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Dedication

To my ever supporting and loving spouse Vikas Asthana, for believing in my dreams.

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To my Mom, who filled me with the fire to blaze in the sky

And last but not the least, my father who named me Smriti, meaning "a memory" to live forever.

Preface

Teaching and training for almost two decades, I've found this that many a times, people are not able to express themselves in English in India. English is not our native language. In spite of the fact, in contemporary India, everyone who can afford admits the child in English medium school. Parents feel that learning English from Nursery will help them learn better. However, the child faces challenges in understanding and appropriate usage of words.

Common suggestion to improve English is to learn the synonyms and use them instead of the commonly used word. However, this suggestion falls flat when a student tries to replace 'slave' with 'captive' or 'leave' with 'abandon' or 'desert'.

Every word has a vibe, a deeper connotation, its vibe tells us the impact it will have on listener or reader. 'So' and 'Too' they both express intensities, but they can't always replace each other.

This book is an attempt to take the learners through a series of steps and to give them a better understanding of words. The chapters begin with Noun- Genders, collective nouns, abstract nouns, synonyms, antonyms and take the learner to homophone, homonyms, commonly confusing words, similar meaning words yet very different in usage with respect to circumstance.

For those who wish to speak English like the natives there's a chapter on Pairs & Slangs, that gives you phrases for everyday use.

And, those who wish to speak like Professionals and experts the chapters on Idioms and Proverbs are going to give your language the garnish it requires.

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Chapter 1: Genders

Genders:

You must have read about Genders in your class. It's a part of common nouns. There are four kinds of genders

Masculine – Boys, Man, Bull, Lion, Shepherd, King, Emperor etc.

Feminine – Girl, Cow, Tigress, Queen, Princess, Peahen etc.

Neuter Gender includes all non-living things like

- Chair, Ball, Moon, Planets, Water, air

Common Gender includes the words used commonly for both genders like

- Teacher, Doctor, President, Chairperson

List 1: Following is the list of Masculine and Feminine Genders.

Male	Female
Bachelor	Maid / Spinster
Boy	Girl
Brother	Sister
Bull	Cow
Cock	Hen
Dog	Bitch
Earl	Countess
Father	Mother
Gentleman	Lady
Horse	Mare
priest	Priestess
Author	Authoress
actor	Actress
shepherd	Shepherdess
prince	Princess
bridegroom	Bride
master	Mistress
grandfather	Grandmother
milk-man	Milk-maid
gander	Goose
tiger	Tigress
Stag	Hind
Wizard	Witch
Stag	Hind

Male	Female
Husband	Wife
King	Queen
Lord	Lady
Man	Woman
Monk / Friar	Nun
Nephew	Niece
Papa	Mamma
Sir	Madam
Son	Daughter
Uncle	Aunt
Lion	Lioness
Poet	Poetess
emperor	empress
god	goddess
father-in-law	mother-in-law
duke	duchess
lad	Lass
grandson	granddaughter
headmaster	headmistress
hero	Heroine
host	Hostess
waiter	waitress
Peacock	Peahen
Drake	Duck

Drone	Bee
Bullock	Heifer

Hart	Roe
Colt	Filly

Let's Practice

Ex.1. Complete the following table.

Male	Female	Male	Female
Emperor	_____	Master	_____
_____	Mummy	_____	Aunt
Horse	_____	Wizard	_____
_____	Goose	Nephew	_____
Bullock	_____	_____	Duck
Lion	_____	Colt	_____
_____	Hen	Heir	_____
_____	Waitress	_____	Hostess

Ex.2. Rewrite the following sentences with the opposite gender of the underlined word.

1. They have brought a new lion to the zoo.
2. The crowd rushed to greet the actor.
3. I received a letter from my uncle yesterday.
4. The man sat watching TV.
5. My nephew sings very well.
6. Sir, what would you like to have?
7. The audience welcomed the hero with great enthusiasm.
8. You are a generous host.
9. You don't see many milkmen today.
10. The horse cleared the hurdle easily.
11. He is the heir to the throne.
12. He is a generous host.
13. She remained a spinster.
14. She had sold her house.

15. The king loved the prince.
16. The queen hated the witch.
17. The hero rode the horse.
18. He has gone to see the duke.
19. He met his uncle and nephew.
20. Give the dog a biscuit, he is hungry.
21. The washerman went to the emperor.
22. His uncle loves him more than his aunt does.
23. Madam, my aunt and nephew want to see you.
24. The bridegroom was received by his father-in-law.
25. The headmaster is busy. He is writing a letter to the duke.

Ex.3. Classify the following as different kinds of Genders.

Cup	Chair	Queen	Bird	Host	Bam	fox	
Duck	Steward	Wizard	Hero	Table	Doctor		
Clown	Duchess	Car	Ball	Door	Cousin		
Engineer	Banker	Waitress	Teacher	Stag	Vixen		
Bull	Artist	Bitch	Parent	Hen	Hunter	Drone	Lass
Person	Poet	Student	Table	Principal		Bullock	

Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Common
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Chapter 2: Synonyms

Synonyms are words that are close to each other in meaning but not necessarily replace each other. Every word has a vibe, an intensity or absence of it. Hence, to achieve more refinement in language one should try to understand the impact of the words. A correct selection of words can bring out the desired effect on the listener and vice versa. When you find a new word don't just read the meaning but also analyze the circumstances of its usage.

List 2: Here's a list of Synonyms for your reference. Followed by the list is practice session to use the words discreetly.

Synonyms					
1	Comply	Agree	16	Weak	Feeble
2	Diligent	Laborious	17	Firm	Hard, Stiff
3	Diminish	Reduce	18	Fascinate	Attract
4	Difficult	Tough, Knotty	19	Freedom	Liberty
5	Dangerous	Risky	20	Familiar	Intimate
6	Defer	Delay, Postpone	21	Faithful	Loyal
7	Desperate	Hopeless	22	Glory	Honor
8	Energy	Power	23	High	Lofty, Elevated
9	Eminent	Famous	24	Haughty	Proud, Vain
10	Endure	Tolerate	25	Imperial	Regal, Kingly
11	Effect	Impact	26	Insolent	Impolite, Rude
12	Evade	Avoid	27	Invade	Attack
13	Come	Arrive	28	Go	Depart
14	Run	Flee	29	Hurry	Rush
15	Hide	Cover	30	Possess	Acquire

List 3:

Synonyms					
1	Abandon	Forsake	16	Iconic	Illustrious
2	Casual	Informal	17	Lament	Jeremiad
3	Bereft	Deprive	18	Construct	Fabricate
4	Huge	Colossal	19	Rejuvenate	Reinvigorate
5	Bitterness	Acrimony	20	Ambition	Aspiration
6	Adamant	Rigid	21	Condemn	Criticize
7	Ascend	Escalate	22	Destitute	Poor
8	Barren	Sterile	23	Sorrowful	Forlorn
9	Stop	Cease	24	Inept	Bungling
10	Captive	Confine	25	Kidnap	Abduct
11	Meagre	Miniscule	26	Blackmail	Extortion
12	Formative	Creative	27	Disagree	Dissent

13	Compress	Shrink	28	Prison	Cell
14	Naïve	Innocent	29	Diversity	Heterogeneity
15	Lethargic	Exhausted	30	Endemic	Epidemic

Let's Practice

Ex.4. Fill in the blanks with suitable synonyms.

- Chile did not _____ with this treaty agreement, and in 1910 still held both provinces.
"For once, I _____ with Minnie," Mickey said. (agree/comply)
- The workers were _____ in performing the tasks given to them.
Despite of staying away from his father, he maintained his _____ habits. (diligent/laborious)
- The side effects of the drugs should _____ overtime.
An antiseptic _____ the risk of infection. (diminish/reduce)
- The _____ road along the coast has caused many accidents over the years.
Why is it so _____ for you to forgive him?
This is a _____ riddle. (difficult/tough/knotty)
- Children are told that it's _____ to cross the road without looking for cars first.
It was far too _____ to even attempt it. (dangerous/risky)
- There will be a _____ in ripening of mangoes due to bad weather conditions.
You must _____ the package till next week for easy transportation. . (delay/defer)
- The king was _____ to get the Kohinoor from the British.
The attendant made a _____ gesture. (hopeless/desperate)
- The group of students devoted all their _____ in completion of the project.
The Queen did everything in her _____ to successfully implement the plan. (energy/power)
- The museum preserves the precious belongings of the last _____ emperor.
The _____ scholar is visiting our school next week. (famous/eminant)
- The army training trained us to _____ the harsh weather and less food..
His mother couldn't _____ his mood swings. (endure/tolerate)
- The teacher was compelled to _____ his question since she didn't have a valid explanation.
Risks should be _____ at every possible moment. (evade/avoid)
- The commander _____ simultaneously with the carriages.
She did not want to _____ here. (arrive/come)
- The technology has a great _____ on the life of human species.
The _____ of the medicine was soon gone. (impact/effect)
- The criminals _____ from the crime scene.

- The children _____ with great strength in the marathon. (flee/run)
15. Pauline tried to _____ the surprise.
The mountain has a _____ of fresh snow. (Hide / Cover)
16. The child is feeling _____ after a bout of fever.
The baby calf is _____ as it was born a few hours ago. (Feeble / Weak)
17. The principal was _____ in her decision not to cancel the exam.
The British have a _____ upper lip. (Firm / Stiff)
18. Juhi was _____ to know that her gift was a beautiful Barbie doll.
Pretty and aromatic flowers _____ honey bees. (Fascinate / Attract)
19. Statue of _____ is a famous landmark in New York.
India got _____ from the rule of Great Britain. (Freedom / Liberty)
20. I am already _____ with the process of germination of seeds.
My father and I have a very _____ relationship. (Familiar / Intimate)
21. We should be _____ to our country.
Dog is a _____ animal. (Faithful / Loyal)
22. "We request the _____ of your company", requested the principal to the director.
The football team bought _____ to the school. (Glory / Honor)
23. Pine trees grow in _____ altitude.
He is _____ to be the Head of Department.
She set _____ goals for herself as a teacher. (High / Lofty / Elevated)
24. The chief minister's suggestion went in _____, as the crowd went on to protest.
The _____ father proclaimed that nobody can defeat his son in wrestling.
The _____ temper of the coach is unbearable. (Haughty / Proud / Vain)
25. The _____ system is the British system of measurements including area, mass and volume.
They paid a _____ price for the vintage car.
Even though he was homeless, Dan had a _____ bearing. (Imperial / Regal / Kingly)
26. It was _____ of me to invite the Kapoor's for dinner without asking my wife first.
When the _____ young man yelled my name, I ignored him and walked towards my car.
Some people think it is _____ to ask the age from a woman. (Insolent / Impolite/ rude)
27. When tourists _____ the town is a very different place.
The angry men _____ the guard with hockey sticks. (Invade / Attack)
28. The train _____ at 10:30 PM from New Delhi railway station.
We _____ to school together. (go/ depart)
29. The crowd _____ towards the stage on hearing about the arrival of their favorite film actor.

" _____ up " the coach ordered the trainees.

(hurry / Rush)

30. Do dolphins _____ the ability to use language?

From where did you _____ the ability to read human mind?

(possess / acquire)

Chapter 3: Abstract Nouns

Abstract noun is a noun denoting an idea, quality, or state rather than a concrete object, it could be the name of emotion or even subjects that you read e.g. *truth, danger, happiness, English, Algebra Philosophy etc.*

List 4. Following list shows Verbs can be transformed into Abstract Nouns to describe a quality or a situation.

S. No.	Verbs	Nouns	S. No.	Verbs	Nouns
1	Abound	Abundance	11	Compel	Compulsion
2	Accept	Acceptance	12	Conceal	Concealment
3	Advise	Advice	13	Consume	Consumption
4	Acquaint	Acquaintance	14	Deceive	Deceit/ Deception
5	Bear	Birth	15	Decide	Decision
6	Bind	Bond	16	Defy	Defiance
7	Bless	Blessing	17	Deny	Denial
8	Break	Breakage/ Breach	18	Do	Deed
9	Believe	Belief	19	Drink	Draught
10	Carry	Carriage	20	Envelop	Envelope

List 5. Following list tells us transforms common nouns to Abstract nouns to denote quality.

S. No.	Words	Abstract Nouns	S. No.	Words	Abstract Nouns
1	Act	Action	11	Infant	Infancy
2	Agent	Agency	12	King	Kingship / Kingdom
3	Regent	Regency	13	Mother	Motherhood
4	Beggar	Beggary	14	Man	Manhood
5	Bond	Bondage	15	Owner	Ownership
6	Boy	Boyhood	16	Patriot	Patriotism
7	Child	Childhood	17	Priest	Priesthood
8	Dictator	Dictatorship	18	Robber	Robbery
9	Friend	Friendship	19	Speak	Speech
10	Hero	Heroism	20	Slave	Slavery

List 6. Following list transforms Adjectives into Abstract nouns.

S. No.	Adjectives	Nouns	S. No.	Adjectives	Nouns
1	Able	Ability	11	Coward	Cowardice
2	Abundant	Abundance	12	Dear	Dearth
3	Active	Activity	13	Dense	Density
4	Brief	Brevity	14	False	Falsehood

5	Broad	Breadth	15	Fertile	Fertility
6	Calm	Calmness	16	Financial	Finance
7	Capable	Capability	17	Gallant	Gallantry
8	Certain	Certainty	18	Gay	Gaiety
9	Chaste	Chastity	19	Generous	Generosity
10	Compulsory	Compulsion	20	Grand	Grandeur

Let's Practice

Ex.5. Write the Abstract nouns of the given words in the blanks.

1. Abound Our Earth gets sunshine in _____, but we don't harness solar energy that much.
2. Envelop The _____ of smog made it difficult to breathe.
3. Accept Even though the laws are amended _____ will come slowly.
4. Drink The child finished the _____ of cough syrup in one go.
5. Advise The _____ given by parents always works in favor.
6. Do A good _____ attracts many blessings.
7. Acquaint I have a few _____ in the board of directors.
8. Deny Though Shree has lost the match, she is in _____.
9. Bear The cow gave _____ to a calf.
10. Defy In an act of _____ the workers protested the retrenchment.
11. Bind Dogs have a very strong _____ with their owners.
12. Decide The _____ to buy a car is final.
13. Bless Grandparent's _____ inspired me on the path of success.
14. Deceive My best friend's _____ in the match is unpardonable.
15. Break The contract was _____ by the client.
16. Consume Excess of alcohol _____ is bad for health.
17. Believe The _____ in one's capability is more important than the trust of others.
18. Conceal We hid the weapons from the enemy as _____ only could save us from loot.
19. Carry The horse _____ was a pollution free means of transport in earlier days.
20. Compel I wore this uniform to picnic out of _____.

Ex.6. Write the Abstract nouns of the given words in the blanks.

1. Act Planning is futile without _____
2. Slave Abraham Lincoln abolished _____.
3. Agent Naukri.com is an _____ that helps people find suitable jobs.

4. Speak Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi's _____ was heart - wrenching.
5. Robber It's shocking, the _____ happened on a busy street.
6. Beggar _____ is a menace.
7. Priest _____ needs discipline and a higher state of mind.
8. Bond Labors were under _____ with landlords in ancient feudal system.
9. Patriot To fight for the honour of country is the highest order of _____.
10. Boy _____ is the golden period of a man's life.
11. Owner Mr. Mehta transferred the _____ of his business to his son.
12. Child _____ is all about learning from mistakes.
13. Man After the death of both parents Raju attained _____ soon.
14. Dictator Under the _____ of Kim Jong-un North Korea has developed very fast since 2011.
15. Mother _____ comes with a lot of responsibility.
16. Friend The best relation in the world is true _____.
17. King After the death of King the prince was bestowed with _____
18. King The _____ of Belgium has three official languages.
19. Hero The soldiers showed _____ not only in battlefield but also on the dance floor.
20. Infant After birth, the first few years of _____ are the happiest days of person.

Ex.7. Write the Abstract nouns of the given words in the blanks.

1. Able His special _____ to write with both hands has amazed many people.
2. Grand The _____ of the palace was mesmerizing.
3. Abundant The apples grow in _____ in Manali.
4. Generous Karna's _____ was unmatched.
5. Gay The colorful flags added to the _____ of the occasion.
6. Active A child should be encouraged to join _____ classes.
7. Brief Do you consider _____ in report good or bad?
8. Gallant The _____ award was conferred posthumously on the soldier.
9. Broad The _____ of the room is enough to have a door and a window.
10. Financial Every company needs a _____ department to manage the accounts.
11. Calm The _____ of the sea is alarming.
12. Fertile The green garbage can increase the _____ of the soil if used properly.
13. Capable One's _____ can be judged in challenging times.
14. False Get rid of _____ let war be war not a game.

15. Certain In all _____ tomorrow the final results will be declared.
16. Dense The _____ of trees in Amazon rainforests does not allow sunlight to reach the ground.
17. Chaste As a nun she took vows of _____.
18. Dear There is _____ of information about distant galaxies.
19. Compulsory Wearing a blazer is a _____ along with winter uniform.
20. Coward _____ is a trait of sook.

Ex.8. Choose the correct Abstract Noun.

S. No.	Word	Options		
1	Abound	Abundant	Abundance	Abundantly
2	Slave	Enslaved	Slaves	Slavery
3	Compel	Compulsion	Comply	Complete
4	Hero	Heroic	Heroine	Heroism
5	Accept	Accepted	Accepting	Acceptance
6	Conceal	Concealment	Concealed	Console
7	Speak	Spoken	Speech	span
8	Friend	Friendly	Friends	Friendship
9	Advise	Advice	Advisor	Advised
10	Consume	Costume	Consumed	Consumption
11	Robber	Rubber	Robbed	Robbery
12	Dictator	Dictated	Dictatorship	Dictation
13	Acquaint	Acquainted	Acquaintance	Acquired
14	Grand	Grandly	Ground	Grandeur
15	Coward	Cowardice	Cowardly	Crowed

Chapter 4: Contractions

Contractions are very much used while speaking English. When you are speaking fast contractions make sense. However, when you read the below list you would realize there are contractions that can expanded to mean differently as per the context. For example

'He's' can mean 'he is' or 'he was' or 'he has'. So one should be careful while listening and discreetly apply the meaning in context of the conversation.

List 7:

Phrase	Contraction
I am	I'm
I have	I've
I had	I'd
I would	I'd
I will	I'll
You are	You're
You have	You've
You had	You'd
You would	You'd
You will	You'll
It is; It has	it's
It would	It'd
It had	It'd
It will	It'll
That is	That's
That has	That's
That will	That'll
That had	That'd
That would	That'd
She is	She's
She had	She'd
She would	She'd
She will	She'll
She has	She's

Phrase	Contraction
We are	We're
We have	We've
We had	We'd
We would	We'd
We will	We'll
Let us	Let's
Could have	Could've
Should have	Should've
Would have	would've
Here is	here's
There is	There's
There has	There's
There had	There'd
There would	There'd
There will	There'll
He is	He's
He has	He's
He had	He'd
He would	He'd
They are	They're
They have	They've
They had	They'd
They would	They'd
They will	They'll

List 8:

Phrase	Contraction
Should not	Shouldn't
Would not	Wouldn't

Phrase	Contraction
Who is	Who's
Who are	Who're

Might not	Mightn't
Must not	Mustn't
Do not	Don't
Does not	Doesn't
Did not	Didn't
Is not	Isn't
Has not	Hasn't
Have not	Haven't
Had not	Hadn't
Was not	Wasn't
Were not	Weren't
Are not	Aren't
Am not	Ain't
Madam	Ma'am
Shall not	Sha'nt
Will not	Won't
Can not	Can't
Could not	Couldn't
Why is	Why's
Why are	Why're
Why have	Why've
Why will	Why'll

Who have	Who've
Who did	Who'd
Who will	Who'll
What is	What's
What are	What're
What have	What've
What did	What'd
What will	What'll
When is	When's
When are	When're
When have	When've
When did	When'd
When will	When'll
Where is	Where's
Where are	Where're
Where have	Where've
Where did	Where'd
Where will	Where'll
How is	How's
How are	How're
How have	How've
How will	How'll

List 9:

Phrase	Contraction
Which is	Which's
Which are	Which're
Which have	Which've
Which would	Which'd
Which will	which'll
Somebody is	Somebody's
Somebody will	Somebody'll
Somebody would	Somebody'd
Somebody have	Somebody've
Someone is / has	Someone's
Someone had / would	Someone'd
Someone will	Someone'll

Phrase	Contraction
Someone have	Someone've
Nothing is /has	Nothing's
Nothing will	Nothing'll
Nothing did/ would	Nothing'd
Would have	Would've
Could have	Could've
Let us	Let's
Got to	Gotta
Want to	Wanna
Going to	Gonna
Give me	Gimme
Because	'cause

Chapter 5: Collective Nouns

Collective Nouns refers to the name given to a group of people, animals or things. A common noun like flower has multiple collective nouns like bouquet, posy, bunch, wreath. Each refers to a different arrangement of flowers.

Likewise, a collective noun can represent more than one common noun. For example, Litter refers to babies of dogs, lions, cats and some more.

Therefore, studying collective nouns one may explore the words to understand their usage appropriately.

List 10:

People

S. No.	Collective Nouns	S. No.	Collective Nouns
1	a band of musicians	11	a bevy of beauties
2	a circle of friends	12	A team of players
3	a crew of sailors	13	a board of directors
4	a crowd of people	14	a jury of judges
5	a gang of thieves	15	a choir of singers
6	a horde of children	16	a congregation of worshippers
7	a caravan of gypsies	17	a dynasty of king
8	a mob of hooligans	18	a galaxy of film stars
9	a panel of experts	19	a gang of thieves
10	an army of soldiers	20	a troupe of dancers

List 11:

Animals

S. No.	Collective Nouns	S. No.	Collective Nouns
1	a colony of ants	11	a host of sparrows
2	a drove of cattle	12	a kindle of kittens
3	a plague of locusts	13	a litter of cubs
4	a school of fish	14	a muster of peacocks
5	a herd of elephant	15	a nest of mice
6	a hive of bees	16	a pride of Lions
7	A swarm of insects	17	A team of Horses
8	a brood of chickens	18	A train of Camels
9	a cloud of flies	19	A gaggle of Geese
10	A flock of sheep	20	A tribe of monkeys

List 12:

Things			
S. No.	Collective Nouns	S. No.	Collective Nouns
1	a bouquet of flowers	11	an archipelago of islands
2	a bunch of grapes	12	a bale of cotton
3	a clump of trees	13	A tuft of grass
4	a deck of cards	14	a catalogue of goods
5	a set of teeth	15	a galaxy of stars
6	a shelf of books	16	a glossary of difficult words
7	a string of pearls	17	a chain of mountains
8	a fleet of ships	18	a chest of drawers
9	an album of stamps	19	a comb of bananas
10	an anthology of poems	20	an orchard of fruit trees

Let's Practice**Ex.9. Choose the correct collective noun for each animal in the sentence.**

- The boys ran as a _____ of bees chased after them. (litter / swarm)
- Tom's job was to look after a _____ of buffaloes. (flock / herd)
- Mr. Jonathan's carriage was pulled by a _____ of horses. (herd / team)
- Nancy's cat gave birth to a _____ of kittens. (team / litter)
- Farmer Brown fed his _____ of chickens. (brood / herd)
- A _____ of geese ran after the naughty boy. (gaggle / swarm)
- Hari forgot to throw the trash last night. Now, there's an _____ of ants around it. (flock / army)
- The children clapped in delight when the _____ of fishes followed the boat they were in. (shoal/swarm)
- Mother called the exterminator when she found _____ of mice in the garden. (litter/ nest)
- The _____ of sheep went into the pen. (flock / herd)
- The children were amused by the _____ of monkeys in the park. (swarm / troop)
- The _____ of musicians delivered a magical performance. (choir / band)
- The _____ of stairs leads to the terrace. (flight / bunch)
- The jungle safari gave us an opportunity to spot a _____ of lions. (herd / pride)
- The _____ of singers sang melodiously. (Flight / choir)
- The _____ of thieves has been arrested by the police. (gaggle/ gang)
- There we saw a man carrying a _____ of clothes on his head. (bundle / bunch)

18. They welcomed the chief guest with a _____ of flowers. (collection / bouquet)
19. My friend has a fine _____ of old stamps. (bundle /album)
20. My little brother got lost in the _____ of people. (gang / crowd)
21. When I was young child I liked to watch a _____ of sparrows flying in the air. (team / host)
22. When he was in Africa, he saw a _____ of wild animals. (troop/zoo)
23. It is amazing to see a _____ of dancers while dancing well. (crowd / troupe)
24. Sunny appointed a _____ of employees to promote his new Bike. (crowd / staff)
25. When Sunita sings the _____ is mesmerized by the melody. (crowd/audience)
26. We sat down in the shade of a _____ of trees. (flock/ clump)
27. I saw a big _____ of photographs of my friend's marriage. (album/bouquet)
28. My Grandmother fed me a _____ of cookies daily. (bowl/box)
29. The Disease has killed _____ of frogs. (herd / knot)
30. Baby is running after a _____ of butterflies. (kennel / rabble)
31. There is a big _____ of books in my school. (bunch / library)
32. Yesterday, I read about a distant _____ of stars in my class. (crowd / galaxy)
33. Please let me know if anyone has seen a _____ of keys. (bundle / bunch)
34. This meeting has been arranged with the _____ of directors. (staff/board)
35. I have to dispatch a _____ of cards among relatives. (bunch/pack)
36. There is a _____ of ships in the ocean. (flight/fleet)
37. I cannot eat the entire _____ of rice. (pile/bowl)
38. My mom has bought a _____ of fruits. (heap /basket)
39. I am going to the _____ of students. (batch/class)
40. A poor person needs a _____ of woods in the winter season. (stack / bundle)

Ex.10. Tick the correct option.

- Q 1 Pick the correct option:
- | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| a | A group of Geese is called gaggle | b | A group of ducks is called a pack |
| c | a group of emus is called an army | d | A group of fish is called flock |
- Q2 What is a group of players called?
- | | | | |
|----|-------|----|--------|
| a. | Flock | b. | team |
| c. | Herd | d. | school |
- Q3. Which of the following is true?
- | | | | |
|----|------------------|----|------------------|
| a. | A drove of goats | b. | A herd of goats |
| c. | A tribe of goats | d. | All of the above |

- Q4. A couple of trees together is called
- a. Galaxy
 - b. Swarm
 - c. School
 - d. Orchard
- Q5. What is a group of crows called?
- a. Murder
 - b. Army
 - c. Pride
 - d. Team
- Q6. Collective noun for Bananas
- a. Herd
 - b. Bunch
 - c. Bouquet
 - d. Crowd
- Q7. What is a group of camels called?
- a. Herd
 - b. Caravan
 - c. Both a and b are correct
 - d. None of the above
- Q8. A number of flowers together is called
- a. Bouquet
 - b. Bunch
 - c. Posy
 - d. All of the above
- Q9. A _____ of bees flew around the flowerbed
- a. Pod
 - b. Crowd
 - c. Swarm
 - d. Orchard
- Q10. The _____ of soldiers marched on the streets of the town.
- a. Unit
 - b. Battalion
 - c. Regiment
 - d. All of the above

Chapter 6: Antonyms

Antonyms means words that are opposite in meaning. For example

Black and White

Bright and Dull

Up and Down

Truth and Lies

List 13: Following is a list of Antonyms. Read and understand.

S. No.	Word	Antonym	S. No.	Word	Antonym
1	Able	Unable	36	Confess	Deny
2	Active	Passive	37	Deep	Shallow
3	Awake	Asleep	38	Dwarf	Giant
4	Arrival	Departure	39	Empty	Full
5	Accept	Refuse/Deny	40	Exterior	Interior
6	Attack	Defend	41	Freedom	Slavery
7	Ascend	Descend	42	Foolish	Wise
8	Appreciate	Criticize	43	Fortunate	Unfortunate
9	Abundance	Scarcity	44	Blessing	Curse
10	Broad	Narrow	45	Fresh	Stale
11	Brave	Coward	46	Happiness	Misery
12	Above	Below	47	Haste	Delay
13	Artificial	Natural	48	Heavy	Light
14	Barren	Fertile	49	Honor	Shame
15	Base	Noble	50	Hope	Despair
16	Belief	Doubt	51	Humble	Proud
17	Bitter	Sweet	52	Important	Trivial
18	Blunt	Sharp	53	Inferior	Superior
19	Bright	Dull	54	Ignorance	Knowledge
20	Bold	Timid	55	Joy	Sorrow
21	Bravery	Cowardice	56	Victory	Defeat
22	Care	Neglect	57	Pleasure	Pain
23	Cheap	Expensive	58	Permanent	Temporary
24	Clever	Stupid	59	Virtue	Vice
25	Cruel	Kind	60	Meek	Haughty
26	Absent	Present	61	Absurd	Sensible
27	Abundant	Scarce	62	Accept	Refuse
28	Accidental	Intentional	63	Accurate	Estimate
29	Accuse	Defend	64	After	Before
30	Admit	Deny	65	Agony	Ecstasy
31	Anger	Kindness	66	Answer	Question
32	Antique	Modern	67	Apart	Together

33	Approach	Depart	68	Belief	Doubt
34	Below	Above	69	Best	Worst
35	Complete	Incomplete	70	Comic	Tragic

Let's Practice

Ex.11. Fill antonyms in the following blanks:

1. He is _____ to solve his problem alone. (Able)
2. The authors earn _____ income also. (Active)
3. The kids are _____. (Awake)
4. I can't _____ to answer you. (Accept)
5. I can _____ you against anything that attacks us. (Attack)
6. It was a _____ phenomenon. (Artificial)
7. Boston is an _____ place to live. (Cheap)
8. Do not _____ someone's efforts. (Appreciate)
9. No one thinks you a _____. (Brave)
10. His work is _____ average. (Above)
11. This lane is very _____. (Broad)
12. Chocolates smell _____. (Bitter)
13. The knife is not _____. (Blunt)
14. Without music the world would be a _____ place. (Bright)
15. Focus on the _____. (Absent)
16. The picture shows how _____ I dressed up. (Clever)
17. Be _____ to others. (Cruel)
18. Don't even try to _____ it. (Admit)
19. The sky is _____ of stars. (Empty)
20. Tom appears to be _____. (Foolish)
21. He is so _____ and alone. (Fortunate)
22. I don't believe in _____. (Blessing)
23. The news filled her with _____. (Joy)
24. The _____ in his arm became more intense. (Pleasure)
25. He always gives _____ advice. (Absurd)
26. We will meet them soon at our _____ home. (Permanent)
27. Come _____ six. (after)

28. It wasn't a _____ but a statement. (Answer)
29. Let's _____ the task. (End)
30. It was the _____ news yet. (Best)
31. What a sad and _____ life poor Annie led. (Comic)
32. I _____ if she'll go with you. (Belief)
33. You'll never be able to _____ us. (Victory)
34. The work is still _____. (Complete)
35. The child from the slums is _____. (Bold)
36. There is huge _____ of job in our country. (Abundance)
37. The crime was _____. (Accidental)
38. His breathing was _____ and fast. (Deep)
39. _____ Pandas live only in China. (Dwarf)
40. The land in the valley was _____. (Barren)

Ex. 12. Choose the Antonym and Encircle the correct option:

1 Artificial a. Firm b. Solid c. Rigid d. Natural	11 Apart a. Together b. Aside c. Away d. Afar
2 Able a. Enable b. Capable c. Unable d. Ready	12 Cruel a. Kind b. Evil c. Hateful d. Bitter
3 Foolish a. Stupid b. Absurd c. Insane d. Wise	13 Below a. Down b. Beneath c. Above d. Under
4 Awake a. Alive b. Asleep c. Aware d. Attentive	14 Permanent a. Perpetual b. Temporary c. Stable d. Continual
5 Bitter a. Sweet b. Harsh c. Sour d. Acid	15 Best a. Worst b. Finest c. Perfect d. Superlative
6 Humble a. Gentle b. Modest c. Proud d. Polite	16 Complete a. Entire b. Whole c. Full d. Incomplete

7	Heavy	a. Abundant	b. Massive	17	Accuse	a. Attack	b. Defend
		c. Bulky	d. Light			c. Allege	d. Complain
8	Empty	a. Blank	b. Full	18	Cheap	a. Expensive	b. Economical
		c. Vacant	d. Hollow			c. Affordable	d. Uncostly
9	Clever	a. Stupid	b. Brilliant	19	Answer	a. Response	b. Resolution
		c. Alert	d. Sharp			c. Question	d. Result
10	Joy	a. Charm	b. Sorrow	20	Comic	a. Comedy	b. Joker
		c. Delight	d. Pride			c. Tragic	d. Clown

Chapter 7: Verb Forms

Verb Forms are very important to learn. While framing sentences the structures of Tenses, Voice and Speech all have set rules as to which form of Verb is used. Hence, learning structures and verb forms ensures that you would not make mistakes and in case, if you have doubts you just need to recall the structures and check the verb form.

List 14: Following is the table of frequently used verb forms.

S. No.	Present Tense	Past Tense	Past Participle	S. No.	Present Tense	Past Tense	Past Participle
1	Abide	Abode	Abode	41	Feel	Felt	Felt
2	Arise	Arose	Arisen	42	Fight	Fought	Fought
3	Awake	Awoke	Awoken	43	Find	Found	Found
4	Bear	Bore	Borne	44	Flee	Fled	Fled
5	Beat	Beat	Beaten	45	Fly	Flew	Flown
6	Become	Became	Become	46	Forbid	Forbade	Forbidden
7	Begin	Began	Begun	47	Forget	Forgot	Forgotten
8	Behold	Beheld	Beheld	48	Forgive	Forgave	Forgiven
9	Bend	Bent	Bent	49	Freeze	Froze	Frozen
10	Bereave	Bereft	Bereft	50	Go	Went	Gone
11	Beseech	Besought	Besought	51	Grind	Ground	Ground
12	Bid	Bade	Bidden	52	Grow	Grew	Grown
13	Bleed	Bled	Bled	53	Hang	Hung	Hung
14	Bless	Blessed	Blessed	54	Hide	Hid	Hidden
15	Blow	Blew	Blown	55	Hit	Hit	Hit
16	Break	Broke	Broken	56	Hold	Held	Held
17	Bring	Brought	Brought	57	Hurt	Hurt	Hurt
18	Build	Built	Built	58	Keep	Kept	Kept
19	Burn	Burnt	Burnt	59	Kneel	Knelt	Knelt
20	Burst	Burst	Burst	60	Lead	Led	Led
21	Buy	Bought	Bought	61	Leap	Leapt	Leapt
22	Catch	Caught	Caught	62	Learn	Learnt	Learnt
23	Chide	Chided	Chided	63	Leave	Left	Left
24	Choose	Chose	Chosen	64	Light	Lit	Lit
25	Cling	Clung	Clung	65	Lose	Lost	Lost
26	Clothe	Clothed	Clothed	66	Make	Made	Made
27	Come	Came	Come	67	Mean	Meant	Meant
28	Cost	Cost	Cost	68	Meet	Met	Met
29	Creep	Crept	Crept	69	Mow	Mowed	Mown
30	Cut	Cut	Cut	70	Put	Put	Put
31	Deal	Dealt	Dealt	71	Quit	Quit	Quit
32	Dig	Dug	Dug	72	Read	Read	Read
33	Do	Did	Done	73	Rid	Rid	Rid

34	Draw	Drew	Drawn	74	Ride	Rode	Ridden
35	Dream	Dreamt	Dreamt	75	Ring	Rang	Rung
36	Drive	Drove	Driven	76	Rise	Rose	Risen
37	Dwell	Dwelt	Dwelt	77	Saw	Sawed	Sawn
38	Eat	Ate	Eaten	78	See	Saw	Seen
39	Fall	Fell	Fallen	79	Say	Said	Said
40	Feed	Fed	Fed	80	Sell	Sold	Sold

Let's Practice

Ex.13. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with suitable form of the verbs given in the brackets:

Arise 1. Ruhi is always _____ by her mother for school in the morning.

Bless 2. The monk _____ the poor man with happiness and health.

Light 3. Parliament is _____ with many colorful lights on Republic Day.

Fly 4. The caged parrot _____ away when the door was left open.

Choose 5. Manav was _____ to be the House Captain.

Do 6. The project was _____ by a team of Engineers.

Give 7. My father _____ me a smart watch on my birthday.

Cost 8. This car _____ me a few lakhs.

Creep 9. The children _____ in the garden from under the wired fence.

Catch 10. The hunters _____ an elephant calf by digging a pit.

Learn 11. The old women _____ archery and went on to compete in Olympics.

Chide 12. Mother _____ the child for being abusive.

Cut 13. The gardener _____ the rose stem to make new plant.

Keep 14. The documents were _____ in a safe.

Buy 15. Father _____ a holiday home in Goa.

Kneel 16. The devotees _____ in prayers.

Drive 17. We _____ all the way to Manali.

- Build 18. Man _____ dams to channelize water towards arid regions.
- Break 19. Children _____ the ceramic vase.
- Clothe 20. The designer _____ the mannequin.
- Draw 21. The peasant _____ the water from the well yesterday.
- Mow 22. The gardener had _____ the grass in the front lawn.
- Ride 23. The horsemen _____ towards the hill.
- Stand 24. The students _____ in a queue.
- Swim 25. Sarah Thomas _____ across English Channel four times.
- Sing 26. The school choir _____ tunefully.
- Take 27. Mini _____ a big piece of cake.
- Teach 28. We are _____ English by an experienced teacher.
- Tread 29. Many have _____ the road followed by successful people.
- Weave 30. Weavers _____ beautiful designs on handlooms.
- Work 31. A farmer _____ for about six months to get a good harvest.
- Throw 32. Friends and family _____ flowers on the couple while they were exchanging garlands.
- Slide 33. The skater _____ on the inclined ramp.
- Sleep 34. The laborer was too tired and _____ on the pavement.
- Shine 35. The diamond in the crown _____ brighter than the king's smile.
- Tell 36. The sage _____ a story to convey his message.
- Bleed 37. The soldier _____ a lot before he reached the hospital.
- Feed 38. The syce _____ the horse.
- Fight 39. The two warriors _____ to decide the victory of their kings.
- Freeze 40. The food was _____ due to sub-zero temperatures.

- Bring 41. Can you please _____ me an ice-cream?
- Grow 42. Rina and Tina have _____ together since infancy.
- Hang 43. The clothes were _____ on the clothesline to dry.
- Leave 44. The watchman couldn't have _____ without informing.
- Go 45. We _____ to cinema last night.
- Bite 46. The boy was _____ by a monkey.
- Hide 47. Sia had _____ her Jewels in a secret place.
- Fall 48. The prices of petrol have _____ globally.
- Resume 49. Hostilities _____ after the truce.
- Blossom 50. The girl _____ under the care of foster parents and became a prodigy.
- Gain 51. He _____ the time by evading the questions.
- Canvass 52. The leading political party is _____ Kabir as their chief ministerial candidate.
- Solve 53. The genius _____ the problem in no time.
- Cherish 54. Sweet memories are always _____.
- Interrupt 55. The speaker was _____ many times by the protesters.
- Nurture 56. The gardener _____ the garden and keeps it green and beautiful.
- Cry 57. The public has been _____ against new taxes.
- Laugh 58. The child _____ at the antics of the clown in the circus.
- Tread 59. He _____ the path which was used by few courageous men.
- Weave 60. My grandmother had _____ carpets.

Chapter 8: Pairs & Slangs

PAIRS

Pairs are the words that are used in casual conversations.

List 15: Following is a list of pairs. Read and understand.

S. No.	Words	Meanings
1	Nitty – Gritty	Small details; Basic facts
2	Riff – Raff	Ill – behaved people
3	Hocus – pocus	Meaningless talk
4	Hunky – dory	Well; all fine
5	Hoi – polloi	The masses; common people
6	Willy – Nilly	Willingly or unwillingly
7	Lop – sided	Uneven; unequal
8	Gobble – de – gook	Pompous language
9	Tell – tale	Revealing; betraying something
10	Ping – pong	Table tennis
11	Hoo – ha	Fuss; noisy protest
12	Hullabaloo	Commotion

SLANGS

Slangs are the words or phrases that can be used instead of saying a long sentence. They are used in casual informal conversations.

List 16: Read the following list of slangs. Read and use them.

S. No.	Slangs	Meanings
1	What's up?	Hey, what are you doing?
2	I feel you	I understand and empathize with you
3	I get it	I understand
4	Same here	I agree
5	My bad	My mistake
6	No worries	That's alright
7	No biggie/ No big deal/ No sweet/ No problem	It's not a problem
8	Laid back/ Chill	Relaxed or calm
9	Sweet/ Cool	Fantastic
10	Lame	Opposite of Sweet/ Cool
11	Bomb	Really good
12	Shady	Questionable or Suspicious
13	Beat	Tired
14	Sick	US: Awesome, Crazy, Insane British: to be outclassed.
15	Epic	Grand or awesome
16	Ripped	being under the influence of alcohol or drugs

17	Cheesy/ corny	Silly
18	Flakey	Indecisive
19	A turn off	Something that's repulsive
20	Couch potato	A lazy person
21	Whiz	Really smart person
22	Chicken (hearted)	Coward
23	I am game/ I am in	I'm able to join
24	Crash	To fall asleep quickly
25	Cram	To study a lot before exam
26	Shotgun	Front seat of a car
27	Rip off	A purchase that was very overpriced
28	Hang out	To spend time with others
29	I'm down	I'm unable to join
30	I'm in / game; Count me in	I'm available; I can join
31	Have a blast	A very fun-filled event
32	Show up	Arrive at event
33	Pig out	To eat a lot
34.	I crashed	To fall asleep quickly
35	Hey! lighten up ...	Relax
36	I screwed up	To make a mistake
37	I scored	To get something desirable
38	Let's wrap	To finish something
39	He aced	Pass a test with 100%
40	Bail out	To leave abruptly

41	Ditch	To skip an event
42	Busted	Caught doing something
43	Freebie	Something that is free
44	Lemon	A bad purchase
45	In no time	Very soon
46	How many bucks?	What's the price?
47	Steal price/deal	Actually, at a very low price
48	Getting hitched	Getting married
49	Party animal	One who loves parties
50	It sucked	It was poor quality

Chapter 9: Homophones

Homophones are words that have same pronunciation but different spellings and different meanings.

List 17: Following is the list of homophones. They both have same pronunciation. However, their spellings are different and so are its meanings. Read and understand.

S. No.	Word	Meaning	Word	Meaning
1.	ad	Short form of advertisement	add	Short of addition
2	affect	Influence	effect	Result
3.	aid	To assist	Aide	An assistant
4	ere	Before	Err	To make a mistake
5	aerie	Eagle's nest	Airy	Breezy
6	Bail	money paid by or for someone in order to secure their release	Bale	Bundle of hay
7	Borough	a town or district which is an administrative unit.	burrow	Dig into the ground
8	Bait	Food put in a hook or in a trap	Bate	An angry mood
9	Breach	an act of breaking or failing to observe a law, agreement	Breech	The rear part
10	Cache	Hidden storage	Cash	Legal tender
11	Call	To summon	Caul	the amniotic membrane enclosing a fetus.
12	Capital	Most important	Capitol	A building that houses the offices of government
13	Cede	Give up power / territory	Seed	part of a plant from which a new one grows
14	censer	incense dish	Censor	An official who examines books / films for objectionable content
15	Discreet	Confidential	Discrete	individually separate and distinct.
16	Dammed	River prevented from flowing; hold back or obstruct something	Damned	Cursed
17	Elicit	Evoke or draw out reaction / answer	Illicit	Unlawful
18	Elude	To escape from	Illude	To deceive
19	Eyelet	small hole for laces	Islet	Small Island
20	Fairing	an external metal or plastic structure added to increase streamlining on a high-performance car or aircraft.	Faring	The state of progress
21	Farrow	A litter of pig	Pharoah	Egyptian king

22	Faze	disturb or disconcert someone	Phase	A distinct period in a series of events
23	Ferrate	a salt containing iron and oxygen	Ferret	a domesticated polecat
24	Gaff	A barbed spear for catching large fish	Gaffe	A mistake
25	Gage	a pledge or security deposit	gauge	instrument for measuring
26	gilt	gold-plated	Guilt	Culpable
27	Gnu	African antelope	Knew	Past tense of know
28	Graft	to attach	Graphed	Plotted
29	Grate	a lattice	Great	extremely good
30	Halve	break in two	Have	to hold in possession
31	Hail	frozen rain	Hale	robust health
32	Hangar	garage for airplanes	Hanger	From which things hanged
33	Hear	To listen	Here	At this location
34	Hew	To chop with axe	Hue	To color
35	Incite	to provoke	Insight	Understanding
36	Inc	short for incorporated	Ink	Writing fluid
37	It's	contraction of "it is"	Its	possessive pronoun
38	Jewel	precious stone	Joule	unit of energy measure
39	Juggler	one who juggles	Jugular	artery to head
40	Knap	to shape a rock through striking or hammering it,	Nap	A short sleep
41	Knight	chivalrous man	Night	Darkness
42	Knit	interlocking loops of yarn	Nit	Louse egg; a minor shortcoming
43	Knot	fastening in cord	Naught	Nothing
44	Lacks	Does not have	Lax	loose discipline
45	Leach	Washing action	Leech	Sucking parasite
46	Liar	tells falsehoods	Lyre	stringed instrument
47	Lightening	removing weight or darkness	Lightning	static electricity from the sky
48	Maize	Corn	Maze	Puzzle
49	Manner	Method	Manor	Lord's house
50	Marquee	a roof like projection over a theatre entrance	Marquis	a nobleman ranking between a duke and a count
51	Mays	several spring months	Maze	a complicated system of paths or passages that people try to find their way through for entertainment
52	Naval	pertaining to ships and the sea	Navel	pertaining to the belly button
52	Nay	No	Neigh	A horse's cry
53	Neap	the lowest tide	Neep	Scottish term for turnip
54	Oh	Interjection	Owe	to be indebted

55	Ordinance	a decree	Ordnance	Artillery
56	Overdo	carried to excess	Overdue	past time for payment
57	Paced	measured by footsteps	Paste	thick glue
58	Peek	secret look	Pique	To arouse by provocation
59	Peer	an equal	Pier	a vertical structural support: such as the wall between two openings
60	Quarts	several fourths-of-gallons	Quartz	crystalline rock
61	Rack	Shelf	Wrack	Wreckage
62	Rays	thin beams of light	Raze	to tear down completely
63	Rap	a sharp knock	Wrap	to encase in cloth
64	Recede	to move backward	Reseed	to plant again
65	Resinate	to impregnate with resin	Resonate	sympathetic vibration
66	Sane	mentally normal	Seine	Fishing net
67	Scull	an oar used at the stern of a boat to propel it forward	Skull	Head bone
68	Seam	Row of stitches	Seem	Appears
69	Sear	Scorched	Seer	a person who sees
70	Serf	Slaves	Surf	Breaking waves
71	Tailer	one who hauls in on a ship's line	Tailor	one who makes clothes
72	Taught	past tense of teach	Taut	stretched tight
73	Vain	Worthless	Vane	flat piece moving with the air
74	Vale	Valley	Veil	gauzy fabric
75	Vary	to change	Very	Extremely
76	Verses	Stanzas of poetry	Versus	Against
77	Wail	A cry	Wale	welt; corduroy ridge
78	Waist	between ribs and hips	Waste	Make ill use of
79	Waive	give up rights	Wave	undulating motion
80	Weather	meteorological conditions	Whether	if it be the case

Let's Practice

Ex.14. Fill in the blanks using correct Homophones in below sentences.

1. If you sell drugs, you will get arrested and end up in a prison _____.
2. To bake a _____shaped cake, you'll need some flour.
3. I won't spend one _____ on a bottle of perfume until I know that I love the scent.
4. If you accidentally drank a bottle of hair _____, you might die.
5. I purchased _____new pairs of sports shoes for my upcoming vacation.
6. I pour drinks at the bar every night now every _____ of my body is intoxicated.
7. I do not know how she learned to tie the _____ to make that necklace.

8. The _____ is on his way to the castle, but traveling at night is very dangerous.
9. Being _____ makes me unhappy, but listening to my idol Taylor Swift makes me happy.
10. If the heel breaks off from your shoe, you might fall. However, your injuries will _____ over time.
11. I wanted to sit _____ so I could hear the singer performing without any distractions.
12. We have one hour before _____ appointment with the real estate agent.
13. There is no _____ way to write a great novel.
14. I don't know whether to bring a jacket or not. The _____ looks unpredictable today.
15. One who _____ a car has committed a crime, but thieves are made of steel.
16. My tom was crazily chasing his tail while I read a fairy _____ to my children.
17. My son is 12 years old. He likes to spend time outside in the _____.
18. I need to get a new _____ on my favorite running shoes. Jogging is good for my soul.
19. A tailor is searching for _____, to get his clothes stitched.
20. I heard the _____ of cows running down the mountains.
21. The _____ objects have been wholly written about.
22. If you're idle, you will never be like your _____.
23. Phew! We still have _____ options.
24. It is the _____ way to save my _____. (sole, soul)
25. Washing an elephant's feet is quite a _____.
26. The sun's _____ always raise my mood.
27. I want to _____ hands with Sheikh.
28. It seems that the _____ of the dress are uneven.
29. Hotelier put expensive sweets in the _____.
30. _____ Weather department predicts or not my sparrow has announced the arrival of rains.
31. The Nifty Index _____ very frequently during the day.
32. The _____ were made to surf the waves for the fun of their masters.
33. The present wave of recession is so low that the government is forced to _____ direct taxes.
34. When the floods _____ the farmer will reseed his fields.
35. The veil of floating clouds covered the _____.
36. During my childhood, we used to play in _____ of maize fields of our village.
37. While watching the sunset I engaged my little one in tying a knot in the rope for _____.
38. Mountaineers are taught to tie the knot _____ while climbing.
39. The latest ordinance forbids storing _____ at the headquarters.
40. There is a _____ in the knit of this shawl.

Chapter 10: Homonyms With Meanings

Homonyms refers to a word having more than one meaning. The meanings differ from each other entirely. However, the spelling and pronunciation remains same.

For example

Right-	1. Direction	2. Correct	3. Entitlement
Left –	1. Leave	2. Direction	3. Remaining

List 18: Following is a list of Homonyms for better understanding.

1. Capital: Punishable by death/ Chief city
2. Desert: to abandon/ dry land
3. lie: to recline/ to speak untruth
4. lead: The metal/ to direct
5. Fair: Pleasing/ Impartial/ exhibition
6. Grate: To irritate/ A frame to grate vegetables / fruits
7. Jam: Block/ To Force/ Jelly
8. Minor: Someone under legal age/ lessor or smaller
9. Plain: Treeless land/ unadorned/ simple
10. Principal: Main or Most important/ Head of School or collage
11. Rap: Knock/ Hip-hop
12. Roll: A portion of bread/ move forward
13. Right: Correct/ direction opposite to left / Constitutional rights
14. Bid: to make an offer for product in an auction / to give instruction
15. Left: to leave/ direction opposite to right
16. current: Up to date/ flow of water / the flowing electricity
17. Kind: Type/ Caring
18. Match: A pair like items/ A stick to flame
19. Mean: average/ not nice / intend
20. Rock: stone/ a genre of music
21. Rose: to have gotten up/ flower
22. Pound: Unit of weight/ to beat with the fist/ currency of England
23. Express: to do something fast/ to show your thoughts using words
24. Circular: taking the form of circle/ a store advertisement
25. Bright: very intelligent/ filled with light
26. Address: TO speak to/ location
27. Air: Oxygen/ a lilting tune
28. Band: a musical group/ a ring or belt
29. Bark: Sound a dog makes/ a tree's outer layer
30. Well: in a good health/ a source of water in the ground
31. Tire: a part of wheel/ to grow fatigued / to lose attention
32. Tender: Gentle/ offer of money
33. Stalk: to follow or harass someone/ a part of a plant
34. Spring: a season/ a Coiled metal
35. Ream: a pile of paper/ (V) to extract juice of citrus fruit

- 36. Ring: a band on finger/ something circular in shape
- 37. Quarry: (Noun) a site of mining stone/ (Verb) to extract minerals or metal
- 38. Pole: a person from Poland/ a rod of metal that hold flag
- 39. Die: to cease living/ a cube marked with numbers one through six
- 40. Arm: Body part/ division of company

Self Paced Learning Make sentences to learn and understand the word with its different meanings.

Chapter 11: Phrasal Verbs

Phrasal verbs are phrases that indicate actions. They are generally used in spoken English and informal texts. Phrasal verbs are a combination of verb and preposition.

Examples of such verbs include: *turn down*, *come across* and *run into*.

List 19: Following is a list of Phrasal verbs with their usage.

S. No.	Phrasal Verb	Meaning	Example Sentence
1	Ask out	Invite on date	Ram asked his girl out to dinner and movie.
2	Ask around	Ask many people the same question	I asked around but nobody has seen my wallet.
3.	Add up to	Equal	Your purchase adds up to Rs. 5000/-.
4	Back up	Reverse	You'll have to back up your car so that I can get out.
5	Back up	Support	My wife backed up my decision to quit my job.
6	Blow up	Explode	The racing car blew up after it crashed into the fence.
7	Blow up	Add air	We have to blow up 50 balloons for the party.
8.	Break down	Stop functioning (mostly used in vehicle machine)	Our car broke down at the side of the highway in the snowstorm.
9	Break down	Get upset	The woman broke down when the police told her that her son met with accident.
10.	Break down	Divide into smaller parts	Our teacher broke down the final project into three separate parts.
11	Break in	Force entry into premises	Somebody broke in last night and stole our stereo.

12	Break into	Enter forcibly	The firemen had to break into the room to rescue the children.
13	Break out	Escape	The prisoners broke out of jail when the guards weren't looking.
14	Cheer up	Become / make happy	I brought you some flowers to cheer you up .
15	Chip in	Help	If everyone chips in we will probably finish our work by noon.
16	Come apart	Separate	The top and bottom will come apart if you pull hard enough.
17	Come down with	Become sick	My nephew came down with viral fever this weekend.
18	Come forward	volunteer for a task or to give evidence	The women came forward to identify the thieves.
19	Cut back on	Consume less	My doctor wants me to cut back on sweets and fatty foods.
20	Do away with	Get rid of	It's time to do away with all of these old tax records.
21	Drop In/ By Over	Come without appointment	I might drop in/by/over for tea sometime this week.
22	End up	eventually reach/do/decide	We ended up renting a movie instead of going to the theatre.
23	Fall apart	Break into pieces	The beautiful sequin work on my new dress fell apart in washing machine.
24	Fall out	Separate from interior/ become loose and unattached	Money must have fallen out from my pocket.
25	Give away	Give something for free/ ruin a secret	NGO was giving away old clothes to needy on Sunday. My little brother gave away the surprise party plan accidentally.

27	Give back	Return a borrowed item	I have received a lot and now it's my turn to give back .
28	Give in	Reluctantly stop fighting or arguing	My boyfriend didn't want to go to ballet, but he finally gave in .
29	Grow apart	Stop being friend over time	My best friend and I grew apart after we changed schools.
30	Hand in	Submit	I have to hand in my homework by Friday.
31	Hand out	To distribute to a group of people	We will hand out invitations at the door.
32	Hold up	Remain Strong and vigorous	My father held himself up after the demise of my mother for our sake.
33	Look down on	Think less off/ inferior	Ever since we stole that chocolate bar, your father has looked down on me.
34	Make up	Invent, lie upon something	Harish made up a story about why we were late.
35	Pass up	Decline	I passed up the job because I am afraid of the bond of the company.
36.	Run into	Meet unexpectedly	I ran into an old school-friend at the mall.
37.	Take after	Resemble a family member	I take after my brother. We are both impatient.
38	Take back	Return an item	We have to take our laptop back to the repair shop as it is not working properly.
39	Use up	Finish the supply	The kids used up all of the toothpaste so we need to buy some more.
40	Turn against	Become hostile	Witness turned against his earlier statement in court.
41	Turn up	Arrive	We cannot say who will turn up next.
42	Take In	Deceive	He was taken in by sharpers.
43	Set up	Begin new business	They have set up an NGO in his memory.

44	See off	Visit on departure	Her friend was there to see off at the airport on her departure.
45	Set in	Begin	The rainy season has set in.
46	Lay out	Invest	He has laid out large sum of money in share market.
47	Look forward to	Expect with pleasure	We are looking forward to your visit
48	Make for	Conduce to	Contentment makes for happiness in life
49	Put off	Postpone	Do not put off till tomorrow what you can do today.
50	Strike off	Remove	They struck off his name from list of volunteers.

Let's Practice

Ex.15. Fill in the appropriate phrasal verbs.

- Wild fires _____ more easily in summer. (**Break up/ Break down/ Break in/ Break out**)
- I am afraid we have _____ coconut oil. Will sunflower oil do? (**Run out/ run off/ run out of**)
- You are an inspiration for many people _____ the good work. (**Keep on/ Keep off/ keep up**)
- I can't _____ her rude behavior anymore. (**Put up/ Put along with/ Put up with**)
- The police are _____ the possibilities of sabotage. (**Looking at/ Looking into/ Looking up**)
- I _____ my former landlady at the supermarket. (**Ran into/ Ran up/ Ran over**)
- She was willing to do anything to support her family. She was ready to even _____ tables. (**wait over/ wait in/ wait at**)
- We have already _____ many of our natural resources. (**Run over / run through/ run out of**)
- You should have _____ the document at least once. (**Gone through/ gone after/ Gone over/ gone out**)
- Although he had the required qualifications, his application was _____. (**turned up/ turned down/ turned over**)
- If you have problems with your wife, you both should **talk** them _____ like responsible adults. (**Out / up/ over**)
- He walked _____ his wife. (**on / out on/ out**)
- He was _____ from society. (**cast out/ cast down/ cast aside**)
- The inquiry is sure to _____ certain important facts. (**bring in/ bring up/ bring out**)
- He _____ a noble family. (**come after/ come off/ come by**)

16. There were only few persons in the mine when it _____. (blow up/ blow out)
17. His actions _____ for an explanation. (call over/ call for/ call up)
18. When do you _____ in the morning? (get at/ get up/ get on)
19. He was never _____ for the sales job. (cut off/ cut out for)
20. The subscribers to this newspaper have _____. (fall out/ fall off/ fall back)

Phrasal Verbs combinations

Bear

1. Bear down - Overthrow or crush by force
2. Bear away or off - Win
3. Bear up - not to despair
4. Bear with - tolerate

Blow

1. Blow up - Explode
2. Blow out - Extinguish

Break

1. Break down - Demolish
2. Break out - to appear suddenly
3. Break up - dissolve
4. Break with - cease to be friendly with

Bring

1. Bring about - Cause
2. Bring forward - To reveal something
3. Bring in - To yield as the result of sale
4. Bring up - educate or rear
5. Bring out - bring to light

Cast

1. Cast aside - reject
2. Cast down - dejected
3. Cast off - discard

Come

1. Come about - occur
2. Come across - to meet with accidentally
3. Come by - acquire

4. Come after - succeed

Do

1. Do away with - abolish

Draw

1. Draw back - recede
2. Draw near - approach
3. Draw on or upon - issue a cheque
4. Draw out - to extract / prolong

Give

1. Give away - distribute
2. Give forth - announce
3. Give in - Submit/ Yield
4. Give up - Abandon/ Surrender
5. Give over - transfer

Hold

1. Hold back - to keep back
2. Hold on - continue holding
3. Hold up - support/ sustain
4. Hold out - endure

Lay

1. Lay by - save for future use
2. Lay down - surrender
3. Lay up - deposit
4. Lay out - invest

Make

1. Make away with - destroy
2. Make for - head towards
3. Make out - discover
4. Make over - transfer

Put

1. Put down - suppress
2. Put forth - exert
3. Put on - assume
4. Put out - extinguish
5. Put up with - tolerate

Run

1. Run after - pursue with attention
2. Run down - Decry/ disparage
3. Run into - incur
4. Run out of - exhaust once's stock of
5. Run through - consume estate

See

1. See into - hold an inquiry
2. See through - penetrate

Set

1. Set about - begin
2. Set aside - reject
3. Set apart - reserve
4. Set down - record
5. Set forth - explain

Stand

1. Stand against - withstand/ resist
2. Stand by - support
3. Stand out against - persistently oppose / refuse to yield

Strike

1. Strike at - aim to blow at
2. Strike down - attack
3. Strike out - erase

Throw

1. Throw away - lose by neglect
2. Throw out - reject
3. Throw up - resign

Turn

1. Turn against - become hostile to
2. Turn out - expel
3. Turn on - switch on
4. Turn up - arrive

Let's Practice

Ex.16. Choose the correct answer to complete the Phrasal Verb to make meaningful sentences.

1. If the evidence bears ____ the charge, the accused will be sent to prison. **(up/ out/ into)**
2. We could not bear ____ her violent temper. **(with/ out/ down)**
3. The wind has blown ____ the candle. **(up/ out)**
4. The thieves broke ____ the house. **(out/ up/ into)**
5. The publishers have recently brought ____ a cheap edition of this book. **(out/ in/ up)**
6. A good tree brings ____ good fruit. **(forward/ forth/ out)**
7. Please call ____ the names of absentees. **(over/ on/ up)**
8. She was much cast ____ with accusations. **(off/ down/ of)**
9. She cast ____ old ornaments. **(off/ down)**
10. Please come ____ the ladder. **(of/ across/ down)**
11. I advised him to cut ____ his expenses. **(up/ down/ off)**
12. Dentist drew ____ my tooth without any pain. **(out/ up/ near)**
13. Spring season is drawing _____. **(back/ near/ up)**
14. Army fell ____ the enemy. **(upon/ through/ out)**
15. When do you get ____ to go for morning walk? **(up/ on/ through)**
16. We have now got ____ all our difficulties. **(over/ through/ off)**
17. The rose gives ____ a sweet perfume. **(off/ out/ over)**
18. Let us go _____ with our work. **(beyond/ forward/ after)**
19. I shall hold ____ nothing from you, for you're my bosom buddy. **(on/ back/ up)**
20. The progress of the work has been held _____. **(out/ up/ back)**
21. Lay ____ something for a rainy day. **(down/ by/ up)**
22. We are looking ____ the lost key. **(after/ for/ over)**
23. Contentment makes ____ happiness in life. **(out/ for/ up)**
24. They put ____ their own candidate. **(on/ up/ up with)**
25. The boy ran ____ the ball. **(down/ after/ through)**
26. Only a clever man can see ____ her game. **(through/ into/ off)**
27. He struck ____ me but I avoided his blow. **(at/ down/ out)**
28. The judge has taken ____ my statement. **(away/ down/ in)**
29. You have thrown ____ a golden chance. **(out/ away/ up)**
30. Turn ____ the lights, please. **(on/ off/ beside)**

Chapter 12: Diminutives

Some words are formed from other Nouns to express smallness, affection or contempt. Such words are called **DIMINUTIVES**.

List 20: List of Diminutives for better understanding.

S. No.	Word	Diminutive	S. No.	Word	Diminutive
1	Arm	Armlet	13	Hill	Hillock
2	Ankle	Anklet	14	Leaf	Leaflet
3	Babe	Baby	15	Maid	maiden
4	Bird	Birdie	16	Owl	Owlet
5	Brook	Brooklet	17	Pack	packet
6	Bull	Bullock	18	Part	particle
7	Book	Booklet	19	Ring	Ringlet
8	Cat	Kitten	20	River	Rivulet
9	Cock	Chicken	21	Root	Rootlet
10	Cigar	Cigarette	22	Stream	Streamlet
11	Crown	Coronet	23	Shade	Shadow
12	Duck	Duckling	24	Table	Tablet

Let's Practice

Ex.17. Fill in the diminutives in the blanks.

1. There's a _____ outside waiting to take you all to the station. (bus)
2. Here's a _____ which gives advice on keeping-fit. (book)
3. I can feel one or two _____ of rain. (drops)
4. I think she's the perfect _____ for Jennifer. (Cat)
5. Sales boys were distributing _____ of their new product. (Leaf)

6. The farmer's cottage is at the crest of the _____. (hill)
7. The girl was charmed by the _____. (ankle)
8. Father gifted me a beautiful _____. (Brace)
9. The cacti have grown _____ out of the soil. (Root)
10. A little _____ flows by my farm up in the hills. (River)
11. I decided to make a _____ of skin care products for my sister's birthday. (Pack)
12. The prince was given a new _____ on his birthday. (Crown)
13. The little _____ followed its mother in the pond. (Duck)
14. A little _____ in the eyes can bring endless tears. (Part)
15. This _____ comes to my terrace every morning. (bird)

Chapter 13: Commonly Confusing Words

It's hard to deny the fact that the English language has a lot of commonly confused words. They either look alike, sound alike or, worst of all, look and sound alike (but have completely different meanings).

For example, you're writing a paper or texting a friend and have to ask yourself, "Is it affect or effect? A while or awhile?" Sometimes, even the most seasoned writers have to stop and do a quick Google search to double check themselves.

List 21: Here are some commonly confusing words:

S. No.	Word	Example	Confusing Word	Example
1	Accept: to take in	I <i>accept</i> your proposal	Except : excluding this	<i>Except</i> philosophy I can discuss on any other topic.
2	Accede: consent	I cannot <i>accede</i> to your request	Exceed: surpass	His expenditure <i>exceeds</i> his income.
3	Adapt: to make suitable/ to adjust properly	We must <i>adapt</i> ourselves to changing circumstances.	Adopt: to accept and approve	They adopted a child/ he adopted my scheme
4	Allusion: an indirect reference	The professor made an <i>allusion</i> to Kanishtha's work	Illusion: an imaginary appearance	A mirage is an optical <i>illusion</i> .
5	All-Ready: prepared	Dinner was <i>all ready</i> when guest arrived	Already: by this time	The restaurant was already closed by the time we arrived
6	Bail: Security	He was released on <i>bail</i> .	Bale: bundle	Fifty <i>bales</i> of cotton were burnt.
7	Bear: Endure	I cannot <i>bear</i> this insult.	Bare: uncover	She <i>bared</i> her heart to her admirer.
8	Canvas: kind of cloth	Shoes made of <i>canvas</i> are not durable.	Canvass: Solicit votes	Will you <i>canvass</i> vote for me?
9	Casual: occasional	<i>Casual</i> reading is better than no reading.	Causal: relating to cause	The <i>causal</i> connection between food & health.
10	Site: position of place	The site for school was chosen by <i>Principal</i>	Sight: vision/ view	A horrible <i>sight</i> met our gaze.

11	Capital: Seat of government/ Chief city/ Financial resources	The <i>capital</i> of India is New Delhi/ The company has enough capital to start new plant.	Capitol: Actual building in which the legislative body meets	The governor announced his resignation in a speech given at the <i>capitol</i> today.
12	Complement: noun, something that completes; verb, to complete	Cake is a nice <i>complement</i> with a hot coffee for a pleasant evening.	Compliment: noun, praise; verb, to praise	A professor complimented Sita for her excellent project report.
13	Conscience: sense of right and wrong	The student's <i>conscience</i> kept him from cheating in the exam.	Conscious: awake	I was <i>conscious</i> when the burglar entered the house
14	Council: a group that consults or advises	The men and women on the <i>council</i> voted in favor of an outdoor concert in their town.	Counsel: to advise	The parole officer <i>counseled</i> the convict before he was released.
15	Elicit: to draw or bring out	The teacher <i>elicited</i> the correct response from the student.	Illicit: illegal	The Columbian drug lord was arrested for his <i>illicit</i> activities
16	Eminent: famous/ respected	The <i>eminent</i> cardiologist won the Surgeon of the Year award.	Immanent: inherent/ intrinsic	The meaning of the poem was <i>immanent</i> , and not easily recognized.
17	Lose: misplace/ not win	Mom glared at Mohan. "if you lose this lunch box not even think to buy again"	Loose: Not be tight/ to release	Harish's shorts were too <i>loose</i> that it was sure to lose the race.
18	Passed: to move on	Tsunami <i>passed</i> the coastal region of Bay of Bengal quickly, but it caused lot of damage	Past: belonging to a former time/ place	Who was the <i>past</i> president of Microsoft.
19	Principal: Head of institution / most important	The <i>Principal</i> of the school does announcements each morning / The <i>principal</i> ingredient in chocolate chip cookies is chocolate chips.	Principle: General fundamental truth	The study was based on <i>principle</i> of gravity

20	Quote: to cite	I would like to <i>quote</i> Dickens in my next paper	Quotation: the act of citing	The book of famous <i>quotation</i> inspires us all.
21	Than: use with comparisons	I would rather go out to eat <i>than</i> eat at the dining hall.	Then: at that time/ next	I studied for my exam for seven hours, and <i>then</i> I went to bed.
22	Their: Possessive form of they	<i>Their</i> house is at the end of the block.	There: indicates location (hint: think of "here and there")	There goes my chance of winning the lottery!
23	Through: by means of; finished; into or out of	He plowed right <i>through</i> the other team's defensive line.	Thorough: Careful/ complete	John <i>thoroughly</i> cleaned his room; there was not even a speck of dust when he finished.
24	Threw: past tense of throw	She <i>threw</i> away his love letters	Thru: abbreviated slang for through; not appropriate in standard writing	We're <i>thru</i> for the day!
25	To: toward	I went to the University of Lucknow.	Too: Also/ excessively	He drank too many Screwdrivers and was unable to drive home.

Let's Practice

Ex.18. Choose the correct answer from the given options.

1. The school (principal, principle) came into the room.
2. My trousers are too (lose, loose).
3. We went before the student (council, counsel).
4. The (capital, capitol) of Assam is Dispur.
5. I like all (accept, except) the pink one.
6. I want to buy a (stationary, stationery) bike for exercise.
7. I would like to (precede, proceed) with my presentation.
8. It was a steep (descent, dissent) into the volcano.
9. Most drugs have side (affects, effects).
10. Hot cakes (compliments, complements) an equally hot cappuccino.

11. I practice so I won't (lose, loose) the tournament.
12. The upper house was in session at the (capital, capitol) today.
13. My daughter likes burgundy (stationary, stationery).
14. The government's decision to scrap Article 370 met with much (descent, dissent).
15. Who doesn't like to receive (compliments, complements)?
16. Public Interest litigation can help (affect, effect) change.
17. You should always stand by your (principals, principles).
18. The dietician will (council, counsel) me to help me take the right diet.
19. The social activist was happy to (accept, except) her award.
20. A controversial quote should (precede, proceed) your speech.
21. We discussed the multiple literary (illusions/allusions) within the text.
22. (Among/Between) me and you, I think Kallie won the contest.
23. She had too (many/much) coats in her closet.
24. Alexa was (to/too) excited to sleep.
25. (Their/They're/There) going to the amusement park tomorrow.
26. Sugar had a negative (effect/affect) on the science experiment.
27. Namrata has (fewer/less) jackets than Sitara.
28. The diesel prices continue to (raise/rise).
29. Manav (hanged/hung) the picture for his mother.
30. Cindy (lay/lie) the book on the table.
31. John scored higher in the exam (then/than) I did.
32. (Who/Whom) wants to go to the movie tonight?
33. Harry did not mean to (infer/imply) that Jenny was to blame.
34. John needs (less/fewer) travel time because he lives closer to the airport.
35. (Whose/Who's) cell phone is on this counter?
36. We are going to (lie/lay) down for an hour.
37. The disappearing coin was simply an optical (allusion/illusion).
38. The jar is on the table over (their/there/they're).
39. (Whose/Who's) responsible for the advertising of the event?
40. From your words, I can (infer/imply) that you think the dog is guilty.
41. The weather greatly (effected/affected) the outcome of the match.
42. (Their/They're/There) books are on the bottom shelf.
43. Earlier today we walked (to/too) the temple.
44. The prisoner on the death row was (hung/hanged) last night.

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| 21. Credible: believable; trust-worthy | Credulous: easily persuaded to believe; gullible |
| 22. Crescendo: growing louder or more intense | Climax: peak |
| 23. Critique: Detailed evaluation of something | Criticize: Disapprove of something |
| 24. Disburse: taking money out of purse and distributing | Disperse: Scatter |
| 25. Discreet: Prudent; honest & careful | Discrete: Separate; Distinct |
| 26. Dual: two parts; double | Duel: formal battle intended to settle dispute |
| 27. Ecology: study of living things | Environment: Totality of surroundings |
| 28. Elapse: to slip in context of passage of time | Lapse: change of state; careless in duty |
| 29. Emergent: (adjective) Emerging event/ technology; barely noticeable | |
| Immigrate: Antonym of Emigrate | |
| 30. Eminent: Prominent or famous | Imminent: Unavoidable and threatening |
| Immanent: Inherent / Intrinsic | |

Let's Practice

Ex.19. Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete the sentence.

1. (Effluence / Affluence) breeds arrogance.
2. I've seen many an (atheist / agnostic) who serve mankind with full dedication.
3. The guest tried to (elude/ allude) accusations by the anchor.
4. The bride and the groom took vows at the (alter / altar) of the church.
5. The serial killer is totally (amoral / immoral).
6. Music is (imminent/ immanent) among the Bengalis culture.
7. The (elapse/ lapse) of duty by the administration will not be ignored anymore.
8. The (duel / dual) among the boys led to killing of one of the members.
9. The (crescendo / climax) at the concert went higher and higher.
10. It is difficult to be (discreet/ discrete) when one is in position of power and authority.
11. The man decided to (disperse / disburse) his wealth among the social service organizations.
12. People who (collaborate / corroborate) tend to stay longer and achieve success.
13. (Avenge / Revenge) is the trait of weak and (avenge / revenge) is a sign of brave.
14. Our teacher used to narrate (antidote / anecdotes) while teaching us life skills.
15. The (calvary / cavalry) has recently been discarded from the president's bodyguards.
16. The publisher has asked for a (critic / critique) on the recently submitted manuscript.
17. The clock is showing that time has (lapsed / elapsed) since experiment began.
18. My grandmother (dispersed / disbursed) the grains on the roof for the birds.

19. The supplier (breached / breech) the contract and refused to supply before further payments.
20. My team leader's way of giving feedback (bemuse / muse / amuse) most of us.
21. In complete (compare / contrast) with my sister I prefer home cooked food.
22. The opposition party always (criticize / critique) the sitting government for every decision they take.
23. The university has invited the (immanent / eminent / imminent) professor from Harvard for the convocation ceremony.
24. It was (altogether / all together) a disaster to plan a drive to the hills during monsoon.
25. Bholu is so (credible / credulous) that anyone can befool him.
26. All my travel expenses are (bore/ born/ borne) by my company.
27. My daughter has decided to study (environment / ecology) because she is interested in learning about plants and animals.
28. The (dual / duel) nature of my colleague always keeps me on tenterhooks.
29. The (climax / zenith) of the movie is very shoddy.
30. The companies that discharge their (affluence / effluence) in the nearby water bodies should be penalized heavily.

Chapter 14. Similes

A **Simile** is a figure of speech that directly compares two things.

For Example: As beautiful as a rose; As sweet as honey; As cool as cucumber;
 As white as snow; Light as cotton; Soft as fur
 The comparison is made using 'as' or 'like'

List 23: Following is a list of Similes.

S. No.	Simile	Meaning	Remarks
1	as alike as two peas in a pod	identical or nearly so	
2	as bald as a coot/ eagle	completely bald	
3	as big as an elephant	very big	
4	as black as coal/ pitch/sweep	completely black	
5	as blind as a bat / mole	completely blind	may be exaggeration
6	as bold as brass	very bold	usually in a negative sense
7	as brave as a lion	very brave	
8	as busy as a beaver / bee	very busy	
9	as clear as crystal	very clear	
10	as clear as mud	not at all clear	irony or sarcasm
11	as cold as ice	very cold	
12	as common as dirt	very common, rude, vulgar	usually said of a person
13	as cool as a cucumber	Cool	
14	as cunning as a fox	Cunning	
15	as deaf as a post	completely deaf	may be exaggeration
16	as different as chalk from cheese	very different	
17	as dry as dust	very dry	
18	as easy as A.B.C.	very easy	
19	as free as a bird	very free to go anywhere	
20	as fresh as a daisy	very fresh	
21	as gentle as a lamb	very gentle	usually said of a person
22	as good as gold	very good and obedient	usually said of a person
23	as happy as a lark	very happy	usually said of a person
24	as hard as nails / nuts	very tough in character	of a person

25	as hot as hell / furnace	very hot	
26	as hungry as a bear / wolf	very hungry	
27	as innocent as a lamb	innocent, not worldly-wise	usually said of a person
28	as light as a feather	very light	
29	as light as air	very light	
30	as mad as a hatter	completely crazy	
31	as mad as a hornet	very angry	
32	as nutty as a fruitcake	completely crazy	
33	as obstinate as a mule	very obstinate, stubborn	
34	as old as the hills / mountains	very, very old	
35	as poor as a church mouse	poverty-stricken	
36	as proud as a peacock	very proud	
37	as white as snow	pure and innocent	
38	as quick as a wink / lightning	very quick(ly)	
39	as quiet as a church mouse	very quiet	
40	as safe as houses	very safe, secure	
41	as scarce as hen's teeth	very, very scarce	irony (hens have no teeth)
42	as sharp as a razor / blade /knife	very sharp	
43	as sick as a dog / parrot	very sick	
44	as silent as the grave	completely silent	
45	as slippery as an eel	slippery, evasive	of a person
46	as slow as a snail / tortoise	very slow	
47	as smooth as silk	very smooth	
48	as snug as a bug in a rug	in a very comfortable position	Humorous
49	as sober as a judge	Sober	
50	as solid as a rock	Solid	

Let's Practice

Ex.20. Complete the following common comparisons.

[bee, mule, bat, mouse, wolf, lamb, lightning, peacock, furnace, grass, lead, feather, fox, cucumber, honey, hare, peas, egg, fiddle, rock]

1. As light as a
2. As sweet as
3. As bald as an
4. As cunning as a
5. As blind as a
6. As busy as a
7. As hungry as a
8. As cool as a
9. As steady as a
10. As quick as
11. As fit as
12. As swift as
13. As obstinate as
14. As heavy as
15. As like as two
16. As timid as a
17. As proud as a
18. As gentle as a
19. As hot as a
20. As green as

Ex.21. Complete the following common comparisons using the words from the box.

feather	sweep	beaver	professor	coot	wolf	lark	
chalk	post	crystal	bird	dust	ground	lemon	cream
church-mouse	wink	bug	fort	arrow			

1. As bald as a _____
2. As black as a _____
3. As busy as a _____
4. As clear as _____
5. As common as _____
6. As deaf as a _____
7. As different as _____ and cheese
8. As free as a _____

9. As happy as a _____

10. As hungry as a _____

11. As light as a _____

12. As nutty as a _____

13. As quick as a _____

14. As safe as _____

15. As silent as the _____

16. As smooth as _____

17. As snug as a _____ in a rug.

18. As solid as the _____ we stand on.

19. As sour as _____

20. As straight as an _____

Ex.22. Choose the correct answer from the given options.

1. As sure as _____ and taxes. (win/ death / promise)

2. As tall as a _____ (tower / giraffe / rhino)

3. As timid as a _____ (rabbit / peacock / tiger)

4. As tough as _____ (wood / tree / nail)

5. As welcome as a _____ at a lawn party. (not very pleasant) (actor / bear / skunk)

6. As white as a _____ (teeth / pearls / snow)

7. As wise as _____ (jackal / Solomon / dog)

8. As hard as _____ (ground / rock / diamond)

9. As shiny as _____ (gold / wood / silk)

10. As delicate as a _____ (butterfly / flower / lead)

11. As pale as winter _____ (sun / moon / sky)

12. As dead as _____ (bee / dodo / sparrow)

13. As dry as _____ (field / summer / desert)

14. As humid as _____ (monsoon / winter / autumn)

15. As thin as a _____ (flint / booklet / wafer)

16. As fat as a _____ (bottle gourd / pumpkin / orange)

17. As huge as a _____ (seal / elephant / dinosaur)

18. As mighty as _____ (horse / mountain / rock)

19. As vengeful as _____ (crow / cuckoo / hen)

20. As diligent as _____ (cuckoo / ant / grass hopper)

Ex.23. Write similes about the subjects listed below. Remember to make a connection using “like” or “as”. Eg.

1. The old chair

___The old chair was as shaky as a newborn baby giraffe trying to stand up._____ _

2. My favorite teacher _____

3. The nature painting _____

4.The waterfall is as high as _____

5. The parrot is as green as _____

6.The big shady tree _____

7. My uncle’s head is as _____

8. The first day of dance class is _____

9. The mud outside _____

10. The lost dog _____

Ex.24. Complete the sentences below by finishing the simile in each sentence.

1. He quickly discovered that his new friend was as smart as _____.

2. With his long legs and neck, he stretched as tall as _____.

3.The crashing waves in the ocean were foamy like _____.

4. When her parents left, she felt as lonely as _____.
5. He sharpened his pencil until its point was sharp like _____.
6. The rain danced on the roof like _____.
7. My little brother is as funny as _____.
8. The old bread was as dry as _____.
9. The yowling of the cat at night was like _____.
10. Jesse's taco chips were as crunchy as _____.
11. After his huge dinner, Pete's belly was round like _____.
12. Jennifer's bedroom was as messy as _____.
13. Albert was as curious as _____.
14. Our new jigsaw puzzle is as impossible as _____.
15. The little girl plays the piano as expertly as _____.
16. Grandpa Joe's singing was out of tune, like _____.
17. Whoever designed the mural at school is as creative as _____.
18. Getting ready for school in the morning is as crazy as _____.
19. Waiting for my interview is like having _____.
20. Working on the shop floor has made me _____.

Chapter 15: Oxymoron

Oxymoron: When two words diametrically opposite in meaning are used together to express oneself, they are said to **Oxymorons**.

E.g. This bracelet is **actually fake**. He is **true liar**.

List 25: Following is a list of Oxymorons that can be used in everyday language.

A Fine Mess	almost safe	aging yuppie
A just war	almost suddenly	agree to disagree
A little big	almost surprised	all alone
a little pregnant	almost totally	All natural artificial flavor
A new classic	Two of us alone	altogether separate
absolutely unsure	amateur expert	alone in a crowd
abundant poverty	American culture	almost candid
Accidentally on Purpose	American education	Almost done
accurate estimate	amicable divorce	almost exactly
accurate horoscope	among the first	almost pregnant
accurate rumors	Anarchy Rules	Almost Ready
accurate stereotype	anonymous colleague	Artificial Grass
acrophobic mountain climber	anticipated serendipity	artificial intelligence
Act Naturally	anticipating the unanticipated	assistant supervisor
active retirement	Anti-Missile Missile	astronomically small
actual reenactment	anxious patient	Auto Pilot
acute apathy	apathetic interest	authentic replica
acute dullness	apathetically urged	authentic reproduction
adult children	approximate solution	authoritarian anarchy
advanced BASIC	approximately equal	awfully good
advanced beginner	arms limitation	awfully nice
affordable housing	army intelligence	Awfully pretty

Practice Session: Shoot out sentences to use the above Oxymorons.

Self-Paced Learning Session

1. Mother walked into her sons' room and cried, "what a fine mess!"
2. It's a just war against the Nazis to protect humanity.
3. Don't you think the sofa is a little big for our room?
4. Sheesha is a new classic.
5. I am absolutely unsure whether I am going to the concert.
6. If you visit JJ colony you will know there is abundant poverty in Delhi, the capital of India.
7. I left the hanky accidentally on purpose to be discovered that I had visited her.
8. Can you give me an accurate estimate of the cost of construction of my villa?
9. I want this astrologer to give me an accurate horoscope for 2021.
10. Mahi is an acrophobic mountain climber.
11. Please act naturally as we have to shoot this advertisement to convince the prospective customers.
12. Mr. Sharma leads an active retirement contributing to a number of charities and social work organizations.
13. The doctors are hoping that the actual reenactment of the accident can bring back memory of Mia.
14. The acute apathy of the sanitation department towards its workers leads to many untimely deaths.
15. I don't know why but after the fever is gone, I am feeling acute dullness.
16. Present generation is raising adult children as even a twenty-year-old is dependent on his parents for basic needs.
17. This course is advanced basic for improving intelligence quotient.
18. He was almost safe in the hideout unless Davinder informed the police.
19. The boss almost suddenly announced my name for participation in the International exhibition.
20. I was almost surprised by the subject of the email that read 'I love you' that was addressed to over fifty recipients.
21. My brother asked me to go somewhere, where the two of us can be alone.
22. Abhishek is an amateur expert in photography as he has won a few competitions even though his experience is less than an year.
23. Our company follows American culture there are no rules and whatever your boss thinks is always right.
24. Mila and John decided to take an amicable divorce but Mila has claimed for a hefty alimony.
25. At the grand marathon he was among the first to reach the finishing line.
26. In this small Island of Andamans anarchy rules.
27. I received this message from an anonymous colleague that we have to meet in the mess at 7:00 p.m.
28. Nobody ever celebrated my birthday but this time it was somewhat anticipated serendipity as it's my first birthday after our wedding and my wife threw a party.
29. The company has been sending pink slips to many employees today when I received one in my mail, I felt I had been anticipating the unanticipated for the last few weeks.
30. Our defense researchers have made an anti-missile missile to counter the missiles of enemies.
31. I have seen quite a few anxious patient candidates in the waiting room before the interview.

32. Sometimes the housekeeper shows apathetic interest in household chores.
33. Knowing well the cost of Masters in Business Management at Oxford, his stepmom apathetically urged him to join a B-school.
34. Since the student did not know the answer, he wrote an approximate solution in NDA exam.
35. My friend returned me approximately equal sugar she had borrowed.
36. My grandfather is an aging yuppie and wants me to take him to pub every weekend.
37. We can always agree to disagree as we both have to live in the same apartment.
38. You may visit me anytime I live all alone with my grandparents.
39. This beverage is all-natural artificially flavored.
40. I have altogether separated the ribbons of different colors.
41. I always feel alone in the crowd.
42. Kangana Ranaut is almost candid in every interview.
43. The card castle was almost done when the breeze blew them up.
44. Can you buy me almost exactly the same jacket as Rohan is wearing?
45. She was almost pregnant until sonography report declared that the baby was not growing.
46. When my wife says she's almost ready she takes minimum sixty minutes to move out of a room.
47. My uncle has used artificial grass in his terrace garden.
48. Robots have artificial intelligence humans will always be original.
49. He has been promoted to assistant supervisor but no increment in his salary.
50. My granddaughter gave me a few coins and asked me to buy her a Barbie doll house for that astronomically small sum of money.
51. When a pilot has to use the restroom, he puts the plane on autopilot mode.
52. The gang has ordered an authentic replica of RBI governor's signature stamp.
53. The laboratory has started authentic reproduction of diamonds from the bones of dead.
54. Kim Jong is the authoritarian anarchy in Korea.
55. Oh my God! this swimming pool awfully good.

Chapter 16: Similar Meaning Words

Similar meaning words is the next level in understanding of words. In this session you need to critically analyze the word, it's vibes, intensity and deeper connotations to understand appropriate usage of the words.

While filling the blanks below, after filling a set, it is advisable to discretely analyze.

Let's Practice

Ex.25. Fill in the blank with correct form of the words given below:

A. Abandon, desert, leave, quit, forgo, renounce, surrender

1. John proposed Mia for marriage but she had other plans so she _____ him.
2. You will have to _____ your share in the estate else you will be killed.
3. The ascetic _____ the world to follow the path of Buddhist monks.
4. Bimla Devi _____ to the state police department and sought forgiveness.
5. I decided to _____ my job to pursue my dream.
6. The poor, helpless dog was _____ on the street when it met with an accident.
7. Would you like to _____ a message for Rita?

B. Bland, boring, Dull, insipid, flat, unexciting, monotonous

1. This soup is so _____ that I can't swallow even a spoonful of it.
2. This dress is so _____ that it cannot be considered party wear even though it is new.
3. The plan of picnic is so _____ that more than half the gang was put off.
4. The drama was so _____ that I slept midway.
5. This coke has turned _____ as the bottle was left open.
6. The turner is planning to leave his job as its too _____.
7. Though the chef tried to make the curry spicy but the end days was still _____.

C. Conflict, confrontation, hostility, strife, discord, dissent, variance

1. The ___ in the statement of the two directors of the firm has created doubts in the mind of investors.
2. The _____ of forces at the border will affect the business relations between the two countries.
3. The voices of _____ are growing too loud to be ignored.
4. The _____ between the music director and lyricist has led to recording being delayed.
5. In a _____ of duty my choice will be based on humanitarian grounds.
6. The ___ over the process of choosing the successor has led discomfort among the community elders.

7. The _____ with the boss resulted in the employee being fired.

D. Deteriorate, decline, worsen, languish, degenerate, putrefy, spoil

1. As the cells _____ the body stops growing and starts losing its sheen.
2. My grandmother is suffering from cancer and her condition is _____.
3. Anger _____ the language of elite.
4. Do not _____ the child by fulfilling all his demands.
5. Our prisoners of war _____ in Pakistan's jail and bore unspeakable torture.
6. The management _____ the welfare scheme proposed by the workers Union.
7. The bacteria had started to _____ the body of the dead dog.

E. Evident, apparent, obvious, pronounced, visible, manifest, noticeable

1. The weight reduction was quite _____ within two months of joining the fitness program.
2. It is quite _____ that the mother takes all the decisions for her daughter.
3. The principal is a strict disciplinarian, it is _____ from the fact that the students are petrified in the presence of the principal.
4. The eyes and the nose of the child are quite _____ that anyone can see the child takes after his mother.
5. Meena is always seen wearing pink therefore it's _____ that pink is her favourite colour.
6. The billboard is so big and strategically placed at the square that it's _____ from afar.
7. Whatever you think more about, will _____ in your life.

F. Futile, barren, useless, vain, fruitless, unsuccessful, unprofitable

1. The land is _____ nothing grows here.
2. The _____ venture of the final year students has led to disappointment in the incubation lab.
3. All the practice ended in _____ as she could not win any medal.
4. The farmers labor is _____ in the face of drought.
5. All your pleadings are _____ as your father has denied money for your trip.
6. It is _____ to ask the beggar to lend you some money.
7. The project is _____ as the managers have failed to market it successfully.

G. Gain, acquire, procure, secure, accomplish, attain, realize

1. Practicing for six hours a day he had _____ strength to follow his passion, wrestling.
2. The purchase manager was ordered to _____ a fresh batch of jute fiber.
3. There is nothing to _____ from lying idle.

4. It will take him years to _____ that kind of wealth with a good job he is doing.
5. Mahatma Buddha _____ enlightenment after years of meditation.
6. With passion and perseverance, one can _____ one's dreams.
7. The landlord _____ three months' rent in advance before handing over the keys of the flat.

H. Hardship, asperity, difficulty, adversity, catastrophe, distress

1. Her _____ were far from over as after her husband's death her son met with an accident.
2. As you move ahead in triathlon the _____ level increases.
3. It was a _____ of the highest magnitude as village flooded with rains was struck by lightning.
4. _____ is the best teacher and makes us stronger than before.
5. Because of low trading in the share market the investors are in a lot more _____.
6. The _____ in the words of my best friend broke my morale.

I. Immense, enormous, monumental, Vast, Titanic, colossal, elephantine, herculean

1. The career counselor suggested to study data science as it has _____ scope in future.
2. For a student of grade 2 making a 3D model with clay is a _____ task without a mentor.
3. The ad campaign of the smallest car became a _____ success in the ad agencies work.
4. The _____ dome of Saint Peter's church is adorned with beautiful carvings.
5. The _____ knowledge of eminent scientist Dr APJ Abdul kalam was unfathomable.
6. As Neelu is a spastic child her _____ manners cannot help her write a beautiful hand.
7. Are you making a _____? It has been four years the construction work is going on your villa.
8. Preparing and organizing the big fat Indian wedding is an _____ task for a nuclear family of modern cities.

J. Junk, discard, dispose, scrap, dump, jettison, chuck

1. I bought a new handset so I must _____ the old one.
2. These old archaic laws need to be _____ and new ones should be formed according to the times.
3. _____ out the non-performing manager.
4. I wish the children could stop eating _____ and move to healthy food options.
5. I had bought a commercial property few years ago now I want to _____ it.
6. Our late prime minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi's last ashes were _____ on the Himalayas.
7. We need to find fresh grounds to _____ the city's refuse.

K. Knock, censure, criticism, condemnation, blame, rap, smash

1. Scooby _____ the tomatoes as he accidentally sat on the paper bag containing them.

2. Saina Nehwal _____ out her opponent in the second round.
3. Chief minister Yogi Adityanath's _____ for Shiv Sena's loyalty to Congress was widely appreciated.
4. The principal _____ the teacher for beating the child with a cane.
5. Constructive _____ leads to positive changes in an organization.
6. A mother is always _____ for the wrong doing of her child.
7. Internet is ever exploding with information and news so one should always _____ and explore the truth before forwarding it.

L. Liability, obligation, arrears, debt, vulnerability, indebtedness

1. The _____ for fast moving traffic is higher at unmanned railway crossings.
2. Banks take mortgages in order to reduce _____.
3. In India daughters are considered _____ whereas sons are considered an asset.
4. It is one's moral _____ to provide for parents in their old age.
5. The pensioners received their _____ after ten months.
6. _____ is elixir for the rich and poison for the poor.

M. Motivate, goad, Impel, prod, spur, stimulate, energizing

1. The coach's speech before the match was _____ for the whole team.
2. My mother always _____ me to pursue my dreams.
3. The trainer _____ the dog with a stick to follow his command.
4. The athlete was _____ by the desire to win the race.
5. The economy is _____ because of bailout packages by the government.
6. The horseman _____ the horse towards the bridge.
7. Mistress _____ made to clean the pet's poop.

Ex.26. Fill in the blank with correct form of the words given below:

A. Native, congenial, inherit, inborn, intrinsic, indigenous, aboriginal, raw

1. People not just _____ wealth but also values from their previous generations.
2. First Indian army general was a _____ of Coorg.
3. The _____ love of a mother makes her very protective for her child.
4. Gond tribe is _____ of Chhindwara district in Madhya Pradesh.
5. The smell of _____ garlic is very unpleasant for some.
6. The _____ atmosphere of the library is conducive to serious studying.

7. The _____ inhabitants of New York had an important influence on its colonial history.
8. Apparently some people have an _____ trait of attracting problems.

B. Outstanding, noticeable, prominent, remarkable, salient, extraordinary

1. The latest research on diabetics is very heartening, the _____ features of this theory are that most of the people will not be declared sick.
2. _____ display of her memory skills has amazed the world.
3. Your glowing skin is _____ even from a distance, is it love?
4. Victoria Terminal is the _____ landmark in Mumbai.
5. Stem cell therapy is a _____ milestone in the treatment of many chronic diseases.
6. Your child's work is _____.

C. Pushy, audacious, Brazen, cheeky, insolent, impertinent, Sassy

1. She got married to an _____ man who doesn't respect even his mother.
2. We were planning for picnic when Jiya came in and started babbling about trip to Venice, her _____ behavior put off everyone else.
3. To be bold is fine but to be _____ one needs to add a little bit of foolishness and rudeness in his character.
4. John is very _____ as he pesters the whole team to agree to his idea and doesn't let anyone else talk, or present his case.
5. The _____ girl Susan is always the center of attraction with her fashion sense and wittiness.
6. He had a dazzling smile and a _____ personality, his comments left everyone speechless.
7. The harassment at the workplace has changed and now she's become a _____ girl.

D. Queer, bizarre, cranky, eccentric, freaky, idiosyncratic, odd

1. Ever since my granny lost her sense of hearing, she has become _____ and keeps calling my mummy even if she has answered.
2. I don't know why my teenage son is always at _____ with me.
3. I saw a _____ bird that came to my bird feeder today.
4. The _____ millionaire ordered a crown made of gold studded with rubies and emeralds for his wife on their anniversary.
5. In a _____ incident a man was found hanging from the fan without any stool nearby.
6. When the child did not see his mother for a long time, he became _____ and refuse to stop crying.
7. My friend Thomas is _____ he has a weird habit of taking two rounds of his car before moving it out of the garage.

E. Revive, restore, rekindle, reinstate, revitalize, rejuvenate, refurbish, revamp

1. After retirement Amarillo _____ his love for sketching and painting.
2. After the excavation last year, now the orders have been passed to _____ the fort.
3. A Day at a spa _____ the whole body.
4. Post covid-19 the office premises had been completely _____.
5. When accident victim _____ the first thing, he asked about was his child.
6. The office is full of old and mature employees we need to _____ the organizational climate by hiring new interns.
7. In an attempt to _____ the image of India as a tourist friendly country government is running Incredible India campaign around the world.
8. Inspector CP Verma was _____ at his position and his suspension orders negated as he was found honest.

F. Solitary, detached, isolated, lonesome, secluded, reticent

1. After the family was killed in an accident the child has become _____ and keeps to himself.
2. Young couples should avoid meeting at _____ places.
3. Our freedom fighters were kept in _____ confinement by the Britishers.
4. When the parents divorced their only daughter became _____ from both of them and preferred to live in hostel.
5. Ever since she was betrayed by her best friend, she had become _____. Now she does not like to mingle with every acquaintance.
6. Covid-19 patients are kept in _____ wards.

G. Talkative, chatty, conversation, garrulous, loquacious, voluble

1. My cook is a _____ lady if you ask a recipe, she will elaborate even the minutest detail.
2. Bani wrote a _____ and cheerful letter to her mother.
3. RJ Saima is a _____ talk show host.
4. The _____ should be amicable to end at a pleasant note.
5. Sarah never _____ was at a loss of words when she was asked to say a few words for the deceased.
6. My 5-year-old niece is very _____.

H. Unearth, dig, uncover, ferret, excavate, reveal, ascertain

1. In the excavation mini porcelain vases were _____ which belong to 5th century BC.
2. The eyewitness was threatened not to _____ the Identity of murderer.

3. The court ordered to _____ the foundation of Ram temple in Ayodhya.
4. The gardeners came with rakes and shovels to _____ the earth and plant the trees that have been brought.
5. The reporter was sent to the border to _____ the secret movement of enemy soldiers.
6. The prime minister _____ the statue of Unity and dedicated it to the nation.
7. Hunters used steam to _____ out the rabbits from their burrows.

I. Versatile, multifaceted, protean, adaptable, ambidextrous, resourceful

1. Kishore Kumar was a _____ singer, his voice had a wide range.
2. Camels eyes and paws are _____ to desert climate.
3. Bill gates is a _____ personality and eminent businessman, a great philanthropist and supreme human being.
4. Roma is always doing something new her _____ nature allows her to explore a variety of things but she can't excel at any of them.
5. Peter is very _____ he always achieves his monthly marketing targets.
6. Students of Veena Vadini School have this _____ skill of using both hands with equal power for writing in their school notebook.

J. Witty, comic, facetious, humorous, jocular, scintillating, sparkling

1. Rohan and Rahul were engaged in an argument when Zoya's _____ remark had everyone in splits.
2. My friends are so _____ that even the troubles turn into trials.
3. _____ strips in the newspaper are a sarcastic remark on current issues.
4. The story was written in a light-hearted _____ way.
5. The audience loved _____ performances of Johnny lever.
6. Virat Kohli was engaged in a _____ conversation with his fans.
7. He was being _____ when he said that people whose homes have been burnt down don't have to worry about paying the electricity bill.

Chapter 17: One Word Substitution

“Less is More” this old proverb is never out of fashion. Many a times trying to explain in best possible manner make the language sloppy. The listener loses interest and the speaker loses the essence of conversation. Knowing this aspect of vocabulary can do wonders to the writing and conversation.

List 26: Read and Learn the following.

Sr. No.	Sentence	One word
1	Able to walk after being bedridden	Ambulatory
2	Absence of government in a country	Anarchy
3	Man-made lake for storing water	Dam/ Reservoir
4	Belief accepted without question	Dogma
5	Branch of learning concerned with literature, history & philosophy	Humanities
6	Building where soldiers live	Barracks
7	That can be avoided	Avoidable
8	Capable of being conquered	Vincible
9	Care taker of public building	Custodian
10	Declaration of plans and promises put forward by candidate in election	Manifesto
11	Detailed plan of journey	Itinerary
12	Eat fast, noisily and greedily	Gobble
13	Error in printing and writing	Erratum
14	Fail to perform duty/ fail to pay a debt in time	Default
15	Fear of dead body	Necrophobia
16	Fond of new things	Newfangled
17	Give support of certainty to a statement, theory etc.	Corroborate
18	Greedy especially for money	Rapacious
19	Happening at the same time	Simultaneous
20	Harsh or unpleasant sounds	Cacophony
21	Hater of smoking	Misocapnic
22	Incapable of being/ that cannot be defended	Indefensible
23	Journey by water or sea	Voyage

24	Judgment of a law court	Verdict
25	Killing of a human being	Homicide
26	Killing of self/ self-murder	Suicide
27	Part of government which is concerned with making rules	Legislature
28	Letters or papers showing the bona fide of a candidate/ showing that a person is what he claims to be.	Credentials
29	Made utterly helpless or powerless	Paralyzed
30	Make or become young and vigorous again	rejuvenate
31	Name derived from father's name	Patronymic
32	No longer used	Obsolete
33	Observation post away from main body of the army	Outpost
34	Official counting of population	Census
35	One who totally abstains from alcoholic drink	Teetotalers
36	Traits passed on from one generation to another	Hereditary
37	Period of holding an office	Tenure
38	Quality of being honest and upright in character	Integrity
39	Question or problem difficult to answer or understand	Puzzle
40	Reasoning power of mind	Intellect
41	Relation between different aspects of a thing	Perspective
42	Lake / water separated from the sea by sand or banks	Lagoon
43	One preying or exploiting others	Predator
44	School of very young children	Kindergarten
45	Taking possession of something forcefully by law	Seizure
46	One who works merely for money	Mercenary
47	Undue attachment to foreign things	Xenomania
48	Unverified official information acquired from another	Rumour/ hearsay
49	Vehicle for carrying a dead body	Hearse
50	Vivid description enabling one to have a clear picture in the mind	Graphic

Let's Practice

Ex.27. Choose the correct word from the given options that is closest in meaning for the given phrase

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| 1 | A specialist in the treatment of the diseases of the eye. | | |
| (A) | Optician | (B) | Cardiologist |
| (c) | Oculist | (D) | Physician |
| 2 | One who eats too much | | |
| (A) | Pig | (B) | Glutton |
| (c) | Pauper | (D) | Scapegoat |
| 3 | A dramatic performance | | |
| (A) | Mask | (B) | Theatre |
| (C) | Masque | (D) | Mascot |
| 4 | Government by one person with absolute power. | | |
| (A) | Autocracy | (B) | Democracy |
| (C) | Meritocracy | (D) | Republic |
| 5 | Words inscribed on the tomb. | | |
| (A) | Epitaph | (B) | Inscription |
| (C) | Dictation | (D) | Ethos |
| 6 | Appearing unexpectedly everywhere | | |
| (A) | Omniscient | (B) | Ubiquitous |
| (c) | Omnipotent | (D) | Universal |
| 7 | To Denounce in thundering tones. | | |
| (A) | Fulminate | (B) | Eradicate |
| (c) | Devastate | (D) | Desecrate |
| 8 | Deviation from common rule or standard. | | |
| (A) | Analogue | (B) | Anagram |
| (c) | Anathema | (D) | Anomaly |
| 9 | Only one of its kind. | | |
| (A) | Unilateral | (B) | Unitary |
| (C) | Unique | (D) | Uniform |
| 10 | One preying on or exploiting others | | |
| (A) | Predator | (B) | Cannibal |
| (c) | Primitive | (D) | Savage |
| 11 | A point at which things join together. | | |
| (A) | Confederacy | (B) | Union |
| (C) | Confluence | (D) | Coherence |

- 12 Examination of self-thoughts or feelings.
 (A) introspection (B) Evaluation
 (C) Seditious (D) Insurrection
- 13 Area of land surrounded by sea.
 (A) Crew (B) Island
 (C) Recreation (D) Miracle
- 14 Child of remarkable talent.
 (A) Reputed (B) Prodigy
 (C) Talented (D) Distinguished
- 15 Hater of mankind.
 (A) Mycologist (B) Misanthrope
 (C) Misogamist (D) Misogynist
- 16 Government by few people.
 (A) Plutocracy (B) Oligarchy
 (C) Monarchy (D) Democracy
- 17 Government by persons of highest social order.
 (A) Aristocracy (B) Oligarchy
 (C) Dictatorship (D) Democracy
- 18 Government by rich & powerful class.
 (A) Theocracy (B) Meritocracy
 (C) Monarchy (D) Plutocracy
- 19 That cannot be explained
 (A) Inexplicable (B) Intolerable
 (C) Impenetrable (D) Inexcusable
- 20 One who hates women
 (A) Philogamist (B) Misogynist
 (C) Philogynist (D) Misogamist
- 21 Leading a life of self-discipline.
 (A) Corridor (B) Ascetic
 (C) Solicitor (D) Pleader
- 22 One whose wife is dead.
 (A) Widow (B) Widower
 (C) Spinster (D) Bachelor
- 23 Instrument for viewing objects at a distance.

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| (A) | Telescope | (B) | Photometer |
| (C) | Microscope | (D) | Thermometer |
| 24 | Incapable of being recovered. | | |
| (A) | Irrecoverable | (B) | Insolvable |
| (C) | Incompatible | (D) | Invisible |
| 25 | Life history of a person written by another. | | |
| (A) | Autobiography | (B) | Biography |
| (C) | Bibliography | (D) | Cartography |
| 26 | One who believes that everything is pre-destined. | | |
| (A) | Legend | (B) | Arbitrator |
| (C) | fatalist | (D) | Apostate |
| 27 | Not allowing light to pass through. | | |
| (A) | Opaque | (B) | Transparent |
| (C) | Invisible | (D) | Invincible |
| 28 | That cannot be understood. | | |
| (A) | Incomprehensible | (B) | Vulnerable |
| (C) | Imponderable | (D) | Illegible |
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| 29 | One who believes that nothing can be said about God. | | |
| (A) | Altruist | (B) | Theist |
| (C) | Atheist | (D) | Agnostic |
| 30 | Science of fixing dates | | |
| (A) | Chronology | (B) | Kalology |
| (C) | Anthropology | (D) | Entomology |
| 31 | Group of many islands. | | |
| (A) | Continent | (B) | Peninsula |
| (C) | Archipelago | (D) | Lexicography |
| 32 | One who carves out figures. | | |
| (A) | Painter | (B) | Designer |
| (C) | Sculptor | (D) | Cartographer |
| 33 | One who dies for noble cause. | | |
| (A) | Patriot | (B) | Atheist |
| (C) | Martyr | (D) | Emissary |
| 34 | One who hold established opinion. | | |
| (A) | Orthodox | (B) | Cynic |
| (C) | Upstart | (D) | Holder |

- 35 One who looks bright side of things.
 (A) Optimist (B) Alien
 (C) Pedantic (D) Altruist
- 36 One who honourably discharged from service but allowed to retain the title.
 (A) Retired (B) Amateur
 (C) Emeritus (D) Honorary
- 37 One who has great love for his country.
 (A) Patriot (B) Politician
 (C) Soldier (D) Martyr
- 38 One who loves to collect postage stamps.
 (A) Bibliophile (B) Philatelist
 (C) Pessimist (D) Bleak
- 39 One who uses violence to achieve political aims.
 (A) Terrorist (B) Vandal
 (C) Activist (D) Wizard
- 40 Place of good climate for invalids.
 (A) Asylum (B) Forum
 (C) Sanatorium (D) Stage
- 41 Place where birds are kept.
 (A) Apiary (B) Aviary
 (C) Depository (D) Venue
- 42 Place where bees are kept.
 (A) Apiary (B) Hive
 (C) Graveyard (D) Cemetery
- 43 Stealing from the writings of others.
 (A) Narcosis (B) Celibacy
 (C) Tributary (D) Plagiarism
- 44 Woman whose husband is dead.
 (A) Widow (B) Widower
 (C) Spinster (D) Matron
- 45 One who makes speeches.
 (A) Pilot (B) Recipient
 (C) Orator (D) Astronaut
- 46 Child born after death of his father.
 (A) Infant (B) Legitimate
 (C) Skelton (D) Posthumous

- 47 All-powerful
(A) Omnipotent (B) Omniscient
(C) Ubiquitous (D) Omnipresent
- 48 That cannot be touched or felt.
(A) Impracticable (B) impalpable
(C) Imperceptible (D) Inaudible
- 49 Person taking an important part in state affairs.
(A) Leader (B) Senator
(C) Statesman (D) Missionary
- 50 A person interested in reading books and nothing else.
(A) Student (B) Scholar
(C) Book-keeper (D) Book-worm

Chapter 18: Idioms

Idioms are phrases that have entirely different meaning from the literal meaning of individual words used in it. Idioms beautify the language, Instead, of speaking paragraphs, or, using harsh words one can aptly use an Idiom to bring the desired impact in the conversation.

List 27: Following is a list of commonly used Idioms.

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| 1. | Keep at arm's length | - | Avoid becoming too friendly with someone |
| 2. | Be the backbone | - | Chief support |
| 3. | Face up | - | Meet or accept boldly |
| 4. | Get off one's chest | - | Speak out the thing that is worrying one |
| 5. | From the bottom of one's heart | - | Very much/ very sincerely |
| 6. | Take a bull by the horns | - | Face a difficulty or danger boldly |
| 7. | Lionize | - | Treat someone as celebrity |
| 8. | The lion's share | - | The largest share |
| 9. | Rat race | - | unending competition for success, wealth etc. |
| 10. | Fight like tiger | - | Attack someone or defend oneself fiercely |
| 11. | A feather of one's cap | - | Something one can be proud of |
| 12. | Hot under the collar | - | Angry and embarrassed |
| 13. | Get too big for one's boots | - | Become very self-important or conceited |
| 14. | Pull one's socks up | - | Make an effort to improve one's performance |
| 15. | Keep one's shirt on | - | Not loose one's temper |
| 16. | Skirt round something;
Beating about the bush | - | Avoid referring to or treating a topic directly |
| 17. | A bed of roses | - | pleasant carefree living |
| 18. | The corridor of power | - | Higher level of Government or administration
where important decisions are made |
| 19. | Go from pillar to post | - | Go from one person to another in upsetting way |
| 20. | No room to swing a cat | - | Not enough space to live, work etc. |
| 21. | Fly/ go out of the window | - | Disappear, be no longer considered |
| 22. | Break the ice | - | to get over the initial difficulties |
| 23. | Get rid of | - | To be free from |
| 24. | Come to grief | - | Suffer |
| 25. | Take offence | - | Be hurt in one's feelings |
| 26. | Up the wall | - | furious or crazy |
| 27. | Roll up one's sleeves | - | Prepare to work or fight |
| 28. | Be/ get on one's high horse | - | Act haughtily or arrogantly despising others |
| 29. | Under someone's thumb | - | Controlled by someone |
| 30. | Run short of | - | has/ have insufficient supply |

31.	The door to something	-	The means of getting or reaching something
32.	Hold one's tongue	-	Be silent, saying nothing
33.	Stick to one's throat	-	Unable to say what one wants to say
34.	If you had half an eye	-	If you are not so dull/ unobservant
35.	Keep one's chin up	-	Remain cheerful in difficult circumstances
36.	Beat one's brain	-	Think hard
37.	Burn one's fingers	-	Suffer
38.	Give/ lend a helping hand	-	Help or assist
39.	Take to one's heel	-	Run away
40.	One's lips are sealed	-	One will not discuss or disclose anything
41.	Save one's neck	-	Save one's life or avoid great misfortune
42.	Live from hand to mouth	-	Only be able to satisfy one's current basic needs
43.	Spill the beans	-	Reveal a secret
44.	Hold one's own	-	not give away power, freedom, authority
45.	Keep pace with	-	Move ahead with the times; keep updated
46.	Without much ado	-	without preparation
47.	Goes without saying	-	Obvious
48.	Cry baby	-	Always cribbing
49.	Look small	-	feel ashamed
50.	Break the ceiling	-	enter a forbidden arena
51.	Cry wolf	-	See danger where there's nothing
52.	Black sheep of the family	-	least successful / one who brings embarrassment to the family
53.	Beginner's luck	-	success at first try
54.	Separate the sheep from goat	-	distinguish good and bad people
55.	Smell a rat	-	intuition of impending danger
56.	Not a dog's chance	-	No chance at all
57.	It's raining cats and dogs	-	It's raining heavily
58.	Lead a dog's life	-	live a life of misery
59.	Let the cat be out of the bag	-	reveal a secret
60.	Tooth and nail	-	fight fiercely
61.	Tongue in cheek	-	Witty but insulting
62.	Be on one's toes	-	Ready to work
63.	Cut- throat competition	-	Fierce competition
64.	Give someone a cold shoulder	-	showing indifference to someone's company
65.	Break- neck speed	-	Very fast
66.	shake a leg	-	dance
67.	Take heart	-	Be encouraged
68.	Take to heart	-	Become very sad
69.	Slip through one's finger	-	Missed opportunity; someone escaped
70.	Put one's best foot forward	-	Be your best

Chapter 19: Proverbs

A **Proverb** is a simple saying used to express belief and share the truth that has been experienced and understood by generations. Proverbs are often metaphorical expressions.

List 28: Read and understand the following proverbs.

S. No.	Proverb	Meaning
1	Somebody's bark is worse than his bite	Someone isn't so dangerous as it gives the looks of pretence
2	Be cruel to be kind	Do or say bad to let the greater good come from it
3	Beggars can't be choosers	an individual who has not enough money to satisfy his wants must be satisfied with what he can get.
4	Better safe than sorry	It is wiser to be over-cautious and take proper care than to be rash and unthinking.
5	A bird in hand is worth two in the bush	It is better to depend upon something one already has than to attend for something more than one may or might not be ready to get.
6	Birds of a feather flock together	People with similar nature and interest are found together
7	Blood is thicker than water	Family ties are very strong, despite differences between them.
8	Charity begins at home	A person's first duty is to help his own family.
9	Coming events cast their shadows before	Future events often show early signs
10	The die is cast	an event that has happened or a decision has been taken cannot be changed.
11	Do as you would be done by	Behave with others the way you wish to be treated
12	The early bird catches the worm:	The person who is the quickest to catch an opportunity will get what he wants
13	East or West, home is the best	Home/shelter is the happiest place for any person
14	Easy come, easy go	Things that are obtained with less effort also slip easily
15	Example is better than precept	Try to be an example for others before giving advice
16	The fault is in ourselves, not in our stars	We are not what fate makes us, but the result of our actions and decisions.
17	Forbidden fruit is the sweetest	Something that is not allowed provides the greatest joy
18	A friend in need is a friend indeed	A friend who helps in times of need is a true friend.
19	Genius is an infinite capacity for taking pains	Exceptional capacity as a result of inexhaustible willingness to take up challenges
20	Half a loaf is better than no bread	It is better to acquire the available resources rather than risking them in the greed for more

21	Hard work never hurts anybody	Hard work won't have any ill effects of anyone, rather it'll be beneficial
22	Honesty is the best policy	It is safe and beneficial for a person to be honest than being dishonest whatsoever
23	It is never too late to mend	Improving ill habits, character, attitude is always advantageous no matter how long they have been persistent
24	Laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and you weep alone	Most people only share your joys and success, and leave you when the situation becomes difficult
25	Look before you leap	One must avoid acting in a haste without considering the consequences of his actions
26	Make hay while the sun shines	Make the best use of the resources as long as they are available
27	Much cry and little wool	More mess with low result
28	It never rains but it pours	misfortunes or difficult situations tend to follow each other in rapid succession or to arrive together.
29	No rose without a thorn	Happiness and sorrow go hand in hand.
30	There is no smoke without fire	If bad things are said about someone or something, there is probably some truth or reason for it
31	Nothing ventured nothing gained	You can never achieve something if you haven't risked something
32	Out of sight, out of mind	The people/things not seen regularly are forgotten
33	The pen is mightier than the sword	Ideas that are expressed in words can be much more effective than violence.
34	Prevention is better than cure	It is better to stop something at initial stage than to repair the damage after it has happened
35	The proof of the pudding is in the eating	the best way to find out if something is good or successful is to test it yourself
36	Rome was not built in a day	Great results can be achieved only from hard work and dedication
-37	A rolling stone gathers no moss	a person who does not settle in one place will not have any status, or responsibilities or commitments.
38	Seeing is believing	One has to see something to believe that it is true
39	Still waters run deep	placid/calm exterior conceals a passionate or subtle nature.
40	A stitch in time saves nine	if you figure out a problem when it arrives it may save extra work later
41	There is as good fish in the sea as ever came out of it	Losing a great opportunity does not mean you will never get another good one
42	A thing of beauty is a joy for ever	The pleasure/happiness obtained from a person/thing will always remain a beautiful
43.	Time is a great healer	With the passage of time pain sorrow etc. lose their intensity
44.	Variety is the spice of life	Variety in experiences and things make life interesting

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