

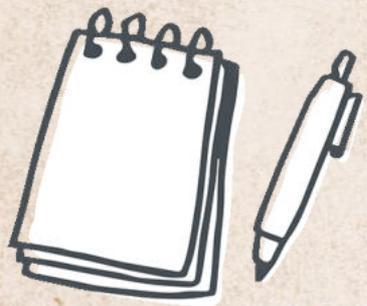
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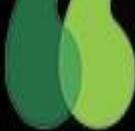
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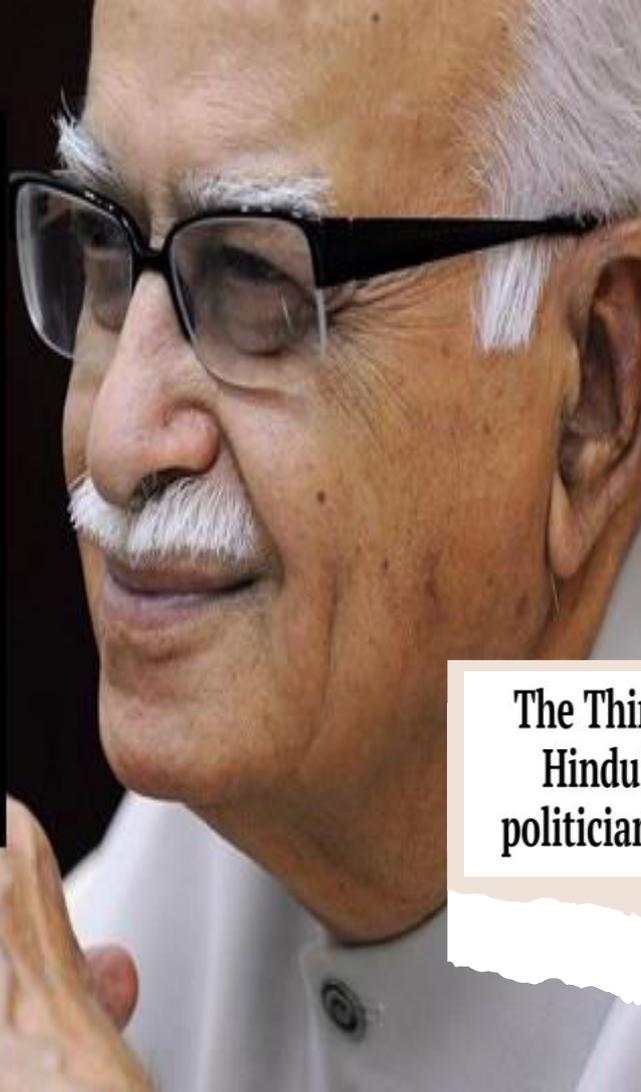
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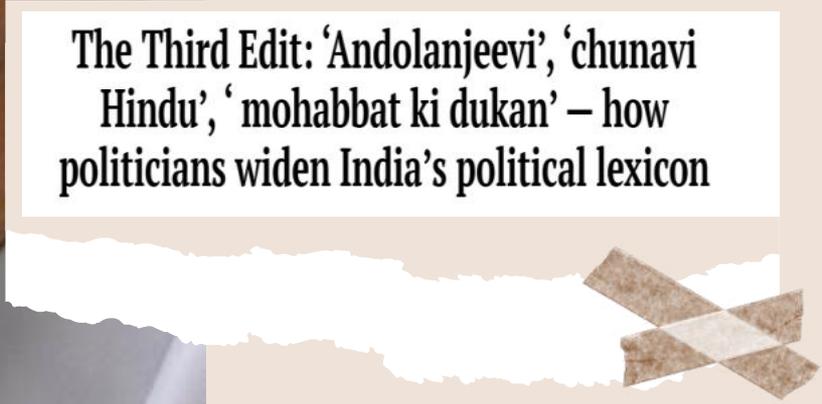
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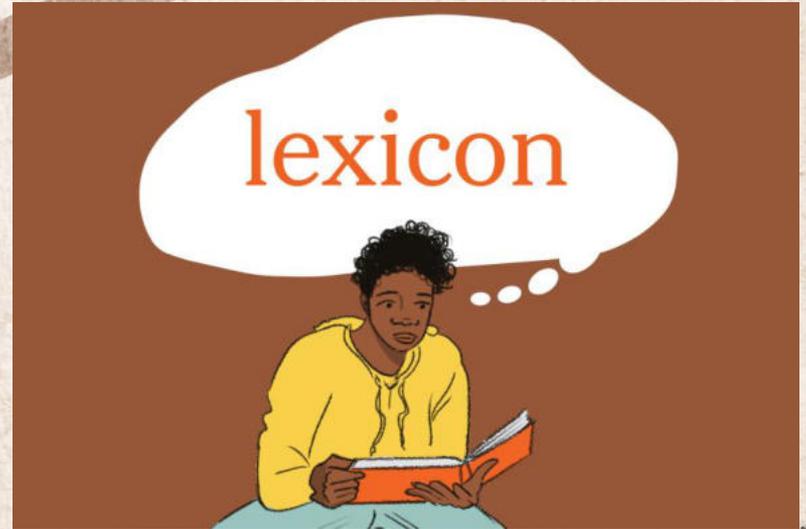
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1. Lexicon

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: Vocabulary of a person, language, or subject.



Hindi Translation: शब्दकोश

Synonyms:

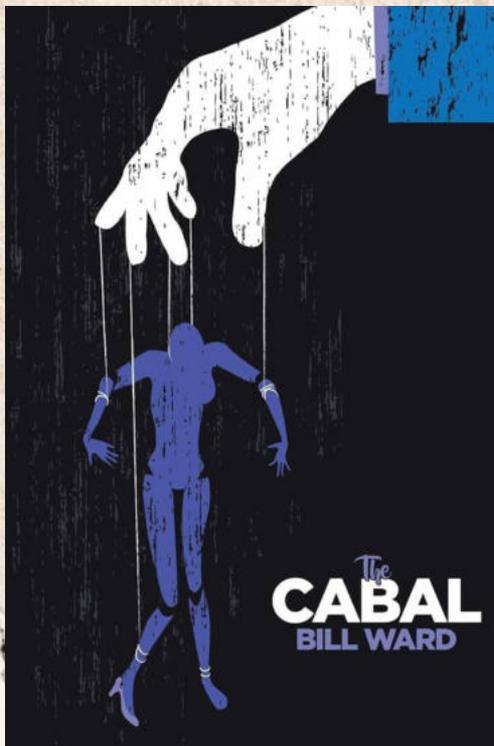
1. Dictionary,
2. glossary,
3. word list,
4. terminology

Antonyms:

1. Silence,
2. vagueness,
3. non-verbal,
4. generalization

Example Sentence: The professor's lexicon included many technical terms.





2. Cabal

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: A secret political faction or conspiracy.

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Hindi Translation: गुप्त षड्यंत्र

Synonyms:

1. Conspiracy,
2. clique,
3. faction,
4. plot

Antonyms:

1. Transparency,
2. openness,
3. honesty,
4. fairness

Example Sentence: A cabal of powerful individuals plotted to overthrow the government.



3. Valiant

Part of Speech: Adjective

Meaning: Possessing courage or determination.



Hindi Translation: बहादुर

Synonyms:

1. Brave,
2. courageous,
3. heroic,
4. gallant

Antonyms:

1. Cowardly,
2. fearful,
3. timid,
4. weak

Example Sentence: The valiant soldiers defended their country with all their might.





4. Euphemism

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: A mild or indirect expression for something harsh or unpleasant.



Hindi Translation: सौम्य शब्द

Synonyms:

1. Understatement,
2. circumlocution,
3. substitute,
4. soft term

Antonyms:

1. Dysphemism,
2. bluntness,
3. directness,
4. harshness

Example Sentence: “Passed away” is a euphemism for “died.”



5. Appease

Part of Speech: Verb

Meaning: To pacify or satisfy someone.



Hindi Translation: शांत करना

Synonyms:

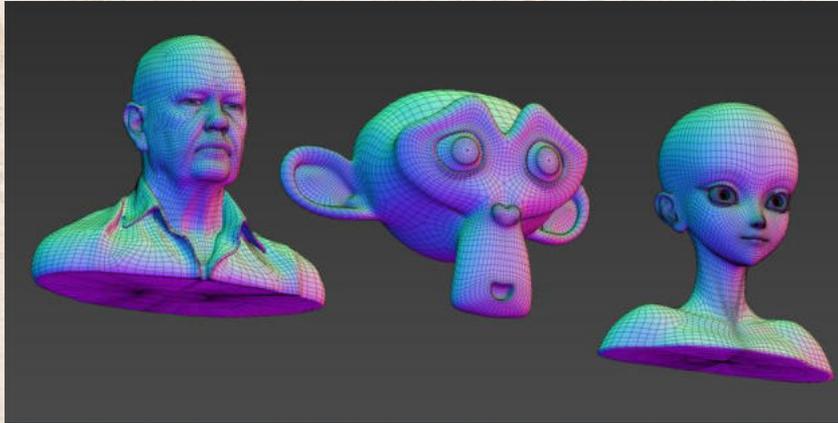
1. Pacify,
2. mollify,
3. placate,
4. soothe

Antonyms:

1. Provoke,
2. enrage,
3. aggravate,
4. antagonize

Example Sentence: The manager tried to appease the angry customers by offering discounts.





6. Morph

Part of Speech: Verb

Meaning: To change or transform into something else.



Hindi Translation: रूपांतरित करना

Synonyms:

1. Transform,
2. evolve,
3. change,
4. modify

Antonyms:

1. Stabilize,
2. maintain,
3. preserve,
4. remain

Example Sentence: The caterpillar morphed into a beautiful butterfly.



7. Elitist

Part of Speech:

Adjective/Noun

Meaning: Favoring or belonging to an elite group.



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Hindi Translation: अभिजात्य

Synonyms:

1. Aristocratic,
2. exclusive,
3. snobbish,
4. privileged

Antonyms:

1. Egalitarian,
2. common,
3. populist,
4. inclusive

Example Sentence: The policy was criticized for being elitist and ignoring the needs of ordinary people.





8. Felicity

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: Intense happiness or the ability to express things well



Hindi Translation: प्रसन्नता / कुशलता

Synonyms:

1. Happiness,
2. joy,
3. bliss,
4. eloquence

Antonyms:

1. Misery,
2. sorrow,
3. grief,
4. awkwardness

Example Sentence: She expressed her thoughts with such felicity that the audience was moved

9. Acumen

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: The ability to make good judgments and quick decisions.



Hindi Translation: कुशाग्रता

Synonyms:

1. Shrewdness,
2. insight,
3. sharpness,
4. astuteness

Antonyms:

1. Ignorance,
2. dullness,
3. ineptitude,
4. naivety

Example Sentence: His business acumen has made him a successful entrepreneur.





10. Thrall

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: A state of being under someone's power or control.



Hindi Translation: दासता

Synonyms:

1. Captivity,
2. enslavement,
3. bondage,
4. servitude

Antonyms:

1. Freedom,
2. independence,
3. liberty,
4. autonomy

Example Sentence: He was completely in thrall to her charm and couldn't think clearly.



11. Rhetoric

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: The art of persuasive speaking or writing.



Hindi Translation: वाक्पटुता

Synonyms:

1. Oratory,
2. eloquence,
3. persuasion,
4. expression

Antonyms:

1. Simplicity,
2. plainness,
3. bluntness,
4. inarticulateness

Example Sentence: The politician's rhetoric failed to convince the skeptical audience.



Idioms

1. Words can be weapons of mass distraction

o **Meaning:** Words can be powerful tools to divert attention from the main issues.

o **Hindi:** शब्द ध्यान भटकाने का साधन हो सकते हैं

Idioms

2. Strike a chord

o **Meaning:** To resonate emotionally or connect with someone.

o **Hindi:** दिल को छू जाना

Idioms

3. Revved up

o **Meaning:** To make something more exciting or intense.

o **Hindi:** उत्साहित करना

Idioms

4. Match up

- o **Meaning:** Compete on the same level or standard.
- o **Hindi:** बराबरी करना

Phrasal Verbs

1. Thrown out

o **Meaning:** Made an accusation or suggestion.

o **Hindi:** आरोप लगाना

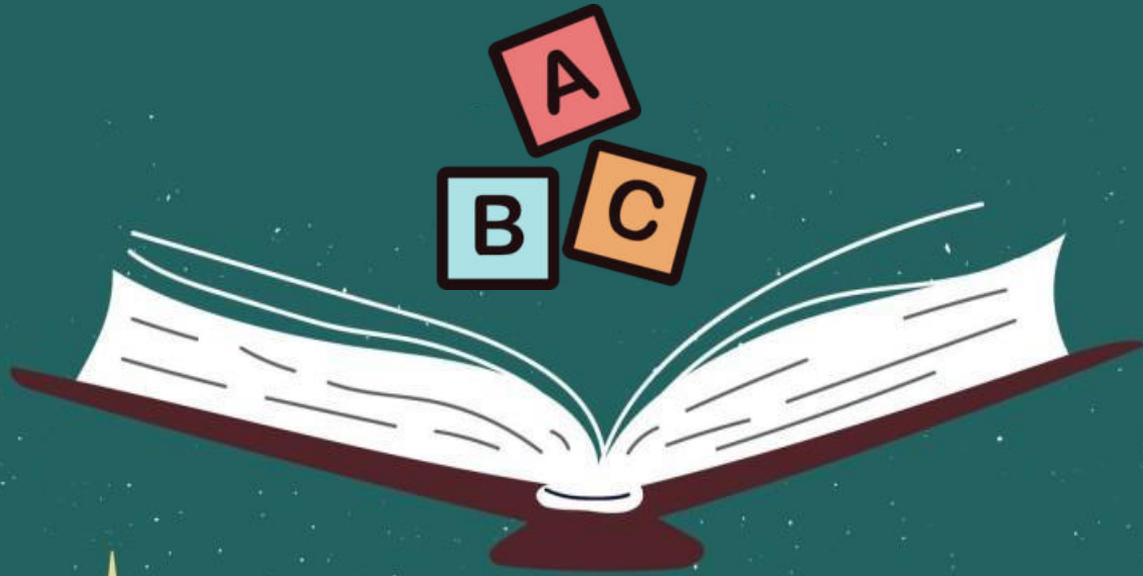
Phrasal Verbs

2. Morphing itself

o **Meaning:** Gradually transforming into something else.

o **Hindi:** बदल जाना

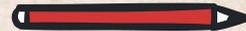
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In the game of electoral rhetoric, if there is one thing politicians know well, it is this: It is not their parties' manifestos or the extravagant promises they make that are most likely to stick in the end. Words can be weapons of mass distraction and chances are, if one is creative enough, the right amount of suggestion can strike a chord with the right demographic at the right time. Take for instance, the allegation thrown out by Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva on Tuesday at the Delhi Chief Minister: A "chunavi Hindu" — someone who allegedly discovers his or her spiritual roots only during election season.

Sachdeva is only one in a long list of politicians to have understood that political discourse in India isn't just about policy. It's also, and more, about performance — the sort that can hold the citizen in thrall from the constantly spotlighted election podium to the only episodically open Parliament. He, of course, need look no further than the Prime Minister, his party's leader, whose felicity with words combined with his political acumen has widened India's political lexicon in the last decade.

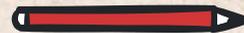
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Coinages such as “andolanjeevi” (professional protesters), and “Khan Market gang”, a shadowy cabal of elitist intellectuals, the political deep state, if you will, only with better coffee, have revved up the political exchange. On the other side, Congress’s Rahul Gandhi has tried valiantly to match up – his “mohabbat ki dukan” is a case in point. But it is a battle of unequals. With its will to install new political narratives and disrupt old ones, the BJP is clearly the party with the most when it comes to minting words and phrases.

In the 1990s, LK Advani had accused the Congress of being “pseudo-secular” — an euphemism for the politics of appeasement. In the decade since 2014, the ambit of the term has widened to include liberals and left-leaning ideologues, morphing itself to “pseudo-sickular” to denote the distance between “bhakts” and “anti-nationals”. Whether these labels are accurate or not is besides the point. That they hit and don’t miss is what counts.

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Q1. What can be inferred about the BJP's approach to political rhetoric compared to the Congress?

- A) BJP avoids coining new terms and relies solely on manifestos.**
- B) BJP effectively uses creative rhetoric to dominate political discourse.** 
- C) Congress surpasses BJP in creating impactful political narratives.**
- D) Both BJP and Congress equally contribute to India's political lexicon.**
- E) BJP's focus on policy outweighs its use of rhetoric.**



Q2. What does the term “chunavi Hindu” imply about political strategies during elections?

- A) Politicians are consistent in their spiritual beliefs.
- B) Religion is often strategically highlighted only during elections. 
- C) Religious sentiments are avoided in electoral rhetoric.
- D) Electoral campaigns focus solely on policy discussions.
- E) Spirituality plays no role in political discourse.



Q3. What does the article suggest about the effectiveness of coined terms like “andolanjeevi” and “Khan Market gang”?

- A) They lack impact and fail to influence the electorate.
- B) They focus exclusively on economic policies. 
- C) They are too complex for public understanding.
- D) They resonate with specific demographics and shape political narratives.
- E) They are used equally by all political parties.



Q4. What inference can be made about the evolution of political labels in India, such as “pseudo-secular” to “pseudo-sickular”?

A) Political labels have become more neutral and inclusive.

B) Political labels have shifted to emphasize policy over identity.

C) Political labels have evolved to intensify ideological divisions. 

D) Political labels are no longer used in contemporary discourse.

E) Political labels have lost their significance in rhetoric.



Q5. What does the article imply about the role of political performance in India?

- A) Political performance is secondary to party manifestos.
- B) Political performance captivates the public more than policy discussions. 
- C) Parliament sessions are prioritized over election campaigns.
- D) Indian political discourse avoids theatrics and focuses on substance.
- E) Political performance rarely influences voter decisions.



REVISION

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Column A

Column B

A. Pungent

P. To hold and use (a weapon, tool, or influence)

B. Intricate

Q. Cruel and bitter criticism

C. Wielded

R. Widespread or commonly occurring

D. Pejorative

S. Very detailed and complex

E. Denigrate

T. Expressing disapproval or contempt

F. Vitriol

U. Important, well-known, or easily noticeable

G. Endure

V. Having a strong, sharp taste or smell

H. Prominent

W. To criticize or speak about in a way that shows disrespect

I. Prevalent

X. The dispersion or spread of any people from their original homeland

J. Diaspora

Y. To suffer through something difficult or unpleasant over time

Answer

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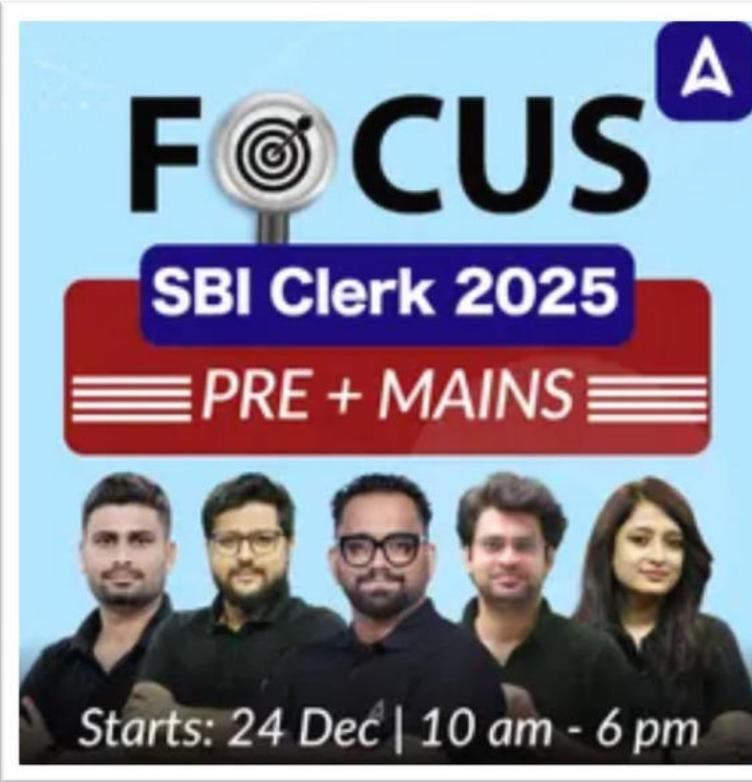


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