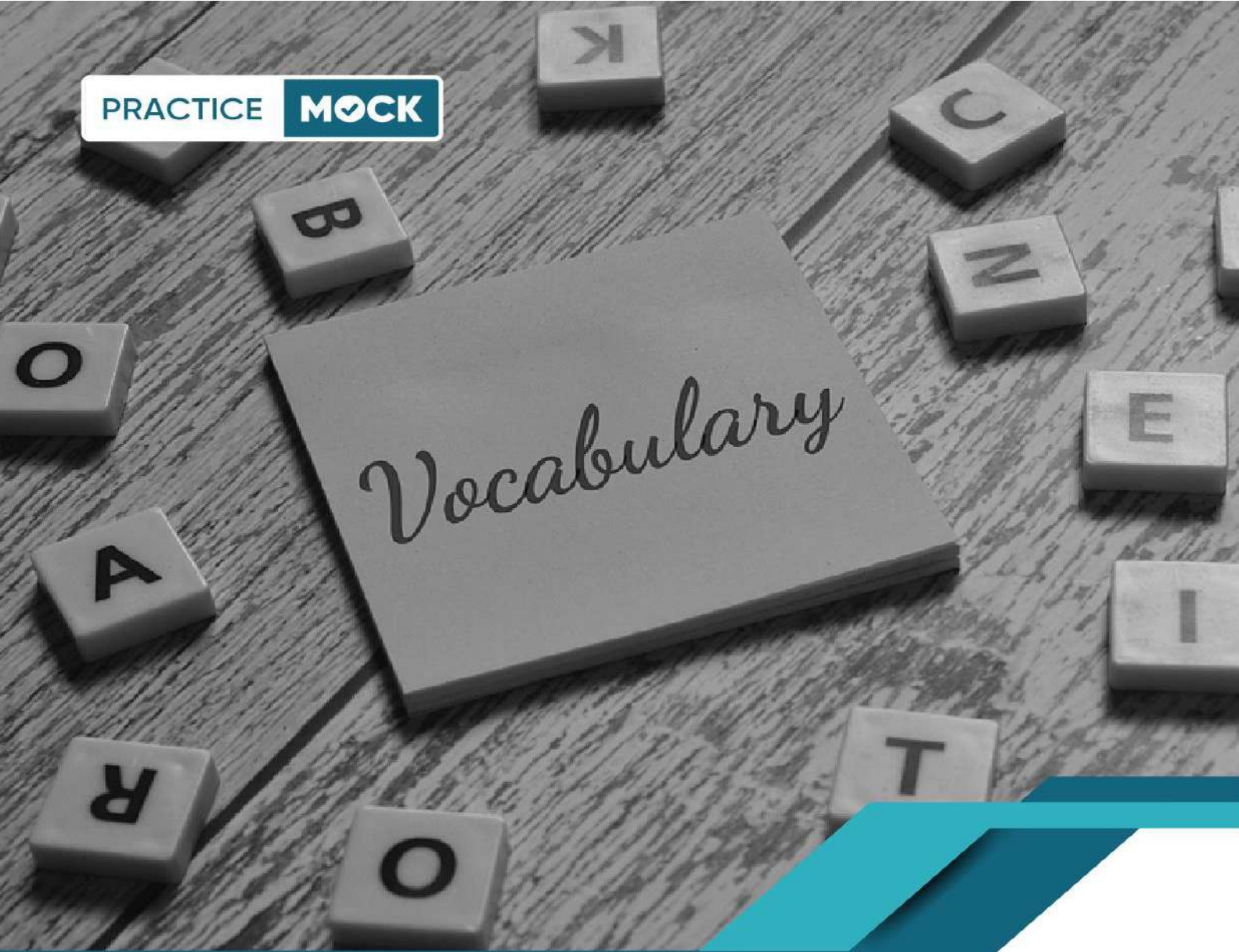


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Virtue	Good thing
High	a high point, level, or figure
Administer	apply (a remedy or drug)
Coincide	occur at or during the same time
Feat	an achievement that requires great courage, skill, or strength
Scepticism	a general feeling of doubt about something
Uptake	the action of taking up or making use of something that is available
Equitable	fair and impartial
Belatedly	later than should have been the case
Rationale	a set of reasons or a logical basis for a course of action or a particular belief

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Unhindered	able or allowed to happen or continue without being slowed, stopped, or made more difficult
Juvenile	of, for, or relating to young people
Cremate	dispose of (a dead person's body) by burning it to ashes, typically after a funeral ceremony
Stringent	(of regulations, requirements, or conditions) strict, precise, and exacting
Misogynist	a man who hates women
Heinous	very bad or evil
Warped	having ideas that most people think are strange or unpleasant
Retract	withdraw (a statement or accusation) as untrue or unjustified
Flip-flop	an abrupt reversal of policy
Missive	a letter, especially a long or official one

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
To the nines	to a point of perfection
Spree	a spell or sustained period of unrestrained activity of a particular kind
Collegium	an organization for people who have similar interests or who do similar work
Onset	the beginning of something
Stagnation	the state of not flowing or moving
Sidestep	to avoid an issue or decision
Opaque	hard to understand or explain
Bulwark	a defensive wall
Raison d'être	the most important reason or purpose for someone or something's existence
impasse	a situation in which no progress is possible, especially because of disagreement

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Calibrate	carefully assessed, set, or adjusted
Exhaustive	fully comprehensive
Envisage	contemplate or conceive of as a possibility or a desirable future event
Tract	a measured area of land that is used for a particular purpose, such as building houses or digging for oil
Stadia	a sports arena with tiers of seats for spectators
Languish	suffer from being forced to remain in an unpleasant place or situation
Contour	an outline, especially one representing or bounding the shape or form of something
Check and balance	a system that allows each branch of a government to amend or veto acts of another branch so as to prevent any one branch from exerting too much power
Downturn	a decline in economic, business, or other activity
Nitty-gritty	the most important aspects or practical details of a subject or situation

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Free fall	the process of failing or losing value or strength quickly and continuously
On the brink of	about to experience something
Meltdown	a disastrous event
Default	fail to fulfill an obligation, especially to repay a loan
Aggravate	make (a problem, injury, or offense) worse or more serious
Reel under	To struggle to deal with some oppressive or difficult burden or responsibility
Depleted	Reduced
Faction	a small organized dissenting group within a larger one, especially in politics
Bloc	a combination of countries, parties, or groups sharing a common purpose
Elite	a select group that is superior in terms of ability or qualities to the rest of a group or society

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Contingency	a future event or circumstance which is possible but cannot be predicted with certainty
Militia	a military force that is raised from the civil population to supplement a regular army in an emergency
Personnel	people employed in an organization or engaged in an organized undertaking such as military service
Naught	nothing
Pull up stakes	move or go to live elsewhere
Emulate	match or surpass (a person or achievement), typically by imitation
Regime	a government, especially an authoritarian one
Brutal	extremely cruel or harsh
Fructify	make (something) fruitful or productive
Sect	a group of people with somewhat different religious beliefs (typically regarded as heretical) from those of a larger group to which they belong

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Triumphalism	behaviour that celebrates a victory or success in a way that is too proud and intended to upset the people you have defeated
Partisan	prejudiced in favor of a particular cause
Condemnable	bringing or deserving severe rebuke or censure
Confrontation	a hostile or argumentative meeting or situation between opposing parties
Denouement	the end result of a situation
Recrimination	an accusation in response to one from someone else
Mayhem	violent or damaging disorder; chaos
Brook	tolerate or allow (something, typically dissent or opposition)
Adversary	one's opponent in a contest, conflict, or dispute
Apathy	lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Gender parity	the proportionate representation of men and women in a given group, also referred to as sex ratio
Uphill battle	a very difficult struggle
Landmark	an event, discovery, or change marking an important stage or turning point in something
Abide by	Act in accordance with someone's rules, commands, or wishes
Combat	fighting between armed forces
Stringent	(of regulations, requirements, or conditions) strict, precise, and exacting
Interim order	an order issued by a court during the pendency of the litigation
Discriminatory	making or showing an unfair or prejudicial distinction between different categories of people or things, especially on the grounds of race, age, or sex
Writ	a formal, legal document that orders a person or entity to perform or to cease performing a specific action or deed
Long haul	a prolonged and difficult effort or task

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Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Sense
Rev up	To become more active
Cargo	goods carried on a ship, aircraft, or motor vehicle.
Conjure up	to present to the mind
Working capital	the capital of a business which is used in its day-to-day trading operations
Erstwhile	Former
Offset	to use one cost, payment or situation in order to cancel or reduce the effect of another
Plug	to remedy (a deficiency)
Disentangle	to separate things that have become joined or confused
Red tape	excessive bureaucracy or adherence to official rules and formalities
Fork out	pay money for something, especially reluctantly

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Mitigate	make less severe, serious, or painful
Frailty	the condition of being weak and delicate
Debilitate	make (someone) weak and infirm
Chink	a weak spot that may leave one vulnerable
Bolster	support or strengthen
Tenacious	tending to keep a firm hold of something
Notch	an imaginary point or position in a comparison of amounts or values
Efficacy	the ability to produce a desired or intended result
Continuum	something that changes in character gradually or in very slight stages without any clear dividing points
Follow suit	do as someone else has done

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Black and white	A black-and-white subject or situation is one in which it is easy to understand what is right and wrong:
Pragmatism	thinking about solving problems in a practical and sensible way rather than by having fixed ideas and theories
White paper	a report or guide that informs readers concisely about a complex issue and presents the issuing body's philosophy on the matter
Maiden	being or involving the first attempt or act of its kind
Perennial	lasting or existing for a long time
Aggravate	make (a problem, injury, or offense) worse or more serious
Encapsulate	to show or express the main idea or quality of (something) in a brief way
Balloon	to become bigger quickly
Echo	to repeat details that are similar to, and make you think of, something else
Time on one's side	used to say that a person will have a good chance of success because he or she can wait until a situation improves

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Landslip	a mass of rock and earth that falls down a slope, usually smaller than a landslide
Paradigm	a typical example or pattern of something
Catastrophe	an event causing great and often sudden damage or suffering
Debris	scattered pieces of waste or remains
Picturesque	very pretty or charming
Seismic	relating to earthquakes or other vibrations of the earth and its crust
Aggravate	make (a problem, injury, or offense) worse or more serious
Render	make
Disruptive	new and original, in a way that causes major changes to how something is done
Potent	having great power, influence, or effect

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Choppy waters	used to refer to troublesome, difficult or uncertain times ahead
Ratification	the action of signing or giving formal consent to a treaty, contract, or agreement, making it officially valid
Veer	change direction suddenly
Barb	an intelligent but critical remark that is intended to hurt
Dissonance	lack of agreement or harmony between people or things
Strident	loud and harsh
Illicit	forbidden by law, rules, or custom
Helm	in charge of a company or organization
Decry	publicly denounce
Adroit	clever or skillful in using the hands or mind

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Rein in	to limit or control
Bind	a statutory constraint
Benchmark interest rate	Also called base interest rate, it is the minimum interest rate investors will demand for investing in a non-Treasury security
Hover around	to hang or wait around someone or something
Predicament	a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation
Anchor	to make something stay in one position by fastening it firmly
Augur well	a sign that things will go well
Cognisant	having knowledge or being aware of
Ebb	gradually lessen or reduce
Pent-up	unable to be expressed or released

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Zealous	feeling or showing strong and energetic support for a person, cause, etc.
Paternalism	the system in which a government or an employer protects the people who are governed or employed by providing them with what they need, but does not give them any responsibility or freedom of choice
Temptation	the desire to do something, especially something wrong or unwise
Strike down	abolish a law or regulation
Circumscribe	restrict (something) within limits
Audacious	showing a willingness to take surprisingly bold risks
turn somethingth on its head	to cause something to be the opposite of what it was before
Wager	risk (a sum of money or valued item) against someone else's on the basis of the outcome of an unpredictable event
Claustrophobic	(of a person) having an extreme or irrational fear of confined places
Stranglehold	complete or overwhelming control

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Row	a noisy acrimonious quarrel
Draw down	reduce the size of a military force in an area
Exacerbate	make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse
Fraught	(of a situation or course of action) filled with or likely to result in (something undesirable)
Retaliatory	(of an action) characterized by a desire for revenge
Scabbard	a protective case for a sword that covers the blade
Militate	(of a fact or circumstance) be a powerful or conclusive factor in preventing
Culminate	reach a climax or point of highest development
Amicable	(of relations between people) having a spirit of friendliness; without serious disagreement or rancor
Recrimination	an accusation in response to one from someone else

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Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Sense
Circumscription	restriction of something within limits
Alienation	the state or experience of being isolated from a group or an activity to which one should belong or in which one should be involved
Prejudice	preconceived opinion that is not based on reason or actual experience
Detrimental	tending to cause harm
Legal recourse	an action that can be taken by an individual or a corporation to attempt to remedy a legal difficulty
Backdrop	the general situation in which particular events happen
Incongruous	not in harmony or keeping with the surroundings or other aspects of something
Dampen	make less strong or intense
Usher in	to celebrate the beginning of (something)
Grassroots democracy	a tendency towards designing political processes that shift as much decision-making authority as practical to the organization's lowest geographic or social level of organization

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Cusp	a point of transition between two different states
Disconcerting	causing one to feel unsettled
Hover	to stay at or near a particular level
Trajectory	the way in which a process or event develops over a period of time
Under siege	very seriously attacked or criticized by many people
Concomitant	naturally accompanying or associated
Curtail	reduce in extent or quantity; impose a restriction on
Runaway	out of control
Vulnerable	susceptible to physical or emotional attack or harm
Inoculation	Treatment of (a person) with a vaccine to produce immunity against a disease

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