

## PAIR OF WORDS

### **Mitigate:**

Meaning: to make something less harmful, unpleasant or bad

Use in sentence: It is unclear how to mitigate the effects of tourism on the island.

### **Alleviate:**

Meaning: to make something bad such as pain or problems less severe

Use in sentence: The drugs did nothing to alleviate her pain/suffering.

### **Persecute:**

Meaning: to treat someone unfairly or cruelly over a long period of time because of their race, religion, or political beliefs or to annoy someone by refusing to leave them alone

Use in sentence: Religious minorities were persecuted and massacred during the ten-year regime.

### **Prosecute:**

Meaning: to officially accuse someone of committing a crime in a court of law, or (of a lawyer) to try to prove that a person accused of committing a crime is guilty of that crime

Use in sentence: He was prosecuted for fraud.

### **Popular:**

Meaning: liked, enjoyed or supported by many people

Use in sentence: She's the most popular teacher in school.

### **Populace:**

Meaning: the ordinary people who live in a particular country or place

Use in sentence: Some studies show that workers in the nuclear industry are more likely than the general populace to get cancer.

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## اسلام علیکم۔

کسی بھی قسم کے اور نوٹس حاصل کرنے کے لئے ہماری پوسٹ پر کمنٹس میں لکھ دیں، آپ کو بھیج دیئے جائیں گے۔ اس کے علاوہ اپنی رائے کا اظہار ضرور کریں، آپ کی رائے ہمارے لئے بہت اہم ہے۔ comments کے لئے ٹک کریں۔  
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 آپ کا شکریہ

### Compliment:

Meaning: remark that expresses approval, admiration or respect

Use in sentence: I take it as a compliment when people say I look like my mother.

### Complement:

Meaning: to make something else seem better or more attractive when combining with it

Use in sentence: The music complements her voice perfectly. (Pair Repeated: 1)

### Excite:

Meaning: to make someone have strong feelings of happiness and enthusiasm

Use in sentence: Nothing about my life excites me at present.

### Incite:

Meaning: to encourage someone to do or feel something unpleasant or violent

Use in sentence: She was expelled for inciting her classmates to rebel against their teachers.

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**Voracity:**

Meaning: excessive desire to eat

Use in sentence: On reaching the ship they were offered some bread, which they devoured with a voracious appetite.

**Veracity:**

Meaning: the quality of being true, honest or accurate

Use in sentence: The veracity of the second claim can be tested against the findings of archeology.

**Virtuous:**

Meaning: having good moral qualities and behavior

Use in sentence: He described them as a virtuous and hard-working people.

**Virtual:**

Meaning: describes something that can be done or seen using a computer and therefore without going anywhere or talking to anyone

Use in sentence: In tests, we have found the virtual machine runs at a reasonable speed.

**Exceptional:**

Meaning: much greater than usual, especially in skill, intelligence, quality, etc

Use in sentence: The Company has shown exceptional growth over the past two years.

**Exceptionable:**

Meaning: offensive or upsetting

Use in sentence: This action is normally only taken in exceptionable circumstances.

**Wool gathering**

meaning- indulgence in aimless thoughts and dreamy imagination; absent minded.

usage: Mother advised to her son to not wool gather and be serious

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**Under the harrow**

meaning: in difficult situation; distress

usage: After giving divorce to her wife he is under the harrow now.

**Cold comfort**

meaning: little comfort or encouragement.

usage: After getting job Aslam is in cold comfort.

**A gold digger**

meaning: a relationship mad by women with a man to seek his money or gift.

usage: The new secretary seem to be gold digger.

**Walk with God**

meaning: to live in accordance with the commandments of God.

usage: He is very pious person because he walk with god.

**On the thin ice**

meaning: in a risky and dangerous situation.

usage: Aslam made many mistakes in the Essay paper and now his is on the thin ice

**A queer fish**

meaning: a person of old habits

usage: Aslam father in law is a queer fish

**Unearthly hour**

meaning: at a very earlier time of morning

usage: it is midnight what brought you to come here.

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**Birthday suit**

Meaning: Completely naked, no clothes on

Usage: The little boy was running down the street in his birthday suit.

**Bite off more than one can chew**

Meaning: try to do more than one is able to do

Usage: I think I bit off more than I can chew by taking on the new assignment.

**Bite the bullet**

Meaning: Endure in a difficult situation, face a difficult situation bravely

Usage: I have decided to bite the bullet and begin studying for my Master's degree.

**bite the dust**

Meaning: be killed, break down, be defeated

Usage: I think that my car has finally bitten the dust.

**Bite the hand that feeds you**

Meaning: turn against a friend or supporter, repay kindness with wrong

Usage: He is biting the hand that feeds him if he continues to criticize and fight against his boss.

**Blind leading the blind**

Meaning: someone who doesn't understand something trying to explain it to others

Usage: It is like the blind leading the blind watching him try and explain how to operate the new computer.

**Blow it (something)**

Meaning: fail at something

Usage: I tried hard but I am sure that I blew the final math exam last week.

**Blow one's own horn**

Meaning: praise one self

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Usage: is always blowing his own horn and is very annoying at times.

**Blow over**

Meaning: die down or calm down

Usage: The problem with the lost invoices has finally blown over and everyone is working hard again.

**Blue in the face**

Meaning: Endlessly, fruitlessly

Usage: You can argue with him until you are blue in the face but you will never change his mind.

**Bone of contention**

Meaning: A reason for quarrels, the subject of a fight

Usage: The family cottage was a major bone of contention when their father died.

**Boot out**

Meaning: make someone go or leave, get rid of someone, dismiss

Usage: He was booted out of high school for smoking on the school grounds.

**Born with a silver spoon in one's mouth**

Meaning: Born rich, provided from birth with everything you need

Usage: He was born with a silver spoon in his mouth and has never worked in his life.

**Brand new**

Meaning: Absolutely new

Usage: He was finally able to buy a brand-new car.

**Break down**

Meaning: stop working because of mechanical failure

Usage: The car broke down on the lonely road so nobody knew about it.

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**Break down**

Meaning: analyze

Usage: We must break down these figures for further study.

**Break fresh ground**

Meaning: Deal with something in a new way

Usage: The researchers were able to break fresh ground in their search for a cancer cure.

**Break the bank**

Meaning: win all the money at a casino gambling table

Usage: He didn't really break the bank but he did win a lot of money.

**Break the ice**

Meaning: relax and start a conversation in a formal situation

Usage: Nobody was enjoying the party until the host finally was able to break the ice.

**Break the news**

Meaning: tell some information first

Usage: He is planning to break the news to her about his transfer tomorrow.

**Break up (with someone)**

Meaning: stop a relationship

Usage: She broke up with her boyfriend last June.

**Bring Home The Bacon**

Meaning: work and earn money for your family

Usage: He is out bringing home the bacon and is very busy.

**Bring home the importance of something to someone**

Meaning: make someone fully realize something

Usage: He was unable to bring home the importance of arriving early for the meeting.

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**Bring some new facts to light**

Meaning: discover some new facts, make some new facts known

Usage: The lawyers were able to bring some new facts to light in the trial of the killer.

**Bring someone into line**

Meaning: persuade someone to agree with you

Usage: He was finally able to bring the other members of the committee into line.

**Bring something on**

Meaning: cause to develop rapidly

Usage: I don't know what brought on his anger but you should avoid him until he calms down.

**Bring the house down**

Meaning: cause much laughter in the audience

Usage: The comedian brought the house down with his jokes about the lost dog.

**Bring to mind**

Meaning: recall something

Usage: Her perfect acting brought to mind some of the great actresses of the past.

**Bring up**

Meaning: introduce a subject into a discussion

Usage: They brought up the subject at the meeting but nobody wanted to talk about it.

**Bring up**

Meaning: raise or care for a child

Usage: My grandmother brought up ten children.

**Bring up the rear**

Meaning: be at the end of the line or in the last position

The runner from the other school was bringing up the rear in the school relay race.

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**Broke**

Meaning: have no money

Usage: I spent all of my money on my holiday and I am now broke.

**Brush up on something**

Meaning: review something one has already learned

Usage: I'm going to brush up on my English before my trip to New York.

**Brush with the law**

Meaning: A brief encounter or experience with the police because of a crime

Usage: He had a brush with the law when he was young but now he is totally honest.

**Bull in a china shop**

Meaning: Someone who is clumsy and upsets other people or plans

Usage: He was like a bull in a china shop when I saw him at the meeting last week.

**Bundle up**

Meaning: put on warm clothes, dress warmly

Usage: We bundled up and went for a walk in the park.

**Burn a hole in one's pocket**

Meaning: Money that you want to spend quickly

Usage: I just got paid today and this money is burning a hole in my pocket.

**Burn down**

Meaning: burn completely (usually used for buildings)

Usage: The neighbor's house burnt down completely during the night.