

*101-Word Meanings
with Pictures*

Twitch

A sudden
jerk

Fishing is all about sensing
the twitch on the line.

A 101 guide to Vocabulary

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How to use this book

It is imperative that you hold a good vocabulary to score higher in the IELTS or PTE test. Many candidates find it as a daunting task. To begin with, let me share some tips on improving vocabulary:

1. **Read the Newspaper:** Yes, a decent English newspaper would have more than enough words to learn. As an IELTS trainer from Kochi, I make sure that all my students read at least one article daily. Believe me, this has worked wonders for many who struggled to get over the 6.5 band score in IELTS.
2. **Take baby steps:** A list of word meanings is surely helpful but it might not be effective for all. Instead, consider just three to five words a day and be diligent in using those words throughout the day. A smaller list of words is easier to comprehend and eventually makes learning more enjoyable.
3. **Learn “word usage” instead of meanings:** Knowing word meanings is good but what’s the point if you don’t use them? Improve your vocabulary by searching for sentences with the word you intend to learn. Even if I see a new word while reading then, I don’t stop with just the word meaning or pronunciation, rather I try to find sentences with that particular word. For instance, try finding sentences in google, your search keywords should include “_____ in a sentence”
4. **Visualise the word:** Another concern here is the retention of words, most tend to forget a word as soon as they learn it. This happens because you don’t frame a picture with the word. Try to imagine the word. To give you some perspective, the word MEANDER means to follow a zig-zag route, try to imagine a river flowing in a zig-zag path. This picture may help.
5. **Add, Multiply and be fruitful:** The last tip for today is to use these words together. Build a sentence with two or three words that you learnt today. Write them down. Trust me, it helps.

Good Luck!



Allure

Mysteriously

attractive

I tried not to be allured by her but soon after I was kissing her on the beach.

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Ambiguous

NOT DECIDED OR
CLEAR

The signpost is more ambiguous
than being helpful.

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Amiable

**FRIENDLY,
PLEASANT**

Somehow, the lion and Mary
share an amiable relationship
which no-one understands.

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Amulet

Ornament
worn
as a
charm
against
evil

She always
wore an
amulet
to ward
off evil
spirits.



Appal

Causing shock
or dismay;
horrific.

The city was left in ruins after the
appaling fire.



ARBITRATE

TO DECIDE AND DETERMINE

**This strike is an attempt
to arbitrate the fuel prices.**

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ARDENT

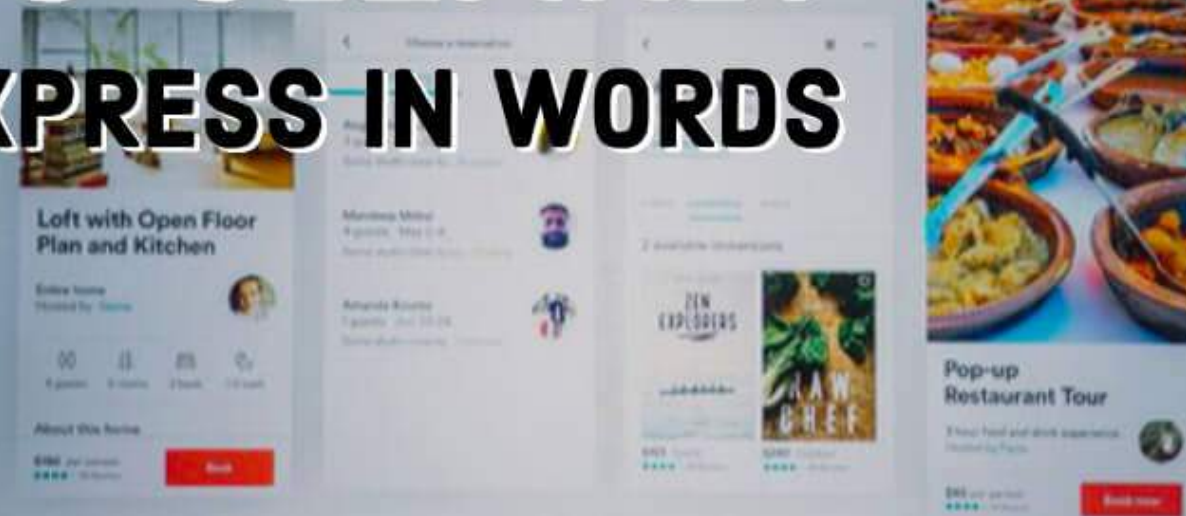
**ENTHUSIASTIC
OR
PASSIONATE**

*I was mesmerised by their
ardent performance.*

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ARTICULATE

TO CLEARLY EXPRESS IN WORDS



Steve was quite articulate with his presentation.

An aerial night photograph of London, showing the River Thames flowing through the city. The Tower Bridge is illuminated and spans the river. The city lights are visible in the background under a dark, cloudy sky.

ASTRIDE

**with one leg
on each side**

**THE CITY OF LONDON LIES
ASTRIDE THE THAMES RIVER.**

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BEQUEATH

to give or
leave by
will

**THE MONK BEQUEATHED ALL
HIS WEALTH FOR THE MONASTERY.**



Bespoke

***Custom made
for a person***

**I have always seen him in a bespoke
white suit.**

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Bolster

Support

The bridge stood
bolstered by big
steel cables.

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Chivalry

A woman wearing a green baseball cap and a black backpack is standing in a shallow stream. She is looking down at a hand reaching out from the foreground to help her. The water is clear and rocky, and the background shows more of the stream and some greenery.

**Courteous
behaviour,
towards women**

I DON'T LIKE MEN BEING
CHIVALROUS
WHILE I'M ON AN ADVENTURE.

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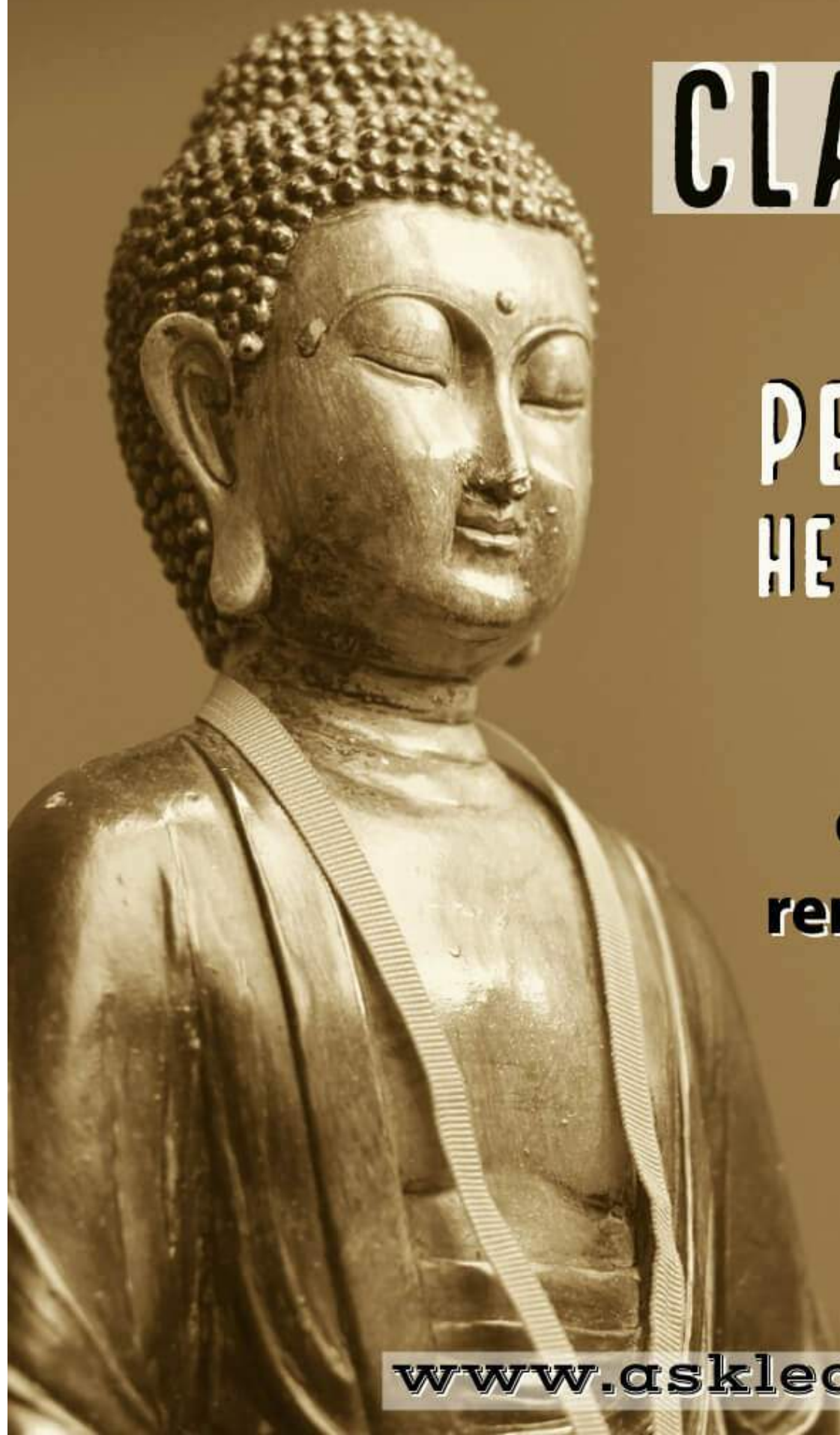
Circuitous

Longer than the direct way

A yellow auto rickshaw with a green canopy is driving on a road. The driver is visible through the front window. The background shows a road and some trees.

The auto rickshaw followed a circuitous route just to overcharge us.

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CLAIRVOYANT

PERSON HAVING
HEIGHTENED SENSES

**Buddha was a
divine mystic, with
remarkable clairvoyant
powers.**

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CLAMOUR

A loud and confused noise, that
of people shouting

After the bombing, there was a
public clamour for vengeance.

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Cliché

a phrase or opinion that is overused and lacks originality

#METOO

MeToo was the most popular cliché in 2018.

A silhouette of a person sitting in a meditative pose (lotus or similar) against a vibrant sunset background. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange and yellow glow. The person's hands are resting on their knees in a mudra.

COMPLACENT

**SATISFIED,
CONTENT**

*Meditation can make one
more complacent.*

As a
physician,
I cannot
condone
people
pretending
that
obesity
is healthy.

CONDONE



Accept
a behaviour
that is
morally
wrong
or offensive

A close-up photograph of a rusty, weathered metal faucet. A thick, rusted chain is attached to the faucet's handle. A small stream of clear water is dripping from the spout of the faucet. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

CONTINGENT

DEPENDENT FOR EXISTENCE

*Saving water is contingent to
our methods of preserving it.*

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Convulse



Throw into violent
social or political
upheaval

*The peaceful rally convulsed into
a bloodbath.*

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Corralled

To gather, collect,
bring together

Shepherd
The ~~Shepard~~ did a good job
at corralling his livestock.

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Dearth



Scarcity or lack of
something

THE DEARTH OF WATER FORCES
US TO TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES.



DEFIANT

REFUSING TO OBEY AUTHORITY

*Children easily learn that defiance is
the key to getting what they want.*

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An aerial photograph showing a large area of flooding. In the foreground, several houses with tiled roofs are partially submerged. The water is murky brown. In the middle ground, there are many green trees and a small bridge or structure partially submerged. In the background, a large body of water is visible.

Deluge

Flood

THE KERALA DELUGE TOOK A HEAVY TOLL ON THE STATE.

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DIABOLIC

CHARACTERISTIC OF A DEVIL

Many of these sculptures seem more diabolic than divine.

A white Star of David memorial is mounted on a white rectangular base. The star is engraved with the name 'JETHRO I. COHEN' at the top, 'PVT 172 INF 43 DIV' on the left, and 'ILL. JULY 14 1943' on the right. The background is a green lawn with other similar memorials visible in the distance.

DIASPORA

DISPERSION

OF PEOPLE FROM THEIR HOMELAND

Israel is our home
and a refuge to all
those who are still
in the diaspora.

DILIGENCE

**BEING COMMITTED
TO A TASK**

*Diligence and hard work
are the keys to success.*

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A composite image featuring a person's hands holding a cup of coffee and a chocolate bar, with a laptop keyboard in the background. The text is overlaid on this image.

Dilly-Dally

Waste time aimlessly

Don't dilly-dally

in your work for long

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DOWNTRODDEN

Oppressed or treated
badly by people in
power

Numerous downtrodden find sustenance so
hard, that they have to beg.

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EGALITARIAN

Believing in

E Q U A L

Rights for Everyone

Canada celebrates egalitarian rights for its citizens.

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ELUSORY

RARE OR
DIFFICULT
TO FIND, CATCH

Imbibing sense into my son is an elusory dream.

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Empirical

Derived
from
experiment
or observation

Empirical data from the medical examination showed reduction in cancer cells.



ENIGMATIC MYSTERIOUS

*The hijab made her enigmatic eyes
stand out.*



EXPEDITE

MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN SOONER

The authorities promised to expedite completion of the solar power plant.

Fallow

**FARM LAND NOT
USED FOR
CULTIVATION**

*The hill fields would remain fallow for the
next two years.*

A photograph of the Space Shuttle Columbia being launched from the launch pad. The shuttle is ascending vertically, leaving a large, bright plume of fire and white smoke at its base. The launch pad's service structure is visible on the left side of the frame. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

FEASIBLE

**PRACTICALITY
OR POSSIBILITY
OF SOMETHING**

*India's Mars Orbiter mission was
more feasible than any other country.*

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Feral

WILD, ANTISOCIAL

Gangs of feral youths turned the city into a
war zone.

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FLAMBOYANCE



**THE TENDENCY TO ATTRACT
ATTENTION, BEING
NOTICEABLE**

*In the thick winters, her flamboyance
was beyond any retreat.*

A man with a beard, wearing a grey suit and a red tie, is leaning over a wooden desk. He has a stern, angry expression on his face. He is holding a black pen in his right hand, poised to write on a document. A laptop is open on the desk to his left. In the background, another person is partially visible, looking towards the man. The scene is set in an office environment.

Flounce

BOUNCE IN ANGER

He looked angry as he flounced on
my desk.

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Flout

Intentionally

disobey

a rule



*It was so cold that I couldn't care but
flout and smoke a cigarette.*

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Formidable

inspiring fear or respect by
being large, powerful, or
capable.

A photograph of a person standing on a beach, looking at a large, snow-covered mountain. The person is on the left side of the frame, and the mountain is on the right. The water is calm, reflecting the mountain and the person. The sky is overcast.

I stood frozen, staring at
the formidable mountain.

FRINGE

an ornamental
border of threads
left loose

The fringes on this black shawl
look awesome.

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FRUGAL



Simple or inexpensive

There was a frugal, old woman
gazing down at the streets.

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Hurl

**THROW OR AIM
WITH GREAT FORCE**

*Someone hurled a rock through the
window.*

The background of the slide is a photograph of the Statue of Liberty in New York City. The statue is shown from the waist up, holding a torch aloft in its right hand. The sky is a vibrant orange and yellow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The statue's base is visible at the bottom right, and some city lights and structures are visible in the lower left corner.

Immutable

Unchangeable

The statue of Liberty has stood
immutable against the tides of time
and nature.

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Imperative

IMPORTANT
OR CRUCIAL

*Water is imperative to
survival.*

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IMPETUS

**STRENGTH,
MOTIVATION**

*It's his impetus which brought him
success.*

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Inanimate LIFELESS

We drove around
the inanimate desert.

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An axe is embedded in the side of a tree trunk, with a large section of bark and wood removed, revealing the inner layers. The background is a blurred forest floor with green grass and brown leaves.

Intemperate

UNRESTRAINED, NOT MODERATE

**Intemperate exploration of the rainforest
has added to global warming.**

A photograph of the Taj Mahal in Agra, India, showing its iconic white marble domes and minarets against a clear blue sky. The central dome is the largest and most prominent feature. The building is surrounded by a low wall with arched niches.

Intricate
**COMPLICATED
OR DETAILED**

***The Taj Mahal has intricate designs embedded
on it.***

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INUNDATE

A young woman with long blonde hair and glasses is sitting at a desk. She is looking down at a laptop screen with a stressed expression, biting a yellow pencil. In the foreground, there is a pencil holder with several colorful pencils. The background is a warm, slightly blurred indoor setting.

**OVERWHELMING,
TOO MUCH OF
SOMETHING**

*I was given an inundate amount
of work today.*

Jamboree

PARTY OR CELEBRATION

This is probably the last jamboree for our class.



Laud

Praise

His song was greatly
lauded by the crowd.

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LUCID

adj.

Clear

The river had a lucid
reflection of the mountains.



Lunatic

Mentally Ill or foolish

His eyes make him
look like a lunatic!

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MALAISE

**UNEASE, ILLNESS,
DISCOMFORT**



*Yoga is an effective remedy to the
general malaise of both mind and body.*

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MALIGN

To Speak Evil

**She has a strong and malign
influence on my friend.**

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Meadow

Grasslands

There stood a tree, defiant amongst
the green yellow meadow.

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Meander

Follow a zig
zag route

*The river meanders through the valley
to finally meet the ocean.*

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Meticulous Careful

A surgeon needs to be quite meticulous on the operating table.

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Moniker

Mr Bean Street

A PET NAME

Another moniker for Rowan Atkinson is Mr Bean.

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Morale

CONFIDENCE, ENTHUSIASM
AND DISCIPLINE

*You need strong morale to be able to jump
off an aeroplane.*

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Mundane

Lacking
interest
and
ordinary

Ironing clothes may be mundane for you but for some it's their bread and butter.

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NEMESIS

RIVAL OR
ENEMY

*Hitler was the biggest nemesis
for the jews of Europe.*

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NIFTY

**SKILLFUL, EFFECTIVE,
ATTRACTIVE & STYLISH**



*We need a nifty little machine
to automatically fold clothes.*



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Nuance

A subtle difference in
shade, meaning, expression
or sound.

She was very familiar with
the nuances of color shades.

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A person wearing a dark tweed jacket and a matching cap is seen from the side, holding and reading a newspaper. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green grass and trees. The word "OMNIBUS" is written in large, bold, grey letters with a black outline at the top right.

OMNIBUS

COLLECTION OF ARTICLES
ON THE SAME
SUBJECT OR AUTHOR

*I enjoyed reading the omnibus
series of Harry Potter books.*

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Ostracise

A person wearing a red beanie and dark clothing is walking away from the camera on a paved road. The road curves to the right, and a car is visible in the distance. The background is filled with trees, some of which have autumn-colored leaves. The overall mood is one of solitude and departure.

Exclusion
from a society
or group.

Ostracised, she left the town for good.

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PENCHANT

STRONG LIKING, HABIT,

TENDENCY

*It's his penchant for drinking that
made him a loser.*

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Peppy

LIVELY OR HIGH
SPIRITED

This joyride makes anyone feel peppy.

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PERIL Danger

A woman in a black long-sleeved shirt and zebra-print pants is walking a thin yellow rope (tightrope) across a deep, forested valley. She is barefoot and has her arms outstretched for balance. The background shows a steep, rocky cliff on the left and a dense forest of evergreen trees below. The sky is clear and blue.

She has bigger perils in life
than walking on the rope.



Petrify

STUCK IN FEAR

*Standing on the edge of a highrise can
petrify anyone.*

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PIOUS

A VERY
RELIGIOUS
PERSON

My grandfather was a pious
man.

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PITTANCE



**A VERY SMALL
AMOUNT
OF MONEY**

*One million dollars might seem like a
pittance for the rich.*

A full-page background image showing a sunset over a calm lake. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds in shades of blue and orange. In the foreground, a large, dark, textured rock sits in the water, its surface reflecting the ambient light. The overall mood is peaceful and tranquil.

Placid

Calm and peaceful

I have never seen a lake so placid.

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PLATITUDE

**A STATEMENT
LACKING
ORIGINALITY**

*Platitudes passed by silly politicians
occupied today's news.*

PLUMMET

**A RAPID
FALL OR DROP**

*The stock market plummeted
to its lowest point.*

A black and white portrait of Albert Einstein, showing his characteristic wild hair and mustache. The image is the background for the text.

Profound

Deep

**This is Albert Einstein, he had a
profound understanding of Space
and Time.**

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A photograph of a charming stone cottage with a red door and flower boxes, situated next to a calm pond. The pond reflects the surrounding greenery and the sky. In the background, there's a lush green field and a line of trees. The scene is peaceful and idyllic.

Quaint Old fashioned

**I spent the evening in a
quaint countryside cottage.**

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Remorse

Deep regret or guilt

She is in remorse due to her recent breakup.

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RHAPSODY

**A POEM, ARTICLE
OR SPEECH CONTAINING
STRONG FEELINGS**

*He compiled a beautiful rhapsody
with his words.*



RIVETING

EXTREMELY INTERESTING

*The spectators witnessed a riveting
football match.*

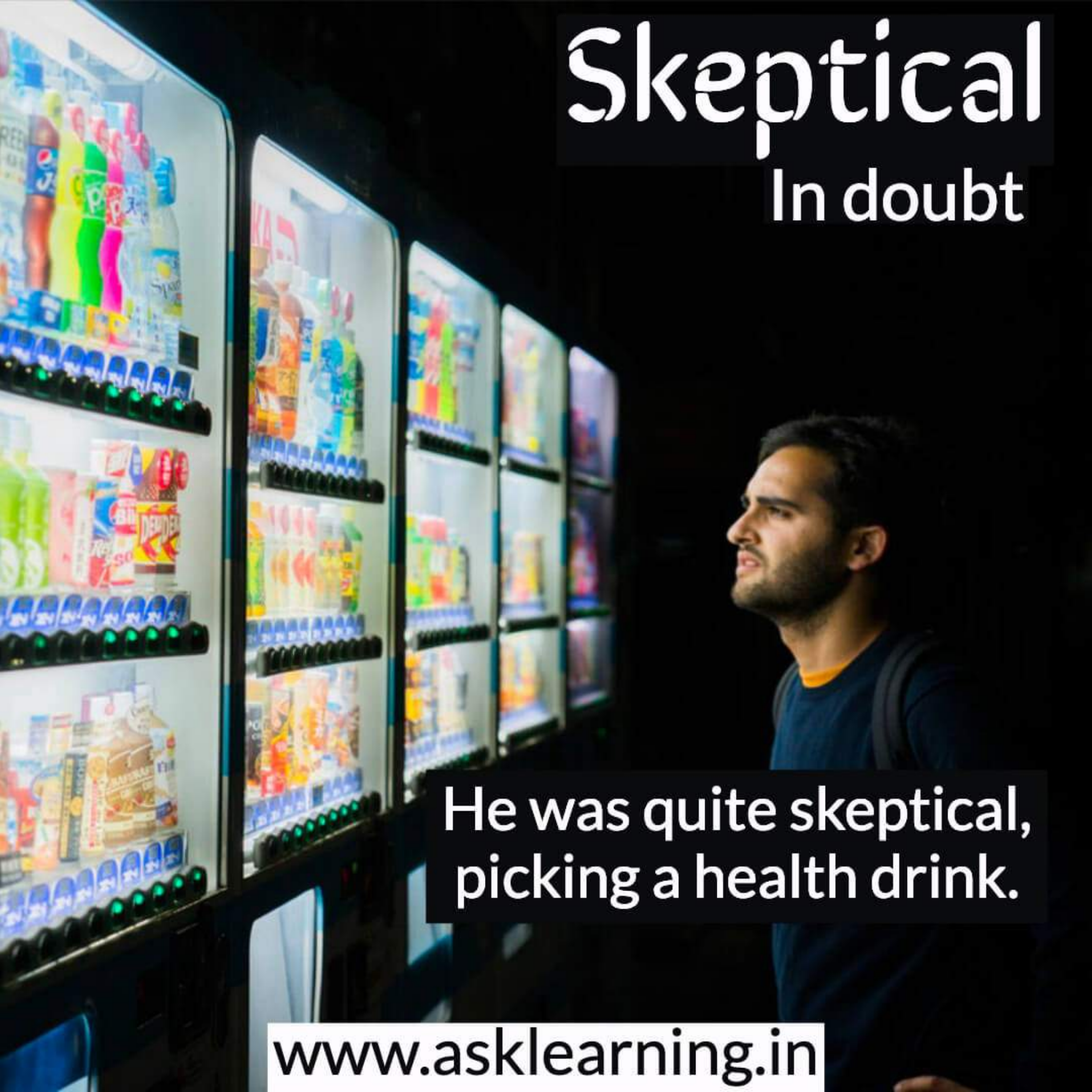
Scrutinize

TO EXAMINE CAREFULLY
AND CRITICALLY

It is a good habit to scrutinize one's
credit card bills.

Skeptical

In doubt

A man with a beard, wearing a dark blue shirt, is looking at a row of vending machines. The vending machines are filled with various drinks, including sodas, juices, and health drinks. The man is looking at the first vending machine on the left, which has a green light on its bottom. The background is dark, and the vending machines are illuminated from within.

He was quite skeptical,
picking a health drink.

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SMOTHER

TO SUFFOCATE OR OVERWHELM

*The brave fireman tried his best
to smother the fire.*

Sporadic

Irregular or
occasional

**This sporadic monsoon
has left us with a drought.**

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Squander

To waste
something
like time,
money.

We have squandered the
planet beyond recognition.

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SQUEAMISH

EASILY MADE
TO FEEL
SICK OR
DISGUSTED

KIDS MOSTLY FEEL SQUEAMISH
ABOUT BROCCOLIS.

A photograph of a small, dark wooden church with a white door and windows, set in a stark, open landscape under a cloudy sky. The church has a simple, rectangular design with a small steeple. The landscape is flat and barren, with a low stone wall in the background. The sky is overcast and grey.

STARK

**VERY PLAIN, NO
FEATURES OR DETAIL**

*I found a beautiful church in this
stark landscape.*

A woman with short brown hair, wearing glasses and a pink top, is shown from the chest up. She has a surprised expression, with her mouth open and her hand held up to her face. The background is slightly blurred, showing some orange structures and greenery.

STUPEFY TO AMAZE AND SHOCK SOMEONE

*Jane looked stupified seeing me at
the park.*

Sumptuous

Rich

I had a sumptuous meal
at my grandparents.

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SYMBIOSIS

**A BENEFICIAL INTERACTION
BETWEEN ORGANISMS**

**IF THE SYMBIOSIS AMONG BEES
AND FLOWERS IS COMPROMISED,
THEN MANKIND MAY GET EXTINCT.**



TIMID

**EASILY FRIGHTENED,
LACKS CONFIDENCE**

*My daughter had the timidest
expression while on the swing.*

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TWIBILL

AN AXE WITH TWIN
SHARP BLADES



THE OLD MAN SHOWS OFF HIS
MILITARY TWIBILL TO YOUNG
BOYS
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Twitch

A sudden jerk

Fishing is all about sensing
the twitch on the line.

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Ubiquitous

Present everywhere

Water is
ubiquitous
but not all of
it is clean,
save water!

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A person is using a tablet computer on a desk. The tablet screen displays a news or information website with various articles and images. A cup of black coffee is visible on the right side of the desk. The background is slightly blurred, showing a typical office or study environment.

Unprecedented

NEVER EXPERIENCED

OR SEEN

**Technology has given us unprecedented
access to knowledge.**



Vindicate

To clear someone
of blame and suspicion

CCTV footage helped me
vindicate you from the
law.

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Vivacious

A close-up portrait of a young woman with dark, wavy hair and bright green eyes. She is smiling broadly, showing her teeth. She has green leaves tucked into her hair. She is wearing a light blue top with white lace trim. The background is a textured, greyish-blue surface.

**CHARMING,
ATTRACTIVE
& ENERGETIC
(USED
FOR WOMEN)**

Victoria has a vivacious smile.

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WARY

Being cautious

Alice slipped even though she was
wary.



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