :	Strong flow of water, present or up-to-date.	Surfers should be aware of the strong currents along the south coast of England.	
Affect (Verb)	Influence, cause to change.	The Brexit vote will certainly affect the UK economy.	

Effect (Noun):	A change which is a result of an action or other cause.	No one knows what the effects of this political decision will be.	
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HOMONYMS

WORDS	SENTENCE	PICTURE
<p>All ready – prepared</p> <p>Already – by this time</p>	<p>Lunch was all ready when the guests arrived.</p> <p>The lunch was already smelling bad when the guests arrived.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Already</p>
<p>Bank – a financial institution</p> <p>Bank – the side of a river</p>	<p>The banks all over the country remain closed on Sundays.</p> <p>The river bank is surrounded by beautiful fern trees.</p>	 
<p>Express</p> <p>To show a feeling, opinion, or fact (Verb)</p> <p>A fast version of something to show your thoughts by using words (Noun)</p>	<p>Children often express themselves in painting.</p> <p>Please send this letter by express delivery.</p>	 

<p>Contract A formal agreement to fulfil an obligation (Noun) To become affected with (a disease or disorder) (Verb)</p>	<p>He has just signed a contract keeping him with the club. I contracted malaria but didn't recognize the symptoms at first.</p>	 
<p>Spring A season (Noun) Coiled metal (Noun)</p>	<p>In spring the garden is a feast of blossom. Over the years the mattress has lost its spring.</p>	 

I D I O M S

IDIOMS & MEANINGS	SENTENCE	PICTURE
<p>Salt of the earth Someone who is honest and good</p>	<p>He was the sort of person referred to as salt of the earth: very friendly and straightforward.</p>	
<p>Take a dim view of To disapprove of something</p>	<p>The judge took a dim view and I spent six years in prison.</p>	

<p>Until one is blue in the face Pointless efforts while trying to convince someone or change his mind</p>	<p>You can criticise him until <u>you're blue in the face.</u> but you'll never change his personality.</p>	
<p>Vale of tears The world considered as sad and harsh</p>	<p>They hadn't asked to come into this <u>vale of tears.</u></p>	
<p>Chip off the old block A person similar in behaviour or actions to his parents</p>	<p>When grandmother saw her grandson collecting coins like her son used to do, she knew he was a chip off the old block.</p>	
<p>Bear a grudge To continue to feel angry or unfriendly toward someone or something because of a particular past incident.</p>	<p>Bear a grudge against him for not taking me into confidence.</p>	
<p>Down for the count Tired, giving up</p>	<p>My pet dog is down for the count after playing the whole day with the frisbee.</p>	

P H R A S E S

PHRASE	MEANING	SENTENCE
<p>Barking up the wrong tree</p>	<p>To err in your judgement.</p>	<p>His attorney suggested that the investigators might be barking up the wrong tree.</p>

Got my mojo working	When someone's luck is working to a great extent.	Even though my science exam went terribly, still I got my mojo working and topped my class with flying colours.
On pins and needles	Anxious/Nervous/ in a state of suspense.	I was <u>on pins and needles</u> the whole day when the result of the civil service exam had to be announced.
Vim and vigour	Energy and enthusiasm	Though she's no longer young, she's still full of <u>vim and vigour.</u>
Wouldn't harm a fly	To be too gentle to want to hurt anyone	He looks big and dangerous, but he <u>wouldn't hurt a fly.</u>
Kettle of fish	A difficult or an awkward situation.	Sitting on the first bench of a classroom is like a <u>kettle of fish</u> for some students.
A chink in the armour	Having a problem/ flaw that is responsible for delaying success.	The injury of one of our star players in the Basketball match became a chink in the armour of losing the match.



SPELL BEE WORDS (GRADE -IX)



WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
Abjure (Verb)	Formally reject or disavow a formerly held belief	Modern educationists abjure the ideas of Macaulay regarding education.
Abstruse (Adjective)	Difficult to understand	The professor's lectures were so abstruse that students tended to avoid them.
Adamant (Adjective)	Impervious to pleas, persuasion, requests, or reason	My father has taken this decision; he is adamant in his refusal to change his mind.
Alacrity (Noun)	Liveliness and eagerness	Manoj was given a lucrative offer which he accepted with alacrity .
Anachronistic (Adjective)	Chronologically misplaced; not synchronous	The speech on Indian heritage was highly anachronistic .
Apocryphal (Adjective)	Being of questionable authenticity	All the allegations against the honest minister might be apocryphal and fictitious.
Ascetic (Adjective)	Someone who practices self-denial as a spiritual discipline	Swami Vivekananda led an ascetic and disciplined life.
Blandishment (Noun)	Flattery intended to persuade	No amount of wheedling and blandishment would cause the cynical Elizabeth to change her mind.
Bedraggled (Adjective)	Wet, untidy and dirty	I looked at the bedraggled rag of the beggar and shuddered.
Bolster (Verb)	To support or strengthen something	His remarks did nothing to bolster my confidence.
Camaraderie (Noun)	The quality of affording easy familiarity and sociability	The camaraderie between Dhoni and Hardik is known to all.
Circumlocution (Noun)	An indirect way of expressing something	I was weary of repetitions, weary of circumlocutions , weary of everything.
Cleave (Verb)	Make by cutting into; separate or cut with a tool, such as a sharp instrument	The water is going to cleave a channel into the rock.
Conflagrate (Verb)	To catch fire; to set fire; to begin	The proposal for the picnic was exciting but naïve; so it halted as quickly as it conflagrated .
Congruity (Noun)	The quality of agreeing; being suitable and appropriate	I don't find any congruity between what he proposes and what he does.

Contritely (Adverb)	In a way feeling or expressing pain or sorrow	I forgave Richard as soon as I saw him expressing his regret contritely .
Debunk (Verb)	Expose while ridiculing	It is time to debunk the myths of "good sides of colonialism".
Dearth (Noun)	An insufficient quantity or number	There is no dearth of goal-keepers in India.
Diaphanous (Adjective)	So thin and delicatr as to transmit light	Then my gaze slid over the people to the blaze of green beyond the diaphanous curtains.
Disrepute (Noun)	The state of being held in low esteem by the public.	One of the top clubs in the country is bringing the game into disrepute .
Enervate (Verb)	Make(someone) feel drained of energy or vitality.	The heat enervated us all.
Epistolary (Adjective)	Written in the form of letters or correspondence	An epistolary novel is a novel written as a series of letters.
Equanimity (Noun)	Steadiness of mind under stress	Roma accepted both the good and the bad with equanimity .
Expiate (Verb)	Make amends for	Their sins must be expiated by sacrifice.
Fallacious (Adjective)	Containing or based on incorrect reasoning	My father is intolerant of fallacious arguments.
Forbearance (Noun)	Good-natured tolerance of delay or incompetence	His unfailing courtesy and forbearance under great provocation are exemplary.
Feign (Verb)	Pretend to be affected by (a feeling, state, or injury).	She feigned nervousness in front of her angry father.
Garrulous (Adjective)	Full of trivial conversation	He became more garrulous after his result.
Gourmand (Noun)	A person who is devoted to eating and drinking to excess	Simon is a connoisseur of good food; he is a gourmand.
Grandiloquent (Adjective)	Lofty in style	Shashi Tharoor's speeches are mostly grandiloquent .
Habilitate (Verb)	Qualify for teaching at a university in Europe	He habilitated after his sabbatical at a prestigious American university
Hackathon (Noun)	A meeting where people work together on computer programming task	The government organises hackathons annually to garner talent.
Hack-driver (Noun)	Taxi driver; Someone who drives a taxi for a living	He worked as a hack-driver in the United States before joining politics.

Hackneyed (Adjective)	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse.	His boring speeches are filled with hackneyed phrases.
Haemal (Adjective)	Relating to the blood vessels or blood.	In the region of the trunk the haemal processes and their prolongations behave somewhat differently.
Iconic (Adjective)	Well known, admired or stand-out representative of its type.	Titanic is an iconic film.
Idealisation (Noun)	A portrayal of something as ideal	The idealisation of rural life was very misleading
Identical (Adjective)	Exactly alike; incapable of being perceived as different.	1. Rows of identical houses 2. Cars identical except for their license plates
Idolise (Verb)	Love unquestioningly and uncritically or to excess; venerate as an idol.	Many teenagers idolised the BTS.
Jab (Noun)	1. Taking a vaccine as a precaution against contracting a disease. 2. The act of putting a liquid into the body by means of a syringe. 3. Vaccine, injection	The nurse gave him a flu jab .
Jackleg (Noun)	1. Not disciplined, conditioned or made adept by training. 2. Untrained	He does not get employed because he is a jackleg .
Jeer (Verb)	Shout or laugh at with contempt and derision.	The crowd jeered at the speaker.
Jingle (Noun)	1. A metallic sound. 2. Jangle	The jingle of coins.
Kempt (Adjective)	(of hair) neat and tidy.	He always maintained kempt hair.
Kowtow (Verb)	Try to gain favor by cringing or flattering	He is always kowtowing to his boss.
Kudos (Noun)	An expression of approval and commendation.	He always appreciated kudos for his work
Kibitz (Verb)	Make unwanted and intrusive comments.	Don't kibitz : he's sensitive.
Labialise (Verb)	Pronounce with rounded lips.	1. The syllable is labialised when used after a vowel.
Learnedness (Noun)	Profound scholarly knowledge.	His vast and versatile learnedness impressed everyone.
Leathern (Adjective)	Made of leather; consisting of. Leather	A leathern purse.



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1. **Capital** (the city or town that functions as the administrative centre of a country or region)– **Capitol** (is the building in which a state legislative body meets).

- Dhaka is the **capital** of Bangladesh.
- The **capitol** is a famous site at Washington.

2. **Coarse** (rough or harsh in texture) – **Course** (A complete series of lessons)

- This is a **coarse** woollen cloth.
- I have enrolled on a computer **course**.

3. **Beat** (To defeat somebody/ to hit somebody)– **Beet** (A vegetable)

- He has **beaten** his enemies.
- **Beets** are rich in folate.



4. **Ceiling** (The upper interior surface of a room) – **Sealing**(the action or process of fastening or closing something securely)

- The books were stacked from floor to ceiling.
- After the vote sealing the ballot boxes is important.

5. **Dew** (Tiny drops of water) –**Due** (of the proper quality or extent/What is owed to one)

- The grass was wet with dew.
- You have to give due respect to the stranger.

6. **Discreet** (careful and prudent in one's speech or actions/unobtrusive) – **Discrete**(Individually separate and distinct)

- We made some discreet inquiries about the investment plan.
- Speech sounds are produced as a continuous sound signal rather than discrete

7. **Flea** (Wingless insect) – **Flee** (To run away)

- Genetic evidence indicates that fleas are a specialised lineage of parasitic scorpion flies.
- The thief had fled before the police arrived.



8. Grown (undergo natural development by increasing in size) – Groan (To make a deep inarticulate sound conveying pain, despair, pleasure, etc.)

- Ritesh has grown in stature.
- He groaned with pain.

9. Fort – Fought

- Just the three of you going to be holding the **fort** tonight.
- He **fought** many battles with the early Labor party in Lancaster and discrimination against socialist employees was alleged.

10. Foul – Fowl

- He woke up with a **foul** taste in his mouth.
- Fish, **fowl** and meat, most with a decidedly Southwestern treatment, are represented on

11. Him – Hymn

- They praised **him** for his efforts.
- The Rig Veda consists of **hymns** in praise of the Supreme energy.

12. Hole – Whole

- Ravi punched a **hole** in the father's belt.
- The **whole** world is a spherical bowl.

13. Hour – Our

- An **hour** is equal to sixty minutes.
- **Our** tiranga is **our** pride.

14. Idle – Idol

- Working in the fields is better than sitting **idle**.
- An **idol** is erected in honour of great personalities.

15. In – Inn

- The laptop is **in** my bag.
- We stayed in an **inn** when we went on a religious tour to South India.





1. Address – Address

- I can give you the **address** of a good attorney.
- That letter was **addressed** to me.

2. Band – Band

- The **band** was playing old Beatles songs.
- She always ties her hair back in a **band**.
- Many insects are **banded** black and yellow.

3. Bat – Bat

- I am afraid of **bats**.
- It's his first time at **bat** in the major leagues.



4. Can – Can

- Gabriella **can** speak French fluently.
- We drank a **can** of Coke each.

5. Fair – Fair

- Her complexion was rather fair, now she looks dull.
- The brothers were separated in the fair of Maha Kumbh.

6. Fall – Fall

- September had come and the leaves were starting to **fall**.
- The area is beautiful in the **fall**.

7. File – File

1. Every **file** on the same disk must have a different name.
2. We began to **file** out into the car park.

8. Goat – G.O.A.T.(Greatest of All Time)

- The **goat**, *Capra hircus*, is a domesticated species of **goat**-antelope.
- Virat is the **G.O.A.T** of Indian Cricket.

9. Hail – Hail

- It **hailed** for an hour.
- We **hailed** our leader

10. Play – Play

- William Shakespeare wrote many **plays**.
- Children **play** in the evening here.

11. Just – Just

- It was a **just** decision.
- It is **just** a scratch.

12. Key – Key

- The lock was opened using a **key**.
- The **key** problem is overpopulation.

13. Last – Last

- The shopkeeper said that our TV would **last**, at least, a decade.
- The **last** person to come was Ravi.

14. Match – Match

- The **match** between Chennai Super Kings and Royal Challengers Bangalore was a tie.
- The fingerprints **matched** and the culprit was convicted.

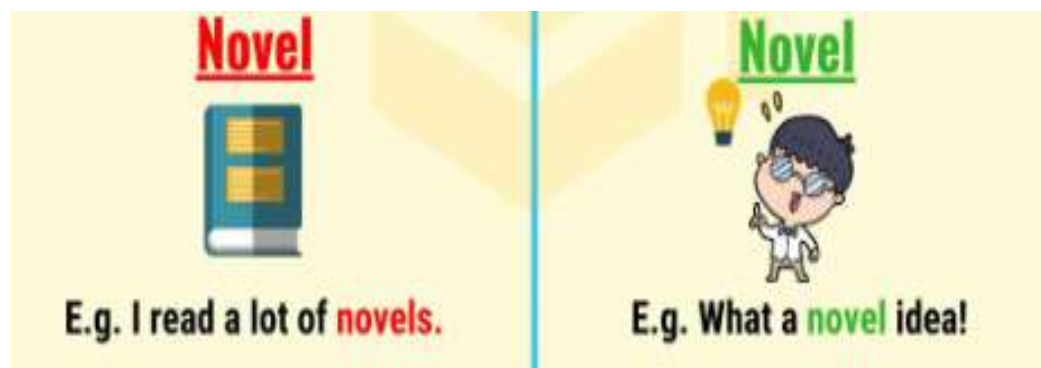
15. Minute – Minute

- It will take only a **minute**.
- You better **minute** that point.



16. Novel – Novel

- I like reading **novels**.
- What a **novel** idea.





IDIOMS

1. **A SANDWICH SHORT OF A PICNIC** - A humorous way of saying someone is stupid
or is a bit mad
Ex- He brought only shorts and t-shirts when he went to Sweden in the winter – I think he might be a sandwich short of a picnic!
2. **(TO BE) ALL EARS** - To be eagerly waiting to hear about something
Ex- Person A: "I have to tell you about what happened on our trip to Spain..."
Person B: "I'm all ears!"
3. **BEAT ABOUT/AROUND THE BUSH** - To talk about unimportant things because you're avoiding a particular topic
Ex- Stop beating about the bush! Are you planning to quit university, or not?



4. **BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE** - To be in a difficult situation where both options are bad
Person A: "If I go to the wedding mum will be upset, but if I don't go then I'll be letting down the rest of the family!"
Person B: "Sounds like you're caught between a rock and a hard place."
5. **BITE THE BULLET** - To decide to do something that is difficult or unpleasant, but necessary
Ex- You're going to have to **bite the bullet** and tell your ex-(girlfriend) that you need the apartment back.



6. **BLOW OFF STEAM-** To do something that helps you get rid of stress, energy or anger
Ex- After my meeting with the boss, I went for a run to blow off steam.
7. **BURY ONE'S HEAD IN THE SAND -** To refuse to think about or confront serious issues or situations
Ex- Martin just buries his head in the sand when it comes to his financial problems.
8. **CALL IT A DAY-** To stop working on something
Ex- It's almost 9pm. I think we should call it a day and finish the report tomorrow.
9. **CUT A LONG STORY SHORT-** To get to the point, to not include unnecessary detail
Ex- To cut a long story short, she has to move back to the US until her new visa comes through.
10. **FACE THE MUSIC-** To accept responsibility for something bad you have done
Ex- I'm meeting Hannah tonight and it's the first time I'll have seen her since our argument. I guess I'll finally have to face the music
11. **GET A HANG OF SOMETHING -** Learn how to operate or do something.
Ex: He couldn't get a hang of the stopwatch.
12. **Happy hunting ground-** A place where success or enjoyment is obtained.
Ex: OPJS proved to be a happy hunting ground for the students.
13. **Iron out the wrinkles -** Resolve all minor difficulties and snags.
Ex: Willa had sold her story to Universal Pictures and was in California ironing out some wrinkles in the deal.



14. **Jam tomorrow -** A pleasant thing which is often promised but rarely materialises.
Ex: All the promises that the electoral candidates during their election campaigns are but jam tomorrow.
15. **Keep open house -** Provide general hospitality.
Ex: During Diwali and Holi, people in India keep open house for neighbours.
16. **A one-track mind -** Possessed by someone who is obsessed with something or only able to think of one thing
Ex: If someone has a one-track mind, he/she spends most of his/her time thinking about one subject.
17. **Off the record-** Not wishing something to be publicly reported.
Ex- She made it clear that her comments were strictly off the record.
18. **Paint the town red-** To go out and enjoy
Ex- I'm ready to paint the town red with a few of my closest friends.
19. **Pick somebody's brains -** To ask someone who knows a lot about a subject for information or their opinion.
Ex- Can I pick your brain about how you got rid of those weeds?



SPELL BEE WORDS

(GRADE -X)



WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
Libel (Verb)	Print slanderous statements against	The newspaper is accused of libelling the politician.
Lucrative (Adjective)	Producing a sizeable profit.	A lucrative business.
Macadamise (Verb)	Surface an area with tarmac.	The government periodically macadam's the road.
Meanie (Noun)	A person of mean disposition.	She is a meanie .
Modernise (Verb)	Become technologically advanced.	India is modernising rapidly.
Microbe (Noun)	A minute life form (especially a disease-causing bacterium).	The microbe causing the disease is not yet known.
Muffled (Adjective)	Being or made softer or less loud or clear	His voice over the phone is almost always muffled whenever he uses his earphones.
Nab (Verb)	Take into custody.	The police nabbed the suspected criminals.
Near-sighted (Adjective)	Unable to see distant objects clearly.	A person who is nearsighted can see the words in books
Nibble (Verb)	Bite off very small pieces.	She nibbled on her food.
Oasis (Noun)	A fertile spot in a desert, where water is found	Boordy was an oasis in the desert.
Obdurate (Adjective)	Stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or course of action	I argued this point with him, but he was obdurate .
Obeisance (Noun)	Deferential respect.	They paid obeisance to the Prince.
Obfuscate (Verb)	Make obscure, unclear, or unintelligible : bewilder	The new rule is more likely to obfuscate people than enlighten them.
Oblique (Adjective)	Neither parallel nor at right angles to a specified or implied line; slanting.	We sat on the settee oblique to the fireplace.
Peremptory (Adjective)	Insisting on immediate attention or obedience , especially in a brusquely imperious way.	"'Just do it!' came the peremptory reply"
Promiscuous (Adjective)	Demonstrating or implying an unselective approach; indiscriminate or casual.	The city fathers were promiscuous with their honours.
Provender (Noun)	To raise the prices of provender for cattle, importation has been severely curtailed.	There's no one to carry your provender in brown paper bags to the boot of your car.

Prerogative (Noun)	A right or privilege exclusive to a particular individual or class.	In some countries, higher education is predominantly the <u>prerogative</u> of the rich.
Pugnacity (Adjective)	Having a quarrelsome or combative nature	She was always defending him against the fallout from his <u>pugnacity</u> and lack of social graces.
Quadrilateral (Noun)	A four-sided polygon	It is <u>quadrilateral</u> in shape, consisting of four unequal sides flanked by towers and built round a courtyard.
Quagmire (Noun)	A soft wet area of low-lying land that sinks underfoot	The heavy rain had reduced this low-lying ground to a veritable <u>quagmire</u> , making progress very difficult even for one as unburdened as he was.
Quandary (Noun)	A situation from which extrication is difficult	Colleges and universities are in a <u>quandary</u> : Spending cuts, combined with a freeze on tuition, mean fewer teachers and the closing of certain programs.
<u>Querulous</u> (Adjective)	Habitually complaining	In the first place, she is not rich; I could tell that by the <u>querulous</u> complaints of her middle-class mother.
<u>Quiescent</u> (Adjective)	Being quiet or still or inactive	Under normal conditions, only a fraction of these blood-forming stem cells are active; the rest are deeply <u>quiescent</u> – asleep.
<u>Ramification</u> (n)	A consequence, especially one that causes complications	Any change is bound to have legal <u>ramifications</u> .
<u>Rampant</u> (Adjective)	Occurring or increasing in an unrestrained way	There is evidence of <u>rampant</u> corruption in the local government.
<u>Ravenous</u> (Adjective)	Extremely hungry	<i>The <u>ravenous</u> lions tore at the carcass.</i>
<u>Recalcitrant</u> (adj)	Stubbornly resistant to authority or control	The officials of the state banks especially proved <u>recalcitrant</u> and refused to surrender Government moneys.
<u>Reciprocate</u> (Verb)	Act, feel, or give mutually or in return	He took some pains, moreover, to <u>reciprocate</u> the civilities he had received, by entertaining his hosts in return.
Sanctimonious (Adjective)	Making a show of being <u>morally</u> superior to other people.	He has overlaid this subject with a lot of <u>sanctimonious</u> nonsense.
<u>Sacrosanct</u> (Adjective)	Treated as if holy and kept free from violation or criticism	I'm willing to help on any weekday, but my weekends are <u>sacrosanct</u> .
<u>Saturate</u> (Verb)	Infuse or fill completely	The head was shockingly disfigured, battered by some heavy instrument, and the clothes

		were saturated with blood.
<u>Secession</u> (Noun)	formal separation from an alliance or federation	Such a development would carry with it the serious risk of secession by adversely affected states.
<u>Serendipity</u> (Noun)	The gift of finding valuable or agreeable things not looked for.	We all have experienced the serendipity of relevant information arriving just when we were least expecting it.
<u>Tangential</u> (Adjective)	Of superficial relevance if any	It is terrific fun, but its relation to the theme remains tangential at best.
<u>Terrestrial</u> (Adjective)	Operating or living or growing on land	On land, habitat loss takes away much-needed space for large, terrestrial animals.
<u>Transcendental</u>	existing outside of or not in accordance with nature	Transcendental method is indeed not invulnerable.
<u>Trepidation</u>	A feeling of alarm or dread	No sign of trepidation or alarm, save the sudden stiffening of her form, was betrayed.
<u>Triumvirate</u>	A group of three people responsible for civil authority	Antonius marched on Rome, drove out Lepidus, and promised the people that the triumvirate should be abolished.
<u>Unencumbered</u> (Adjective)	Not having any burden or responsibility.	He needed to travel light and unencumbered .
<u>Upbraid</u> (Verb)	Express criticism towards / scold / imprecate	Rahul never upbraided her with words,—had never spoken one word of reproach.
<u>Undaunted</u> (Adjective)	Resolutely courageous	He possessed undaunted courage, and blended bold enterprise with much sagacity.
<u>Vanquish</u> (Verb)	To defeat somebody completely in a contest or war	A ruthless enemy was vanquished .
<u>Vapid</u> (Adjective)	Lacking significance or liveliness / Monotonous / prosaic	She made a vapid comment about the weather.
<u>Wanderlust</u> (Noun)	A strong desire to travel.	Perhaps a trip like this would have satisfied his wanderlust .
<u>Wrath</u> (Noun)	Intense anger	The natural calamities are manifestation of divine wrath and scourge.
<u>Xenophobia</u> (Noun)	A fear of foreigners or strangers.	Some fear a return of the xenophobia that led to violent attacks on foreigners two years ago.
<u>Yearning</u> (Noun)	Prolonged unfulfilled desire or need. Longing / longing	They had a deep yearning for their homeland.
<u>Zephyr</u> (Noun)	A slight wind, breeze	So far it has only been a gentle zephyr .



1. In – Inn

- The laptop is in my bag.
- We stayed in an inn when we went on a religious tour to South India.



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2. Night – Knight

- The night was too dark to see anything.
- The knights were honoured with such titles.



Night



Knight

3. Knot – Not

- They tied the knot on the 22nd of February.
- There was not a single leaf on the tree.

4. Know – No

- They know about all the secrets.
- There was no hope for the jacklegs.

5. Oppose / Appose

- A majority of the electorate opposed EC membership.
- The specimen was apposed to X-ray film.

6. Oh / Owe

- Oh, no! I forgot my key.
- "I owed it to him to explain what's happened.

7. Pail / Pale

- She poured a pail of water on the campfire.
- Her illness had left her pale and weak.

8. Pair / Pear

- He blushed when he saw all three pairs of eyes watching him.
- Rufus is eating an apple, and I am eating a pear.

9. root / route



ROOT



ROUTE

- Pull weeds up by the roots so that they don't grow back.
- You could take a different route and still arrive at the same conclusion.

10. Sew / Sow

- I had endless hours to knit and sew.
- Farmers sowed the fields with corn.

11. Soared / Sword

- The temperature soared to 100 degrees.
- He was killed with a sword.

12. Toad / Towed



Toad



Towed

- The toad had changed its colour to blend in with its new environment.
- The car was towed to the nearest garage after the accident.

13. Vain — Vein

- She closed her eyes tightly in a **vain** attempt to hold back the tears.
- The nurse was having trouble finding a **vein** in his arm.

14. Way — Weigh



- I'm not happy with this **way** of working.
- The young birds **weigh** only a few grams.

15. Weather — Whether

- The **weather** is very changeable at the moment.
- I asked him **whether** he had done it all himself or whether someone had helped him.



1. Address – Address

I can give you the **address** of a good attorney.
That letter was **addressed** to me.

2. Band – Band

The **band** was playing old Beatles songs.
She always ties her hair back in a **band**.
Many insects are **banded** black and yellow.

3. Bat – Bat

I am afraid of **bats**.
It's his first time at **bat** in the major leagues.



4. **Can – Can**

Gabriella can speak French fluently.
We drank a can of Coke each.

5. **Contract- Contract**

He has just signed a contract keeping him with the club.
I contracted malaria but didn't recognize the symptoms at first.

6. **Express-Express**

Children often express themselves in painting.
Please send this letter by express delivery.

7. **Fair – Fair**

Her complexion was rather fair, now she looks dull.
The brothers were separated in the fair of Maha Kumbh.

8. **Fall – Fall**

September had come and the leaves were starting to fall.
The area is beautiful in the fall.

9. **File – File**

Every file on the same disk must have a different name.
We began to file out into the car park.

10. **Goat – G.O.A.T(Greates of All Time)**

The goat, Capra hircus, is a domesticated species of goat-antelope.
Virat is the G.O.A.T of Indian Cricket.

11. **Hail – Hail**

It hailed for an hour.
We hailed our leader.

12. Play – Play

William Shakespeare wrote many plays.

Children play in the evening here.

13. Just – Just

It was a just decision.

It is just a scratch.

14. Key – Key

The lock was opened using a key.

The key problem is overpopulation.

15. Last – Last

The shopkeeper said that our TV would last, at least, a decade.

The last person to come was Ravi.

16. Match – Match

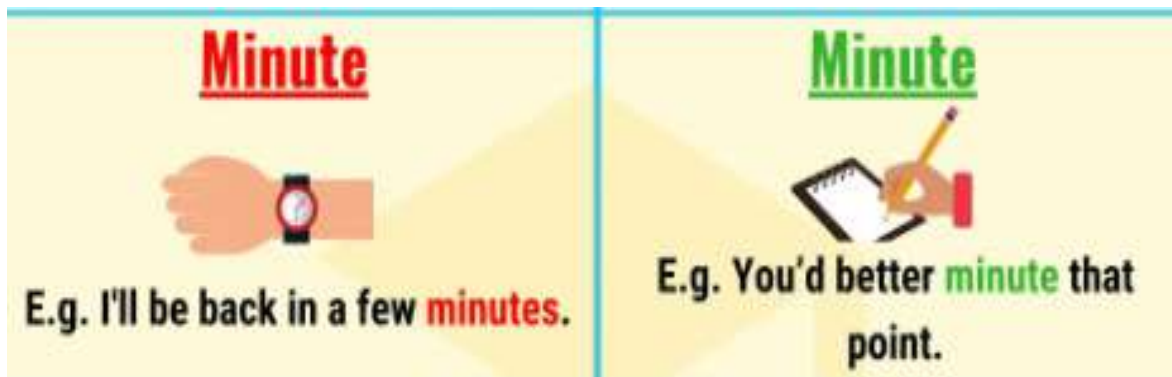
The match between Chennai Super Kings and Royal Challengers Bangalore was a tie.

The fingerprints matched and the culprit was convicted.

17. Minute – Minute

It will take only a minute.

You better minute that point.



18. Novel – Novel

I like reading novels.

What a novel idea.



19. Spring-Spring

In spring the garden is a feast of blossom.

Over the years the mattress has lost its spring.

20. Quarry-Quarry

There was an old limestone quarry.

The large limestone caves are also quarried for cement.

IDIOMS & EXPRESSIONS

1. **A SANDWICH SHORT OF A PICNIC-** A humorous way of saying someone is stupid
or is a bit mad

He brought only shorts and t-shirts when he went to Sweden in the winter – I think he might be a sandwich short of a picnic!

2. **BEAT ABOUT/AROUND THE BUSH-** To talk about unimportant things because you're avoiding a particular topic.

Stop beating about the bush! Are you planning to quit university, or not?



3. **BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE -** To be in a difficult situation where both options are bad

Person A: "If I go to the wedding mum will be upset, but if I don't go then I'll be letting down the rest of the family."

Person B: "Sounds like you're caught between a rock and a hard place."

4. **BITE THE BULLET-** To decide to do something that is difficult or unpleasant, but necessary

You're going to have to bite the bullet and tell your ex-(girlfriend) that you need the apartment back



5. **GET A HANG OF SOMETHING-** Learn how to operate or do something.

Ex: He couldn't get a hang of the stopwatch.

6. **Happy hunting ground -**A place where success or enjoyment is obtained.

Ex: OPJS proved to be a happy hunting ground for the students.

7. **Iron out the wrinkles -**Resolve all minor difficulties and snags.

Ex: Willa had sold her story to Universal Pictures and was in California ironing out some wrinkles in the deal.



8. Jam tomorrow- A pleasant thing which is often promised but rarely materialises.

Ex: All the promises that the electoral candidates during their election campaigns are but **jam tomorrow**.

9. Keep open house- Provide general hospitality.

Ex: During Diwali and Holi, people in India **keep open house** for neighbours.

10. A one-track mind- Possessed by someone who is obsessed with something or only able to think of one thing. Ex: If someone has a **one-track mind**, he/she spends most of his/her time thinking about one subject.

11. Off the record- Not wishing something to be **publicly reported**.

Ex- She made it **clear** that her **comments** were **strictly off the record**.

12. Paint the town red- To go out and **enjoy**

Ex- I'm **ready** to **paint the town red** with a few of my **closest friends**.

13. Pick somebody's brains- To **ask** someone who **knows** a lot about a **subject** for **information** or **their opinion**.

Ex- Can I **pick your brain** about how you got **rid** of those **weeds**?

14. Take the bull by the horns- To deal with a difficult situation in a very direct or **confident way**.

Ex- She decided **to take the bull by the horns** and try to solve the problem without any further delay.



15. Under a cloud: - to be under suspicion.

His secret connections with the smugglers have brought him **under a cloud**.

16. When the crunch comes: - the moment of decision

Brave person never despair **when the crunch comes**.

17. Window shopping: - to look at goods displayed but not for buying

Though I did not have any mind to make purchases, I just went out **window shopping** in the evening.



18. Wild goose chase: - unprofitable business / a hopeless quest / waste a lot of time in search of something that does not exist or is somewhere else.

All the efforts of the government to remove illiteracy in India is like a wild goose chase.



19. Yeoman's service: - excellent work

Sardar Patel did yeoman's service by welding numberless states into one strong Nation.

20.20.Be water off duck's back - used to refer to a potentially hurtful remark or situation that has no apparent effect on the person involved.

She calls him lazy and useless, but it's like water off a duck's back.
