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# MISSPELT

1. Which of the following is the correct spelling?

- a) Saliant
- b) Salinent
- c) Salient 
- d) Saliant
- e) None of these


## MISSPELT

2. Which of the following is the correct spelling?

- a) Stal
- b) Staal
- c) Stoll
- d) Stall 
- e) None of these


## MISSPELT

3. Which of the following is the correct spelling?

- a) Distres
- b) Distress 
- c) Distreess
- d) Distress
- e) None of these


## MISSPELT

4. Which of the following is the correct spelling?

- a) Paradigm 
- b) Paradime
- c) Paradygm
- d) Paradgim
- e) None of these

## MISSPELT


5. Which of the following is the correct spelling?

- a) Catalyzing
- b) Catalising
- c) Catalysing 
- d) Catallysing
- e) None of these

## MISSPELT

6. Which of the following is the correct spelling?

a) Acquitt

b) Acquit 


c) Acqit

d) Acquite

e) None of these


## MISSPELT

7. Which of the following is the correct spelling?

- a) Presumption 
- b) Presumtion
- c) Presumpation
- d) Preasumption
- e) None of these


## MISSPELT

8. Which of the following is the correct spelling?

- a) Ambiguous
- b) Ambiguous 
- c) Ambiuguous
- d) Ambiugous
- e) None of these


## One Word Substitution

1. to give up completely or agree to forgo, especially in favour of another

- a) Waive
- b) Forfeit
- c) Surrender 
- d) Cosign
- e) None of these


## One Word Substitution

2. A person who entertains people by doing difficult feats

- a) Cosmonaut
- b) Astronaut
- c) Comedian
- d) Acrobat 
- e) None of these


## One Word Substitution

3. **Having no boundaries or limits**

- a) Colossal
- b) Enormous
- c) Infinite 
- d) Tremendous
- e) None of these


## One Word Substitution

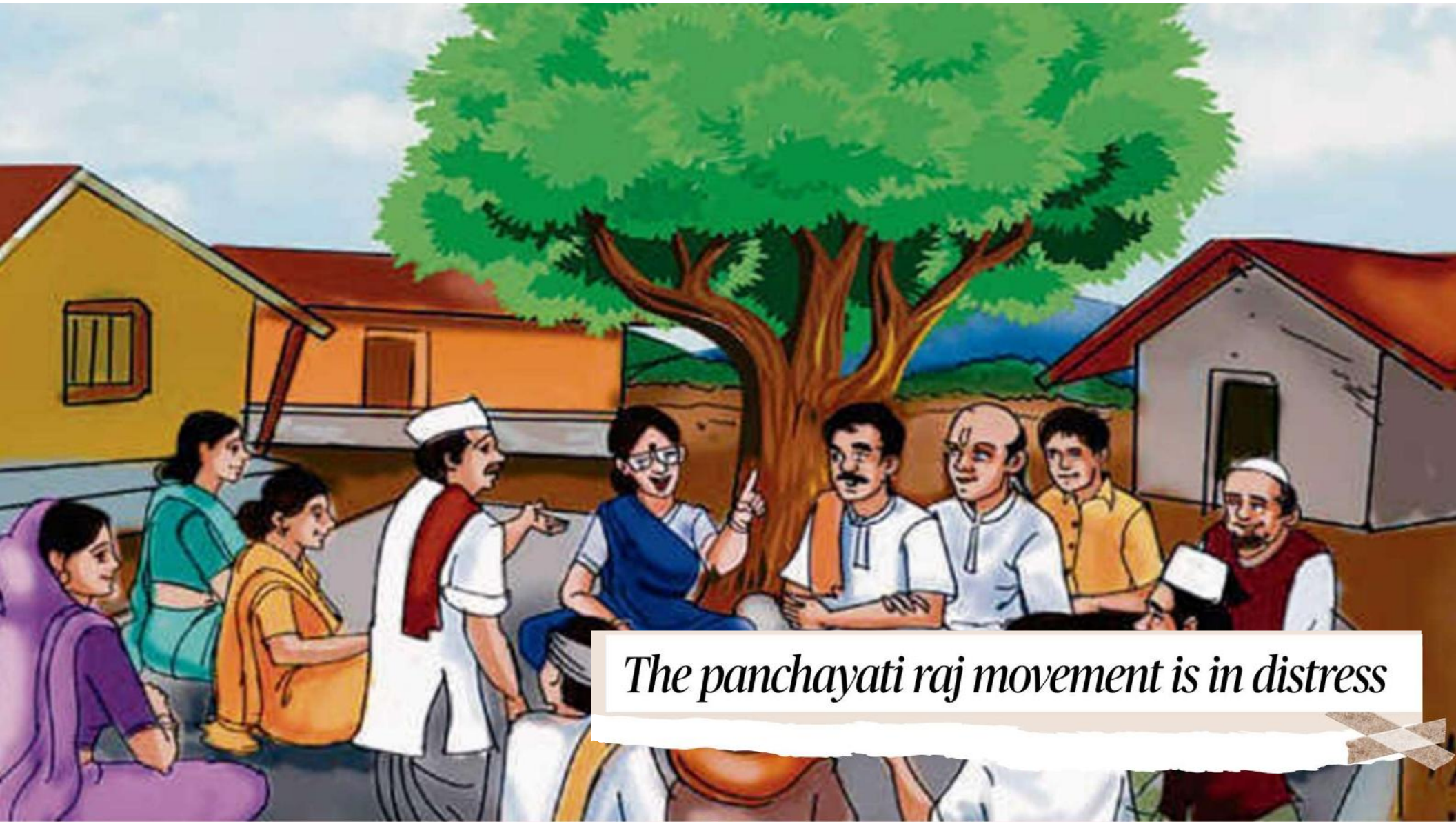
4. **Having two opposing feelings at the same time.**

- a) Coinciding
- b) Ambivalent 
- c) Equivalent
- d) Contemporary
- e) None of these

## One Word Substitution

5. A mixture of dried, naturally fragrant plant material, used to provide a gentle natural scent inside buildings, especially in residential settings.

- a) potpourri 
- b) perfume
- c) scent
- d) aroma
- e) None of these



*The panchayati raj movement is in distress*

1.  
**Synonyms**

2.  
**Antonyms**

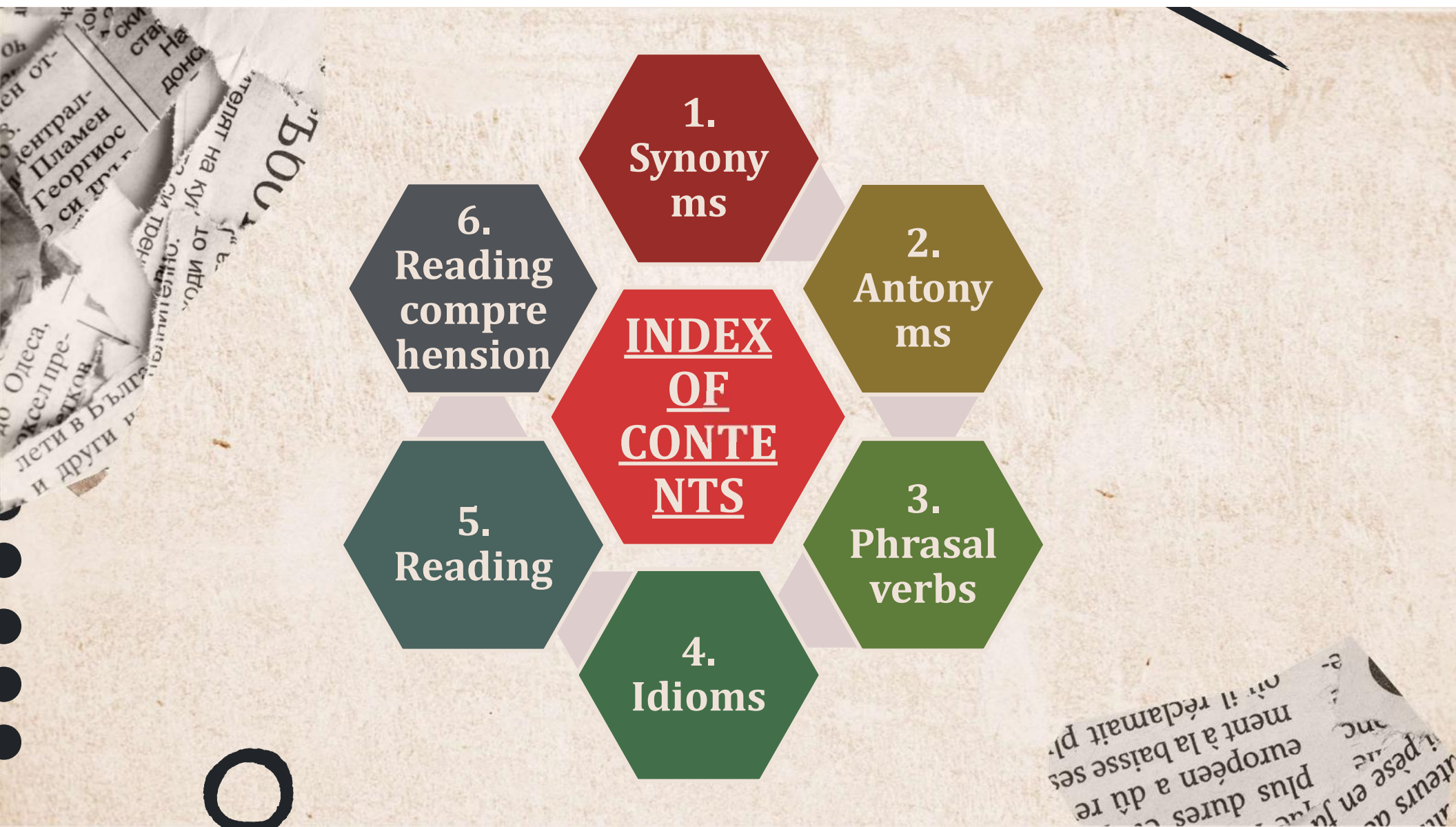
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**Reading comprehension**

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# 1. Salient

Part of Speech: Adjective

**Meaning:** Most noticeable or important; prominent.



**Hindi Translation:** प्रमुख / महत्वपूर्ण

**Synonyms:**

1. Prominent
2. Conspicuous
3. Notable
4. Outstanding

**Antonyms:**

1. Insignificant
2. Unimportant
3. Trivial
4. Minor

**Example Sentence:** The report highlighted the salient features of the new policy that would impact environmental regulation.



## 2. Stall

Part of Speech: Verb

**Meaning:** To delay or hinder progress; to come to a stop



**Hindi Translation:** रोकना / थम जाना

**Synonyms:**

1. Delay
2. Hinder
3. Impede
4. Interrupt

**10 Antonyms:**

1. Accelerate
2. Speed up
3. Advance
4. Hasten

**Example Sentence:** The negotiations stalled when both sides refused to compromise on key issues.



# 3. Distress

Part of Speech: Noun (also used as a verb)

Meaning: Extreme anxiety, sorrow, or pain; severe suffering.



**Hindi Translation:** पीड़ा / कष्ट

**Synonyms:**

1. Agony
2. Suffering
3. Anguish
4. Misery

**Antonyms:**

1. Comfort
2. Relief
3. Ease
4. Contentment

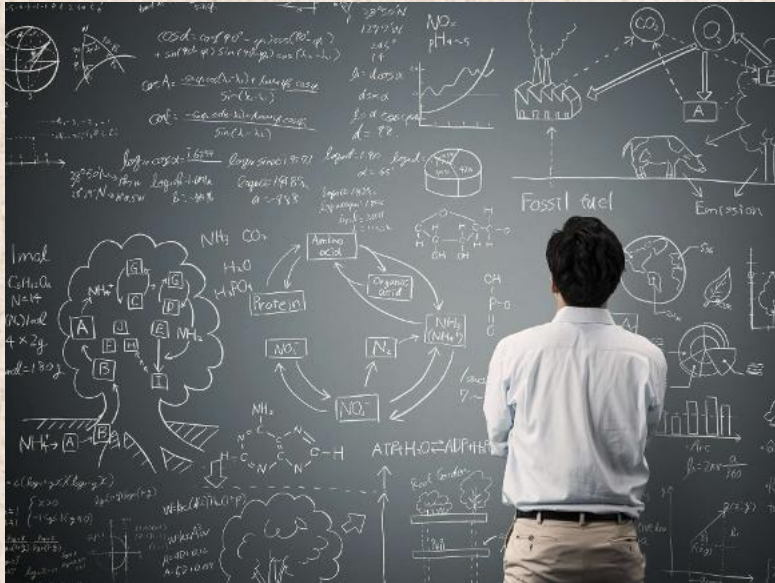
**Example Sentence:** The sudden loss plunged the community into deep distress and sorrow.



# 4. Paradigm

Part of Speech: Noun

**Meaning:** A typical example or model; a pattern of something that serves as a reference.



**Hindi Translation: प्रतिमान**

**Synonyms:**

1. Model
2. Pattern
3. Archetype
4. Prototype

**Antonyms:**

1. Anomaly
2. Irregularity
3. Deviation
4. Aberration

**Example Sentence:** The shift to remote work has become a new paradigm for modern businesses.



# 5. Catalysing

**Part of Speech: Verb (present participle of “catalyze”)**

**Meaning:** Causing or accelerating a process or change; acting as a catalyst



**Hindi Translation:** उत्प्रेरित करना

**Synonyms:**

1. Accelerating
2. Triggering
3. Stimulating
4. Prompting

**Antonyms:**

1. Hindering
2. Impeding
3. Slowing
4. Obstructing

**Example Sentence:** The groundbreaking research is catalysing a wave of innovation in renewable energy.





## 6. Acquit

Part of Speech: Verb

**Meaning:** To declare someone not guilty of a crime or charge; to clear from blame or responsibility.

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**Hindi Translation:** बरी करना

**Synonyms:**

1. Exonerate
2. Absolve
3. Clear
4. Exculpate

**Antonyms:**

1. Convict
2. Condemn
3. Incriminate
4. Sentence

**Example Sentence:** After reviewing the evidence, the jury acquitted the defendant of all charges.



# 7. Presumption

Part of Speech: Noun

**Meaning:** An idea or belief that is taken for granted without proof; an assumption

## ASSUME

To come to your own conclusions without thought or the slightest bit of evidence.



## PRESUME

Means that you came to the idea based on evidence or probability.



**Hindi Translation:** पूर्वधारणा / अनुमान

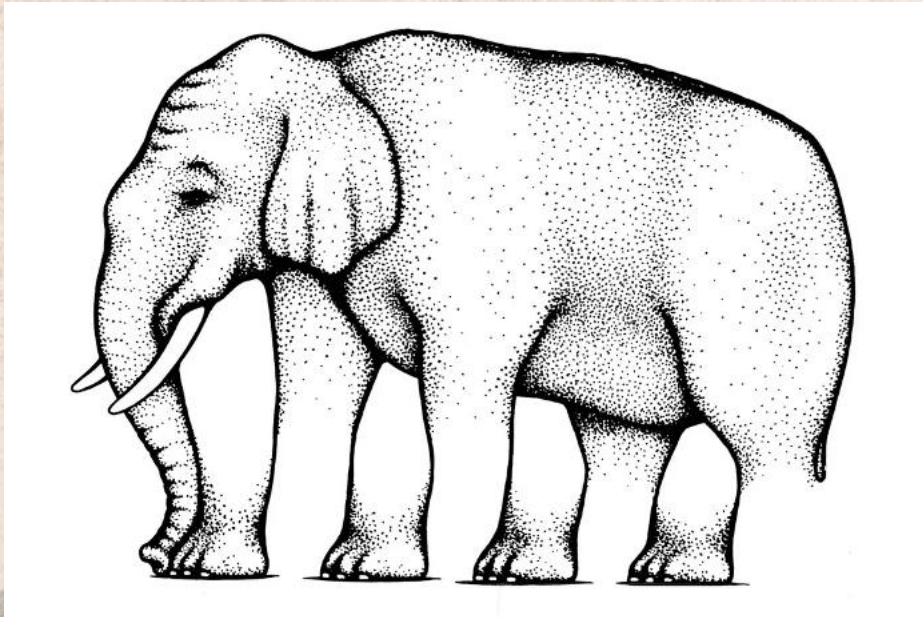
**Synonyms:**

1. Assumption
2. Supposition
3. Conjecture
4. Inference

**Antonyms:**

1. Certainty
2. Fact
3. Proof
4. Reality

**Example Sentence:** His presumption that the meeting would be canceled turned out to be correct.



## 8. Ambiguous

Part of Speech: Adjective

**Meaning:** Open to more than one interpretation; unclear or inexact.



**Hindi Translation:** अस्पष्ट / दोहरे अर्थ वाला

**Synonyms:**

1. Vague
2. Unclear
3. Equivocal
4. Nebulous

**Antonyms:**

1. Clear
2. Unambiguous
3. Explicit
4. Definite

**Example Sentence:** The ambiguous wording in the contract left room for multiple interpretations.



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# IDIOMS AND PHRASAL VERBS

## Kicked off

- **Meaning:** Initiated or started.
- **Example from the passage:** "The three-tier system... kicked off a movement that took democracy to the grassroots."

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# IDIOMS AND PHRASAL VERBS

- **The writing is on the wall** – Clear signs of impending failure or decline.
- **Facing an uphill battle** – Confronting a challenge that is very difficult overcome.

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# IDIOMS AND PHRASAL VERBS

- **Sworn in**

**Meaning:** Officially taking an oath to assume a public office or position.

**Example:** "After the election, the new president was sworn in at the inauguration ceremony."

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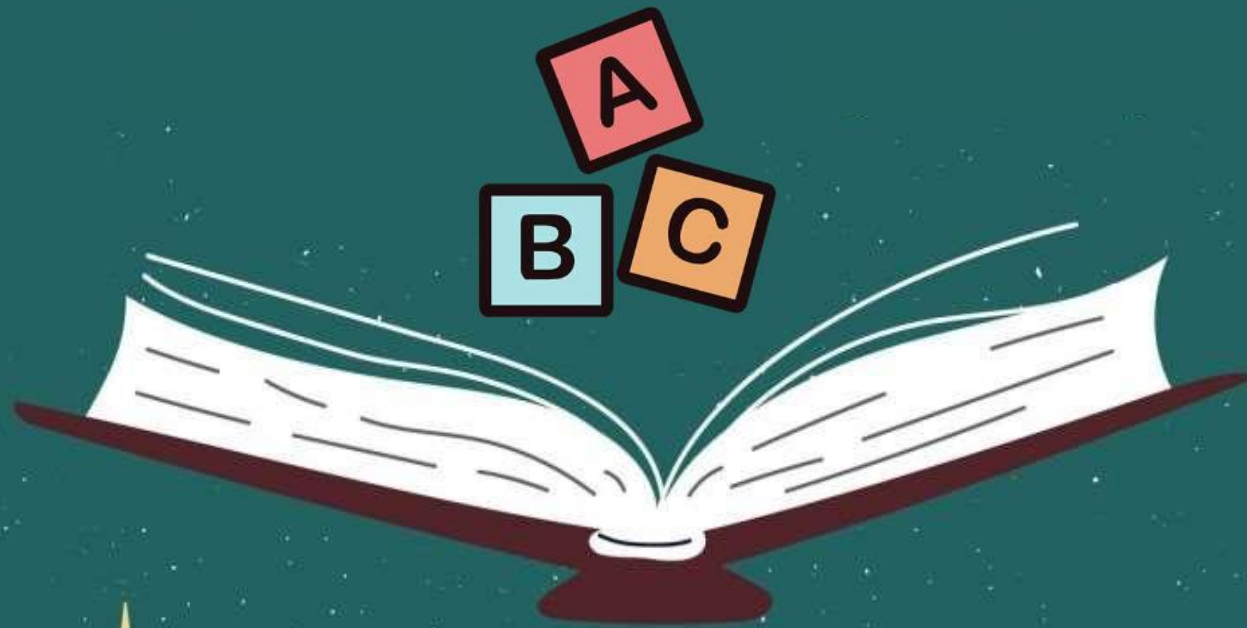
# IDIOMS AND PHRASAL VERBS

- **Once the dust settles**

- **Meaning:** After a period of chaos or confusion has ended, when things have calmed down.

- **Example:** "We'll have a better idea of the situation once the dust settles."

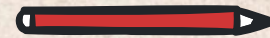
# SHALL WE READ?



**The special discussion in Parliament on the 75th anniversary of the Indian Constitution has long passed. While several salient aspects of the Constitution and policy directions adopted by previous governments were highlighted, one heard very little on a vital aspect of governance in India.**

**The 73rd amendment to the Constitution, passed in 1992, is one of the landmarks of India's journey as a constitutional republic, establishing the panchayati raj system. However, the momentum towards deepening local governance in India has stalled. Big shifts in both technology and society are threatening to make panchayats irrelevant, unless we are prepared to rethink their role. The 73rd amendment initiated the process of institutionalising decentralisation in rural India. The three-tier system, at the village, block, and district levels, with a regular cycle of local elections and 50% reservation for women, Scheduled Castes, and Scheduled Tribes, kicked off a movement that took democracy to the grassroots, thus emphasising the importance of local representation and inclusion in political leadership.**

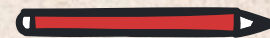
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**Panchayati Raj elections are now highly competitive across India. A major success is the large participation of women, with nearly 14 lakh elected representatives. The Constitution requires State Finance Commissions to decide funding for local governments and their distribution mechanisms. Many social sector programs are now executed through gram panchayats. Why then is the panchayati raj movement in distress? There are several reasons such as a decline in public participation, overdependence on centrally sponsored schemes, and politicisation through the engagement of political parties, which are equally important factors behind the steady decline of panchayats even in pioneer States such as Kerala.**

**But one must look at the longer-term systemic factors that have affected the evolution of the panchayati raj movement in India. Panchayats now operate in a very different development paradigm from when they were originally introduced, and there is now a real risk that the spirit of the panchayati raj movement will die.**

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**1. The passage cites multiple reasons for the current distress in the Panchayati Raj movement. Which option best encapsulates the systemic challenges threatening its future?**

- a) Inadequate implementation of the 50% reservation mandate for women, SCs, and STs
- b) A decline in public participation combined with overdependence on centrally sponsored schemes and increased politicization 
- c) Poor financial management by State Finance Commissions leading to irregular fund disbursement
- d) Excessive decentralization that has weakened the role of the central government
- e) A rapid increase in rural population undermining local electoral processes




**2. The passage notes that panchayats “now operate in a very different development paradigm” compared to their origins. Which of the following best explains this shift?**

- a) The transition from an agrarian-based governance model to one challenged by technological and societal changes 
- b) The emergence of multinational corporations that now control local resources
- c) The shift from traditional practices to fully automated digital governance
- d) A change in constitutional mandates that now prioritize urban over rural development
- e) The increased autonomy granted to local governments that has reduced central oversight




**3. Although the Panchayati Raj system has led to high participation of women (with nearly 14 lakh elected representatives), what underlying issue does the passage imply still undermines the movement's effectiveness?**


- a) The reservation policy has led to token representation without real power-sharing
- b) High numbers of women representatives have crowded out other marginalized groups
- c) Success in electoral participation has been offset by declining genuine public engagement and rising political interference 
- d) Women's participation has increased administrative costs, reducing service delivery efficiency
- e) The electoral process has become too competitive, discouraging collaboration between communities



**4. The passage highlights a reliance on centrally sponsored schemes as one factor in the waning momentum of the Panchayati Raj movement. What is the most likely consequence of this overdependence?**

- a) Panchayats lose autonomy as they become mere channels for central policy implementation 
- b) Centrally sponsored schemes have led to an unsustainable surplus in local funding
- c) The focus on national programs has resulted in over-specialization in rural health care
- d) Panchayats have developed an excessive bureaucratic structure independent of local needs
- e) The reliance on such schemes has improved local governance but created fiscal imbalances

**5. The author warns that the “spirit of the Panchayati Raj movement will die” if current trends continue. Which long-term factor is most directly implicated in this warning?**

- a) The gradual erosion of constitutional protections for local governance
- b) The increasing urbanization of rural areas reducing the relevance of village councils
- c) The transformative shifts in technology and society that challenge the traditional role of panchayats 
- d) The continual influx of centrally dictated policies that leave little room for local innovation
- e) The overrepresentation of political parties that stifles independent grassroots leadership





@shalusonkar800 • 1 day ago

Decimated synonyms

Annihilated

Damage

Wipe out ... Read more



@KhushiGupta-kr9yv • 1 day ago

Meaning of decimated :- Damage

Synonyms of decimated :-

- 1) Catalytic
- 2) Calamity
- 3) Devastated
- 4) Eradicated
- 6) Exterminate
- 7) Remove
- 8) Wiped out
- 9) Annihilated



@Ramachaturvedi535 • 1 day ago

Decimated --Annihilated, Devasted, Eradicate, damage, wiped out , catalytic, climax, calamity , exterminate ,remove ..... Thank you so much ma'am excellent session ❤️



@shampynath1010 • 9 hr ago

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## Match the columns

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### Column A

### Column B

A. Burgeoning

P. Causing concern or anxiety.

B. Decimated

Q. Observing or keeping track of something closely.

C. Battering

R. Destroyed or severely damaged in a large part.

D. Monitoring

S. To upset or undermine the stability of something.

E. Destabilise

T. Growing or expanding rapidly.

F. Conflagration

U. Striking or hitting something with great force.

G. Worrisome

V. A large destructive fire, often involving much of an area.

# Answer

**A. Burgeoning**

**B. Decimated**

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**D. Monitoring**

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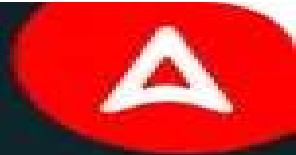
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TODAY'S ARTICLE

WRITE SYNONYMS FOR THE WORD ‘

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