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WORD OFTEN
CONFUSED & MISUSED

CHAPTER

S.N.	WORD	हिन्दी में अर्थ	Meaning in English
1.	Accept Except	स्वीकार करना के अलावा	To receive a thing. Leaving apart or excluding.
2.	Expect Suspect	उम्मीद करना आशंका करना	To hope To apprehend
3.	Adopt Adept Adapt	अपनाना/गोद लेना निपुण ढालना	To accept/to take another person's child legally. Proficient To change accordingly.
4.	Allude Elude	उल्लेख करना बचना	Refer to To escape
5.	Alternate Alternative	एक छोड़ कर एक विकल्प	One after another. Available instead /substitute
6.	Aural Oral	कान से संबंधित मौखिक	Of ear Verbal
7.	Access Excess	पहुँच प्रचुरता में	Approach More than due.
8.	Averse Adverse	नापसंद करना विपरीत	To dislike Unfavourable
9.	Advice (N) Advise (V)	सलाह सलाह देना	An opinion To offer an opinion.
10.	Affect (V) Effect (N)	असर करना परिणाम	To influence Result
11.	Apposite Opposite	उपयुक्त के सामने/विपरीत	Proper In front of/ contrary
12.	Amend Emend	संशोधन करना अशुद्धियाँ निकाल देना	To improve To remove the mistakes
13.	Amoral Immoral	निरैतिक अनैतिक	Having no moral sense. Not conforming to moral standards.

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14. Antics	हँसाने के लिए की गई हरकत	Tricks
Antiques	प्राचीन कला की वस्तुएँ	Ancient pieces of art.
15. Appraise	मूल्यांकन करना	Assess the quality/ value of.
Apprise	सूचित करना	Inform
16. Allusion	संदर्भ में (अप्रत्यक्ष रूप से)	Indirect reference
Illusion	भ्रम	Deception
17. Beside	के बगल में	By the side of
Besides	के अलावा	Apart from
18. Bridle	लगाम	Headgear of horse
Bridal	दुल्हा/दुल्हन से संबंधित	Related to bride/ bridegroom
19. Beneficial	लाभदायक	Useful
Beneficiary	लाभान्वित व्यक्ति	One who receives benefit.
20. Boar	सुअर	A pig
Bore	बर्दाश्त करना/ पैदा करना	To tolerate or to produce (V ₂ of bear)
21. Bought	खरीदना	V ₂ and V ₃ of buy.
Brought	लाना	V ₂ and V ₃ of bring.
22. Catch	गतिशील को पकड़ना	To take hold of something when it is moving.
Hold	थामना	To take hold of something when it is static.
23. Childish	बेवकूफी भरा	Foolish
Childlike	मासूम	Innocent
24. Continual	नियमित रूप से	Happening repeatedly
Continuous	लगातार	Without break
25. Credible	विश्वसनीय	Believable
Creditable	सम्माननीय	Praiseworthy, honourable
26. Censure	निन्दा करना	To criticise
Censor	प्रतिबन्धित करना	Official licensing of films etc.
27. Canon	नियम	Rule
Cannon	तोप	A powerful gun fixed to wheels.
28. Canvas	मोटा कपड़ा	Coarse cloth
Canvass	घूम-घूम के वोट माँगना	Visit houses to get political support.
29. Cemetery	कब्रगाह	A burial place
Symmetry	एक सा	Harmony
30. Casual	उदासीन, अनौपचारिक	Not formal, not taking much interest.
Causal	कारक संबंधी	Relating to cause
31. Climactic	उत्कर्ष से संबंधित	Relating to climax

	Climatic	जलवायु संबंधित	Relating to climate
32.	Coarse	भद्दा/ मोटा/ समतल नहीं	Rough
	Course	किसी कार्य का सिलसिलेवार रास्ता	A line of action.
33.	Confidant	राजदार	A person who is entrusted with secrets.
	Confident	आत्मविश्वास के साथ	Sure and certain.
34.	Contagious	बिमारी जो छूने से फैले	A disease that spreads by contact.
	Contiguous	सिमांत	Near
	Infectious	बिमारी जो हवा एवं पानी से फैले	A disease that spreads by air or water.
35.	Corps	सेना की टुकड़ी	A division of army.
	Corpse	मृत शरीर (इंसान का)	A dead body.
	Carcass	किसी बड़े जानवर का मृत शरीर	The dead body of a large animal.
36.	Conscious	अवगत	To know
	Conscientious	ज़मीरवाला	With a sense of duty.
37.	Complain (V)	शिकायत करना	To say that something is wrong or not satisfactory.
	Complaint (N)	शिकायत	A report of a problem.
38.	Complacent	आत्म संतुष्ट	Self-satisfied.
	Complaisant	आज्ञाकारी	Obedient and compliant.
39.	Complement	पूरक	N-a thing that completes or improves. V-add to something in a way that it improves.
	Compliment	तारीफ़	A remark of admiration.
40.	Custom	सामाजिक नियम	Social usage.
	Habit	आदत	Personal usage.
41.	Compose	बनाना	Make up the whole.
	Comprise	से बना होना	Consist of.
42.	Career	पेशा	Course through life.
	Carrier	सामान ढोने की गाड़ी	That which carries.
43.	Credible	विश्वसनीय	Believable
	Credulous	जो आसानी से विश्वास कर ले	Too ready to believe.
44.	Discreet	(सचेत ताकि किसी को व्यवहार या भाषा से चोट न पहुँचे)	Careful not to cause offence by speech or behaviour.
	Discrete	(पृथक्)	Separate, distinct.
45.	Disease	बिमारी	Ailment or illness.
	Decease	मृत्यु	Death.
46.	Decent	सभ्य	Nice, respectable.
	Descent	दलान	Downward motion.
	Dissent	मतभेद	Difference of opinion.

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47.	Dual Duel	दोहरा द्वंद्व युद्ध	With two parts. A fight between two persons using guns or swords.
48.	Deface Efface	विकृत करना मिट्टा देना	Disfigure. Wipe out.
49.	Deny Decline Refuse Refute	खंडन करना अस्वीकार करना इन्कार करना खंडन करना (सबूत के साथ)	To declare untrue. Refuse to accept an offer. Show unwillingness towards. Prove wrong.
50.	Defy Deify	उल्लंघन करना ईश्वर बना देना	To break the law. To make someone or something a god.
51.	Defuse Diffuse	तनाव कम करना फैलाना/अस्पष्ट	Remove the tension. Spread out; not clear or concise.
52.	Desert Dessert	N- रेगिस्तान, V- त्याग देना भोजन के बाद का मीठा व्यंजन	N- An area where there is little rain. V- To leave someone. Sweet dish eaten at the end of a meal.
53.	Depression Depreciation	गड्ढा/अवसाद मूल्य कम होना	Hollow/ A mental state of despair. Undervalue.
54.	Disinterested Uninterested	निष्पक्ष दिलचस्पी ना होना	Impartial. Not interested.
55.	Delightful Delicious	प्रसन्नतादायक स्वादिष्ट	Very pleasant. Pleasing to taste.
56.	Deprecate Depreciate	नापसंद करना मूल्य कम करना	To hate. To reduce in value.
57.	Defective Deficient	त्रुटिपूर्ण कमी होना	Having a certain imperfection. Lacking something.
58.	Decided Decisive	निर्णय किया हुआ (निश्चित) निर्णायक	Clear and definite. Deciding.
59.	Effective Efficacious Efficient	असरदार जो निश्चित ही उत्तम परिणाम दे कार्यकुशल	Producing effect. Able to produce the desired result. Competent.
60.	Elicit Illicit	उत्पन्न कर पाना अवैध	To get or produce something. Illegal or disapproved of by society.
61.	Economical Economic	कम खर्च वाला अर्थव्यवस्था सम्बन्धित	Involving less expenditure. Relating to economy.
62.	Enduring Endurable	लम्बे समय तक कायम सहन करने लायक	Existing for a long time. Bearable.

63.	Emigrant	प्रवासी	A person who leaves his country to settle in another.
	Immigrant	अप्रवासी	One who comes to another country.
64.	Enormity	अति, घोर	Extreme seriousness.
	Enormousness	ज्यादा होना	Great in size or scale.
65.	Ensure	सुनिश्चित करना	To make sure.
	Insure	बीमा करना	To protect against risk.
	Assure	दिलासा देना	To make certain of.
66.	Envelop	(ढक देना)	To cover or surround something completely.
	Envelope	(लिफाफा)	A flat usually square paper container for a letter.
67.	Especially	विशेष कर	In particular, above all.
	Specially	किसी विशेष अवसर के लिए	For a special purpose.
68.	Excite	उत्तेजित करना	To arouse feelings of happiness or enthusiasm.
	Incite	उकसाना / भड़काना	To arouse unpleasant or violent feelings.
69.	Expedient	सही/ लाभदायक	Helpful or useful in a particular situation.
	Expeditious	शीघ्र/ फुर्ती से	Prompt.
70.	Extinct	विलुप्त	No longer existing.
	Instinct	मूल प्रवृत्ति	Inborn impulse.
71.	Flair	जन्मजात प्रवृत्ति	Natural ability.
	Flare	धधकना, फैलना	A burst of flame or light/ to become angry.
72.	Flaunt	दिखावा करना	Display ostentatiously/to show off.
	Flout	उल्लंघन करना	Disregard a rule or custom.
73.	Fortuitous	आकस्मिक	Happening by chance.
	Fortunate	भाग्यशाली	Lucky.
74.	Felicity	प्रसन्नता	A blessing, happiness.
	Facility	सुविधा	Ease or comfort
	Faculty	कार्यशक्ति/ कॉलेज का विभाग /कॉलेज के अध्यापकगण	Ability/departments of college/ the people who teach
75.	Fatal	घातक	Deadly
	Fateful	महत्वपूर्ण/परन्तु नकारात्मक परिणामयुक्त	Important but with usually negative effect.
76.	Fain	खुशी से	Gladly
	Feign	दिखावा करना (जो सच नहीं है)/बहाना बनाना	To pretend to feel something.

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77. Floor	फर्श	The flat surface of room on which we walk.
Ground	जमीन	The surface of earth outside the room.
78. Graceful	भव्य	Handsome or attractive
Gracious	दयालु	Merciful
79. Gate	द्वार	An entrance
Gait	चलने का तरीका	A particular way of walking.
80. Gourmand	पेटू	A glutton
Gourmet	पाक कला का पारखी	A food connoisseur.
81. Hear	सुनना	To receive sound.
Listen	ध्यान से सुनना	To hear carefully.
82. Hoard	छिपाकर संग्रह करना	To store in a secret place.
Horde	एक बड़ा समूह	A large group of people.
83. Humility	विनम्रता	The quality of being humble.
Humiliation	अपमान	Disrespect
84. Historic	महत्त्वपूर्ण	Important
Historical	ऐतिहासिक	Relating to history
Histrionic	नाटकीय एवं बढ़ा चढ़ाकर	Dramatic and exaggerated
85. Human	मानव	Relating to man
Humane	दयालु	Kind
86. Illegal	गैरकानूनी	Against the law
Illicit	अवैध	Disapproved of by society.
87. Incredible	अविश्वसनीय	Unbelievable
Incredulous	जो विश्वास न करें	Not ready to believe something/ someone.
88. Ingenious	बढ़िया एवं नई युक्ति भरा	Clever and involving new ideas.
Ingenuous	निष्कपट, सरल	Honest and sincere.
89. Intense	तीव्र	Extreme and forceful.
Intensive	गहन	Involving a lot of effort.
90. Invent	आविष्कार करना	To create something which never existed before.
Discover	खोज करना	To find something for the first time which nobody was aware of.
91. Industrial	उद्योग संबंधी	Relating to industry
Industrious	मेहनती	Hard-working
92. Imperious	दबंग	Haughty
Imperial	राजसी	Majestic, relating to empire.
93. Incumbent	जरूरी	To be necessary
Recumbent	लेटा हुआ	Lying down
94. Jealous	ईर्ष्यालु (जब वस्तु हमारी हो)	When we are afraid of losing the person/ thing we love, we feel jealous.

	Envious	ईर्ष्यालु (जब वस्तु हमारी नहीं हो)	When we wish we had what someone else have, we feel envious. Envy and jealousy are slightly different in meaning.
95.	Judicial Judicious	न्याय संबंधी समझदार	Relating to a judge or justice. Wise, Prudent
96.	Light Burn	V- जलाना-प्रकाशित करने के लिए N- रोशनी, Adj- हल्का V- जलाना-नाश करने के लिए, N- फफोला	<i>Verb</i> -to start flames in order to spread light/ <i>Noun</i> -radiance/ <i>Adj</i> -not heavy. <i>V</i> -to start flames to destroy something/ <i>N</i> -the part of body damaged due to heat.
97.	Lightening Lightning Lighting	उजाला करना, हल्का करना, गोरा करना बिजली-जो आसमान में दिखती है बिजली की व्यवस्था	To make bright/ less heavy/ pale/ less serious. A flash of bright light seen in the sky. The arrangement of lights.
98.	Loath Loathe	अनिच्छुक घृणा करना	Reluctant, unwilling To hate
99.	Loose Lose Loss	ढीला खोना/हारना घाटा/हानि	Not tight. Be defeated. The state of not in possession of something or having it less than before.
100.	Luxuriant Luxurious	प्रचुरता में उगना विलासितापूर्ण	Strong in growth Very comfortable and expensive.
101.	Lovely Lovable	प्यारा, सुंदर प्यार करने योग्य	Beautiful Worthy of love
102.	Metal Mettle	धातु क्षमता	A chemical element. Eg-gold, iron etc. Ability.
103.	Metre Meter	लम्बाई की इकाई एक यंत्र	A unit of length. A device used to measure the amount of something that is used.
104.	Negligent Negligible	लापरवाह नगण्य	Careless Very little
105.	Momentary Momentous	क्षणिक महत्त्वपूर्ण	Short-lived Very important
106.	Minor Miner	नाबालिग खदान कर्मी	Underage One who works in mines.
107.	Militate Mitigate	प्रतिकूल होना तीव्रता कम करना/शान्त करना	To hinder Make less severe.
108.	Naval	नेवी संबंधित	Relating to a navy.

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Navel	नाभी	Small round part in the middle of the stomach.
109. Notable	ध्यान देने लायक	Important and deserving attention.
Notorious	कुख्यात	Known for bad qualities.
Famous	प्रसिद्ध	Well known
Eminent	प्रसिद्ध एवं सम्माननीय	Well known and respected
110. Official	आधिकारिक	Relating to an office.
Officious	सलाह देने के लिए तत्पर	Too eager to tell others what to do.
111. Ordinance	अध्यादेश	A law made by the government.
Ordnance	सेना का साजो-सामान	Military material such as weapons, ammunition etc.
112. Pane	खिड़की/दरवाजे का काँच	A flat piece of glass used in a window/door.
Pain	दर्द	Feeling of physical suffering.
Pains	अथक प्रयास	A lot of efforts.
113. Palate	तालू	The roof of the mouth/ the sense of taste.
Palette	रंग मिलाने का बर्तन	An artist's mixing board.
Pellet	किसी चीज़ का छोटा गोला	A small ball of any substance.
114. Pedal	पैर से चलाने वाला	A foot-operated lever.
Peddle	घूम-घूम कर सामान बेचना	To sell goods by going from one place to another.
115. Perpetrate	करना (गुनाह)	To commit (a crime).
Perpetuate	किसी कार्य/हालात के जारी रहने का कारण बनना	To cause something to continue.
116. Personal	निजी	Private
Personnel	कर्मि	Staff
117. Pore	छेद	Small hole.
Pour	बहना, उड़ेलना	Flow, cause to flow.
118. Practice (N)	अभ्यास	Regular activity.
Practise (V)	अभ्यास करना	To do something regularly.
119. Practicable	व्यवहारिक	Able to be done.
Practical/ Pragmatic	वास्तव में/प्रयोगात्मक	Effective or realistic.
120. Prescribe	सलाह देना (के रूप में)	To recommend
Proscribe	गैर कानूनी करार देना	Forbid or condemn.
121. Proceed	आगे बढ़ना	To continue
Precede	पहले आना	To come before/happen before.
122. Popular	प्रसिद्ध	Liked by all.

Populous	घनी आवादी वाला	Thickly populated.
123. Pray	प्रार्थना करना	To offer prayer to God.
Prey	(V) शिकार करना/(N) शिकार	Hunt and kill/ victim
124. Principal	प्रधानाचार्य/ मुख्य	One who is in charge of a school/ first in order of importance.
Principle	सिद्धान्त	Most important basic idea / moral rule.
125. Quite	पूर्ण/थोड़ा	Completely/a little/ Note: both meanings are different from each other
Quiet	चुप	To be silent
Quit	छोड़ देना	to give up
126. Respectable	सम्माननीय	Worthy of respect.
Respectful	सम्मानजनक	Showing respect
Respective	विशिष्ट, अलग-अलग	Particular
127. Resource	संसाधन	Means
Recourse	रास्ता	Resort
128. Refute	खण्डन करना	Prove to be wrong.
Repudiate	सही या सच मानने से इंकार करना	Refuse to accept as true or correct.
129. Regrettable	खेदजनक	Causing regret, undesirable.
Regretful	दुखी	Feeling sorry
130. Rise	उठना/जागना/तरक्की करना	To get up, to progress.
Raise	उठाना	To lift
Raze	ध्वस्त करना	To demolish
Rage	गुस्सा	Anger
131. Ride	दोपहिया या जानवर की सवारी करना	To sit on an animal or two-wheeler and travel.
Drive	चार-पहिया की सवारी करना	To travel by a four-wheeler.
132. Rout	धराशाही करना	To defeat completely and easily.
Route	रास्ता	Path
Root	जड़	The underground part of a plant.
133. Septic	एक चिकित्सा संबंधी समस्या	A medical term involving sepsis.
Sceptic	संदेही	Doubtful of an idea or belief.
134. See	देखना	Perceive with eyes.
Look	ताकना/नजर डालना	To direct the eyes in order to see.
Watch	देखना (कुछ अंतराल तक)/ नजर रखना	To look at something for a period of time/ to keep an eye on.
Stare	घूरना	To look continuously for a long time.
Peep	झाँकना	To see secretly or through a hole.
Glance	नजर डालना	To give a quick short look.
Glare	गुस्से में घूरना	To stare angrily.
Glimpse	एक झलक देखना	To see someone very briefly.
Glower	गुस्से से देखना	To see angrily.

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135. Sever	अलग करना	To break/ to separate.
Amputate	शरीर के किसी बाहरी अंग (हाथ या पैर) को काट कर अलग करना, क्योंकि वह स्थायी रूप से क्षतिग्रस्त हो चुका है	Cut off a body part that is permanently damaged.
Maim	शरीर के किसी अंग को स्थायी रूप से क्षतिग्रस्त करना	To damage any body part permanently.
Severe	तीव्र	Extreme
Sewer	नाला	Drain
136. Story	कहानी	Account of any event.
Storey	तल	Floor
137. Suit	वाद/अभियोग	Action in a law court.
Soot	कालिख	Black substance in smoke.
Suite	सेट	A set of rooms / furniture.
138. Statue	मूर्ति	Image
Statute	लिखित कानून	Written law
139. Straight	सीधा	Extending without a curve.
Strait	जलसंधि	Narrow passage of water.
140. Stationary	स्थिर	Not moving.
Stationery	पैन, कॉपी इत्यादि	Things needed for writing.
141. Sight	दृष्टि/ नजारा	Ability to see/view.
Site	कार्यस्थल	A place of construction.
Cite	उल्लेख करना	To mention.
142. Shear	काटना (बाल, इत्यादि)	To cut off-hair, wool etc.
Sheer	पूर्ण रूप से	Utter, complete
143. Toe	पैर की ऊँगली	Any of the five separate parts at the end of the foot.
Tow	खींच कर गाड़ी ले जाना	To pull a vehicle using a rope or chain tied to another vehicle.
144. Temper	गुस्सा	Anger, rage
Tamper	छेड़-छाड़ करना (किसी चीज से)	To interfere with.
145. Temporary	क्षणिक, तत्कालिक	Short lived
Temporal	सांसारिक	Earthly or worldly
146. Titillate	उत्तेजित करना	Stimulate or excite especially in a sexual way.
Titivate	सुन्दरता बढ़ाना	To make smarter or more pretty.
147. Topical	प्रासंगिक/आधुनिक विषय से	Related to present time.
Tropical	उष्ण	With hot climate
148. Vain	बेकार में/घमंडी	Not successful/arrogant.
Vein	नाड़ी	Tube that carries blood to the heart in our body.

149. Verbal	शाब्दिक	Relating to words
Verbose	शब्दों से भरा	Containing more words than necessary
Oral	मौखिक	Spoken
Verbiage	जरूरत से ज्यादा शब्दों भरा जिससे अर्थ समझना कठिन हो जाए	Use of too many words due to which it becomes difficult for one to understand the speech or article.
150. Virtuous	नैतिक रूप से अच्छा	Having good moral qualities
Virtual	आभासीय	In effect, though not in fact
151. Vile	नीच	Immoral
Wile	युक्ति	Tricks
152. Vale	घाटी	Valley
Veil	नकाब, घूँघट	Cover of face
Wail	रोना	Weep
153. Vocation	व्यवसाय	Profession
Vacation	अवकाश	Holidays
154. Violence	हिंसा, प्रहार	Force
Violation	नियम की अवहेलना	Infringement of law
155. Wither	मुरझा जाना	To fade
Whither	कहाँ	Where
Weather	मौसम	Atmospheric condition (of a short period)
Whether	या.....या	'Whether or' is a co-relative
156. Wave	लहर (N)/ लहराना (V)	Raised mass of water in sea/ to move.
Waive	त्याग देना	To give up