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seclusion, isolation, a place where monks and nuns live



- Memory key: The word cloister sounds like 'close oyster'. Imagine a closed oyster with a pearl inside it. The pearl is secluded/isolated from the outside world. So, cloister means isolation or seclusion.

- Synonyms: confined, monastery, religious, residence

- Antonyms: open, public

- Usage: They left the cloister and wandered in search of food.







# DEVILRY



- Meaning: wickedness, malicious fun, mischief, black magic
- Memory key: The word devilry seems to be derived from the word 'devil'. It means evil and wickedness.
- Synonyms: rascality, misbehaviour
- Antonyms: humanity, clemency, mercifulness
- Usage: Children always get into some devilry in schools.





# ERUDITION

## Meaning:

knowledge acquired by study, research learning, scholarship



- Memory key: The word erudition sounds like 'every edition'. Imagine a person who has read every edition of every book and magazine. He must be very knowledgeable. So, erudition means learning and knowledge.
- Syn. : learnedness, enlightenment
- Ant. : ignorance, illiteracy
- Usage : I hope that her erudition and legal background will have made her more open minded and secular in outlook.



# GLUTTON

## Meaning:

An excessively greedy eater, insatiable, very eager for something



- Memory key: The word glutton can be memorised as 'glucose tonne'. Imagine a person who can drink glucose in tonnes. He must be glutton.
- Syn. : eater, feeder, gourmand
- Ant. : who eats very less
- Usage : He is glutton for adventure



# MUNDANE

## Meaning :

Common, ordinary,  
dull, banal,  
unimaginative



- Memory key : the word mundane sounds similar to 'Monday'. After enjoying the holiday of Sunday, the employee of a company is unwilling to go to office. He says, "Now again Monday, These dull and boring assignments", So, mundane means dull, banal, ordinary.
- Syn. : quotidian, workaday, routine, ordinary, everyday
- Ant. : heavenly, unworldly, extraordinary
- Usage : I fear that my project may appear trivial and mundane.





# ONEROUS

## Meaning:

Burdensome, troublesome, involving obligation or responsibilities



- **Memory key:** The word onerous can be memorised as 'Owner Rush'. Our owner is such a troublesome person that we rush away on seeing him. 'our owner is very onerous'. So, nerous means burdensome and troublesome.
- **Syn.** : cumbersome, demanding, weighty
- **Ant.** : easy, facile, effortless
- **Usage:** The child found his duties increasingly onerous.



# AGHAST

## Meaning:

Filled with horror or shock



- Memory key: The word aghast can be memorised as 'a ghost'. After seeing a horror movie, everyone was aghast. So, aghast means filled with horror.

- Syn. : afraid, dismayed, appalled, shocked
- Ant. : fearless, unafraid

- Usage: When the news about the terrorist attack came out, they were aghast.

Aghast



# PETULANT

## Meaning:

Irritable, bad tempered, fractious, irascible

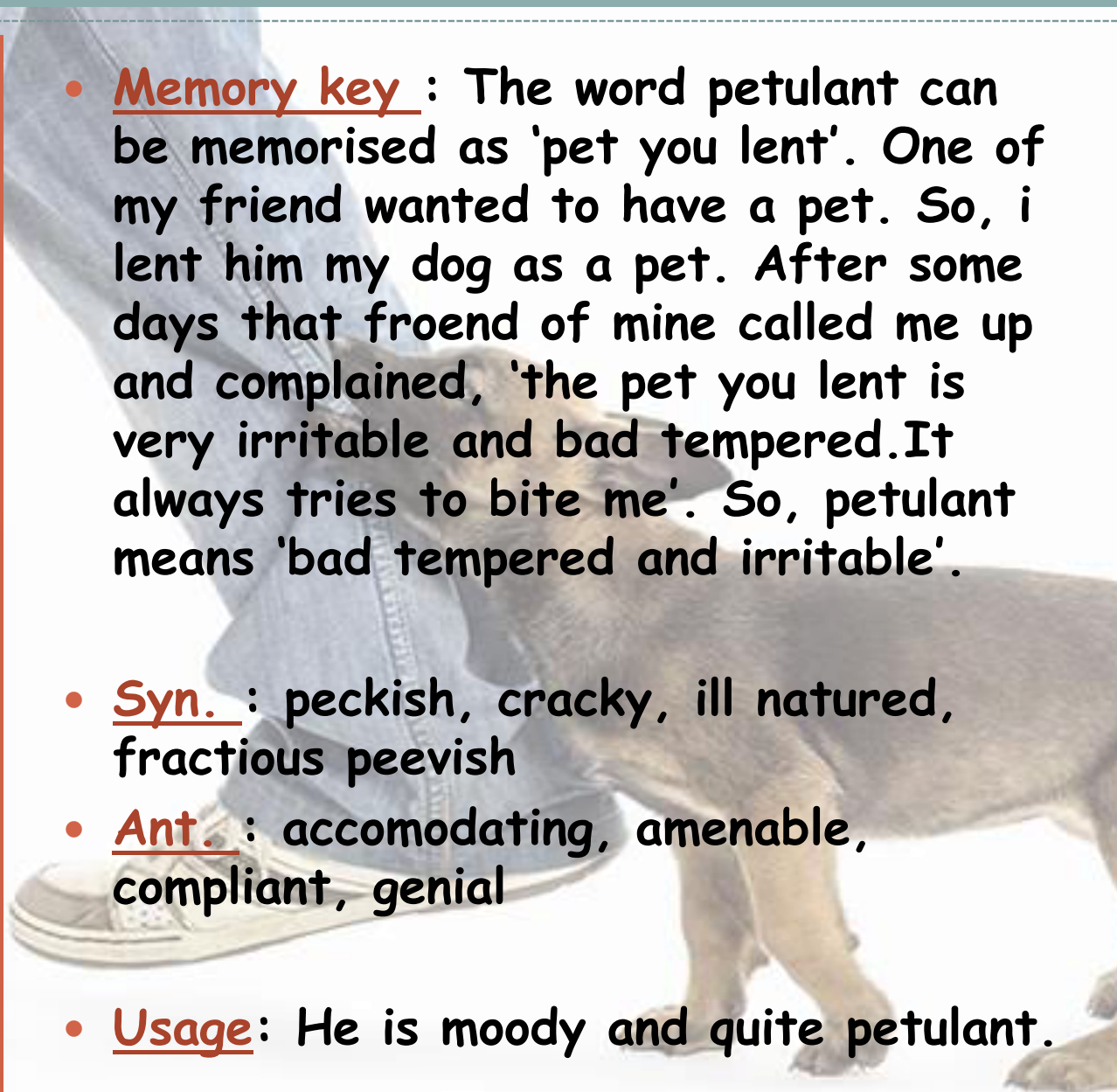


- Memory key : The word petulant can be memorised as 'pet you lent'. One of my friend wanted to have a pet. So, i lent him my dog as a pet. After some days that froend of mine called me up and complained, 'the pet you lent is very irritable and bad tempered.It always tries to bite me'. So, petulant means 'bad tempered and irritable'.

- Syn. : peckish, cracky, ill natured, fractious peevish

- Ant. : accomodating, amenable, compliant, genial

- Usage: He is moody and quite petulant.







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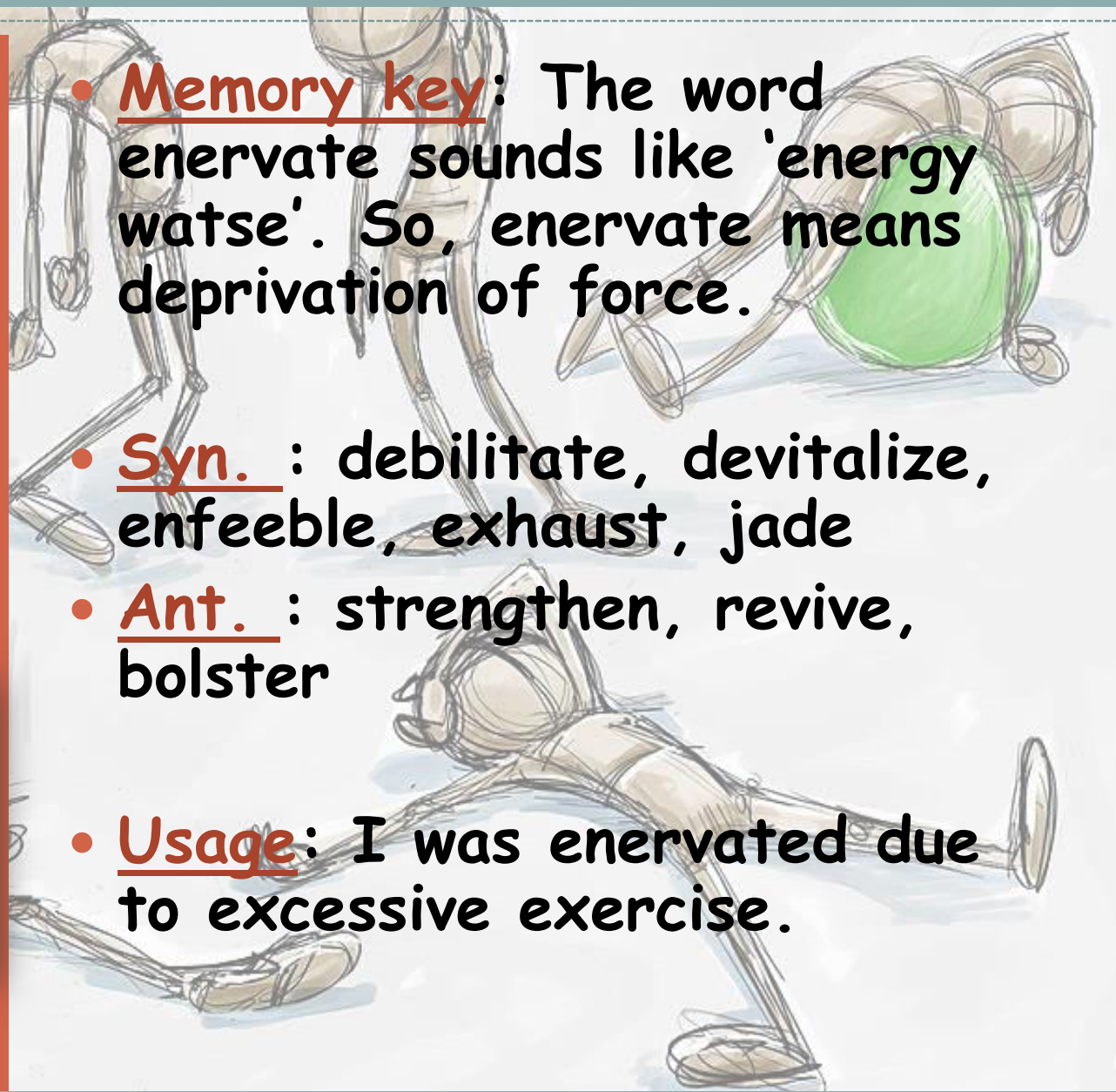


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# ACME

## Meaning:

The highest point,  
summit, peak



- Memory key: The word acme sounds like the famous cosmetic brand 'LAKME'. After applying LAKME, her beauty rises to its acme. So, acme emans the highest point.
- Syn. : apex, zenith, apogee
- Ant. : nadir, bottom, base
- Usage: The empire was at the acme of its power.

# EXPUNGE

## Meaning:

Erase or remove completely, wipe out, efface



- Memory key: The word expunge sounds like 'sponge'. Now a days, a magical sponge is available in the market that can erase every stain from your wall. So, expunge means to wipe out or to efface.
- Syn. : take out, delete
- Ant. : create
- Usage: After a bad break up, I am trying to expunge those memories.





# PLENITUDE

## Meaning:

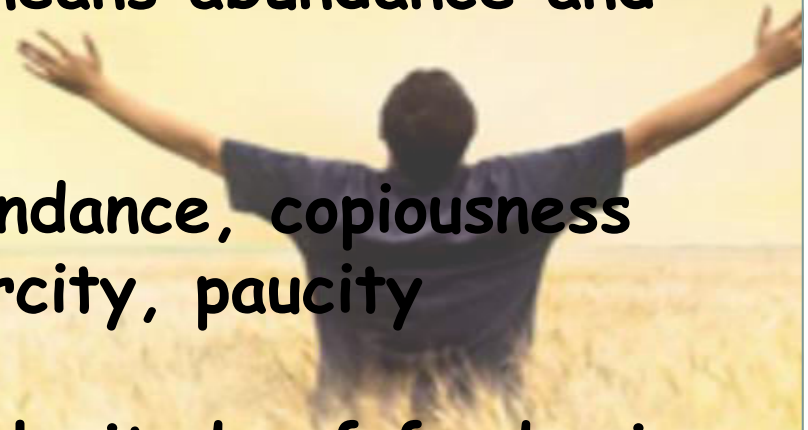
Abundance,  
plenty, profusion,  
fullness,  
completeness



- Memory key: The word plenitude sounds like 'plenty dude'. My friend was worried about my financial condition. I comforted him by saying 'I have plenty dude! I have Plenitude'. So, plenitude means abundance and plenty.

- Syn. : abundance, copiousness
- Ant. : scarcity, paucity

- Usage: A plenitude of food, air and sunlight is available in this village.





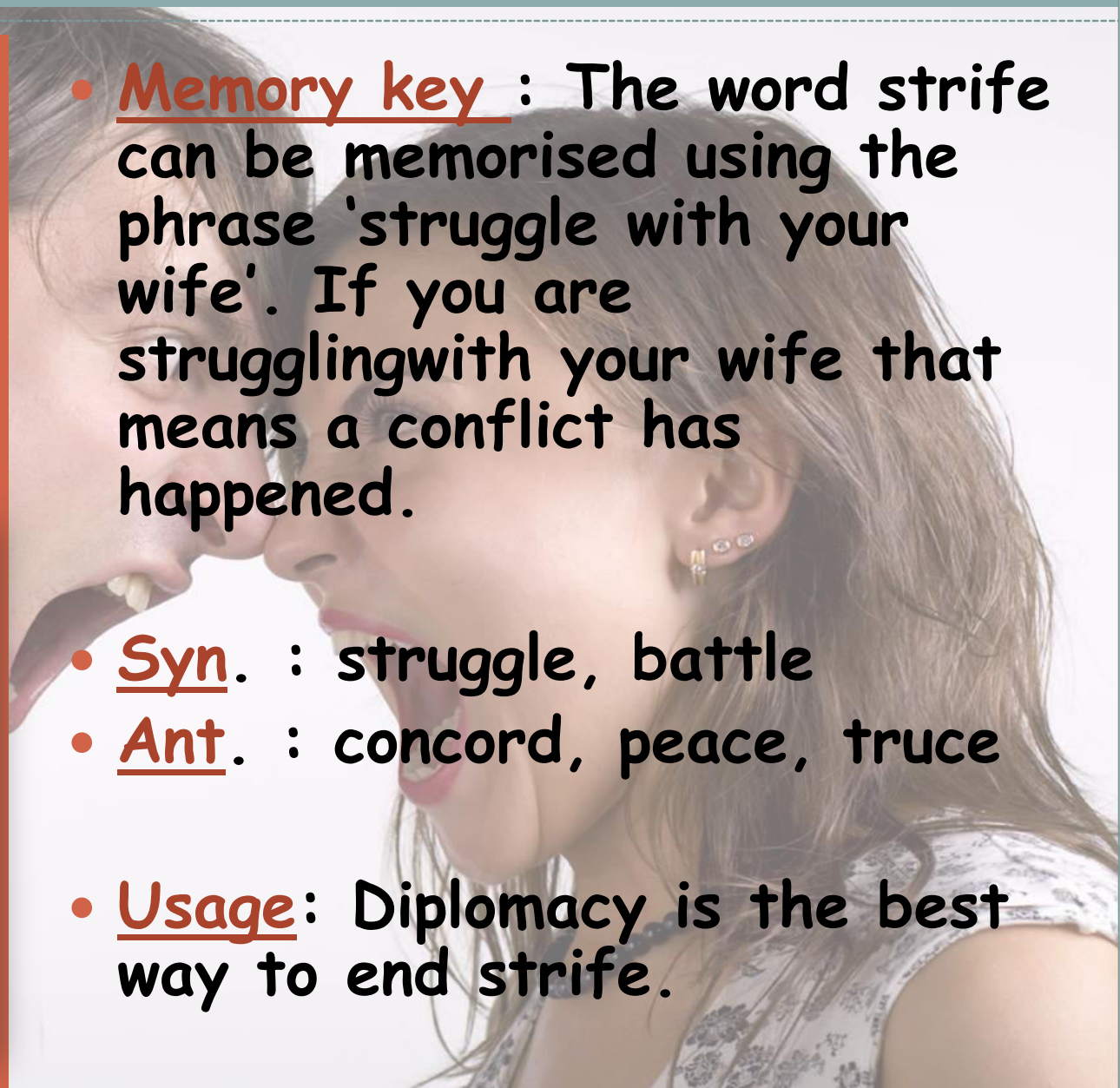
# STRIFE

## Meaning:

Bitter conflict,  
discord,  
antagonism



- Memory key : The word strife can be memorised using the phrase 'struggle with your wife'. If you are struggling with your wife that means a conflict has happened.
- Syn. : struggle, battle
- Ant. : concord, peace, truce
- Usage: Diplomacy is the best way to end strife.



# PUERILE

Meaning:  
Pertaining to a child or childhood, childish, silly



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- Memory key : The puerile sounds like 'pure smile'. As we grow older, our smiles become cunning. Pure smiles are only there in childhood. So, the word puerilec(pure smile)vreminds me of childhood, especially childish activities.
- Syn. : immature, juvenile
- Ant. : mature
- Usage: Stop making puerile excuses.





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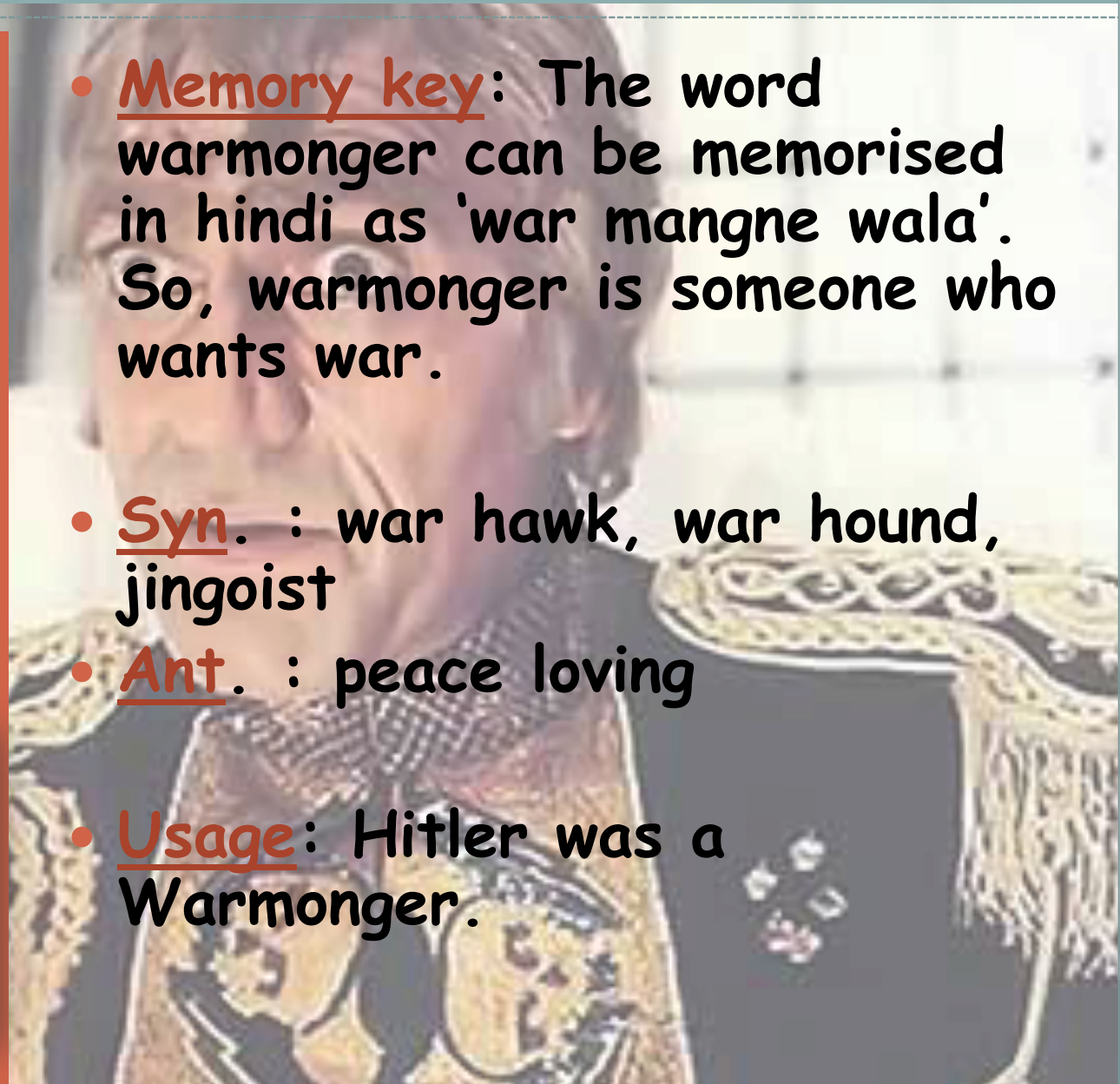
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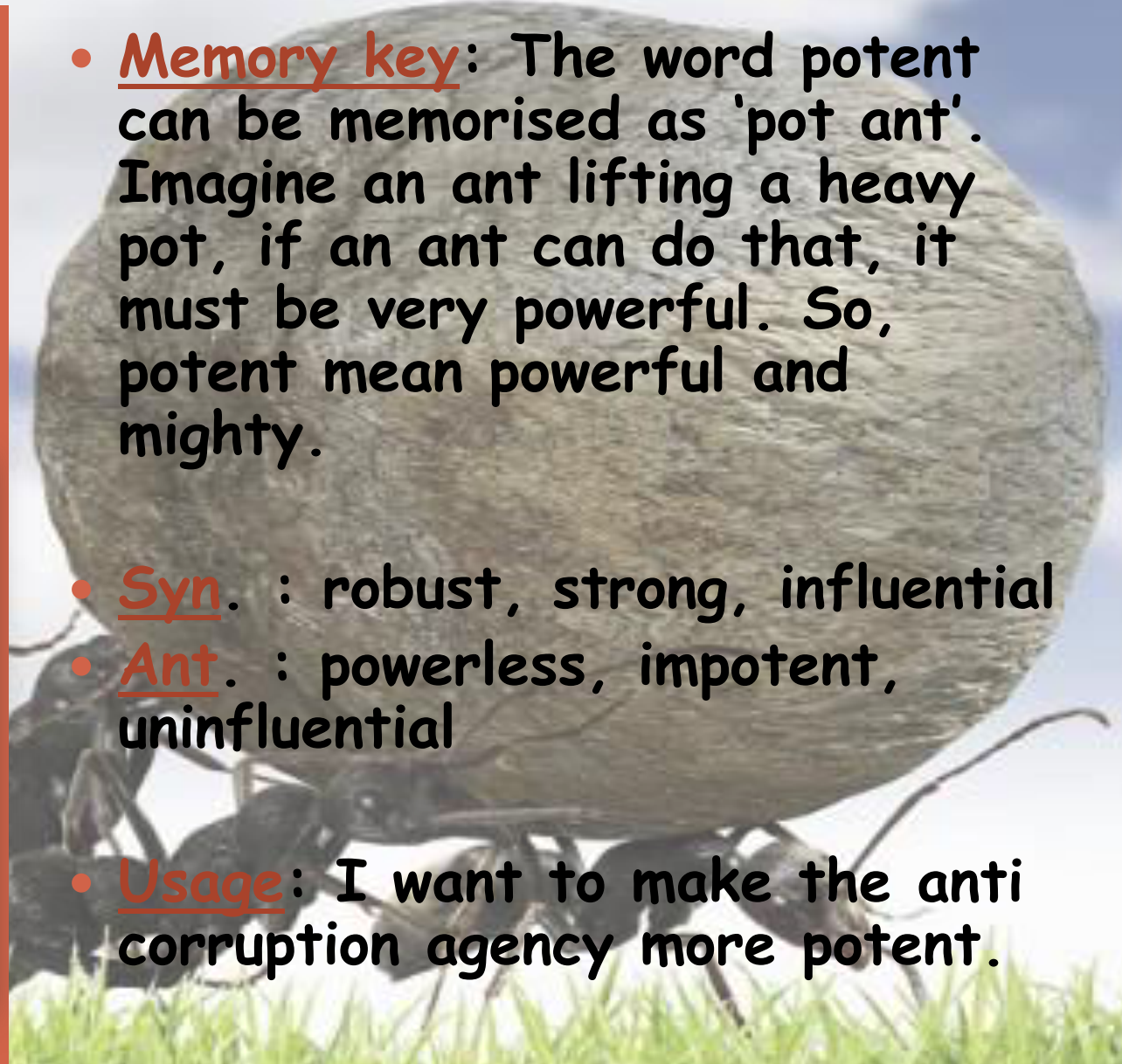
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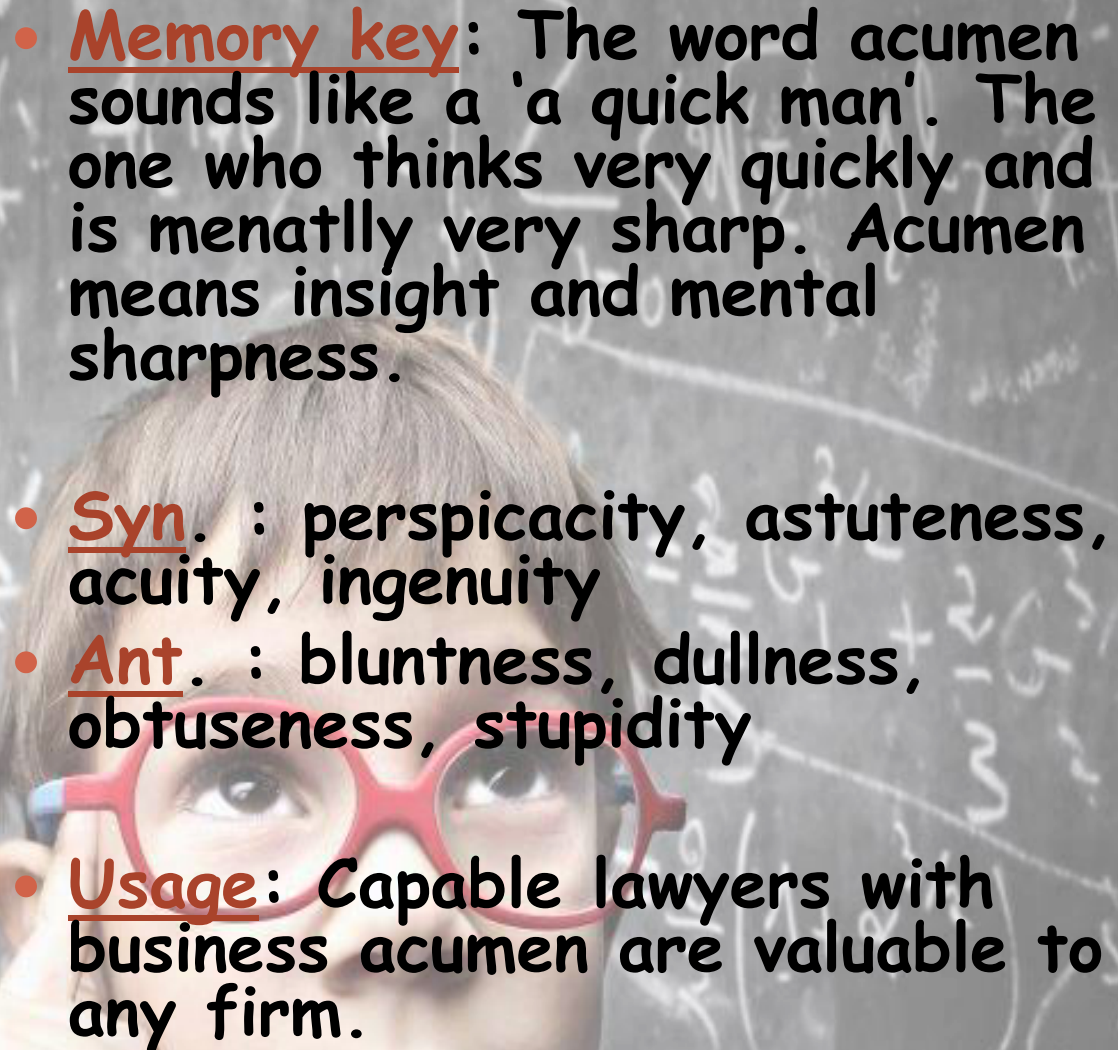


# ACUMEN

## MEANING:

Mental sharpness,  
insight,  
shrewdness



- **Memory key:** The word acumen sounds like a 'a quick man'. The one who thinks very quickly and is mentally very sharp. Acumen means insight and mental sharpness.
  - **Syn.** : perspicacity, astuteness, acuity, ingenuity
  - **Ant.** : bluntness, dullness, obtuseness, stupidity
  - **Usage:** Capable lawyers with business acumen are valuable to any firm.
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## ESTRANGEMENT

### Meaning:

Alienation,  
disaffection, making  
unfriendly, to  
remove or keep at a  
distance



- Memory key: The word estrangement sounds like a 'a strange man'. Imagine a person who has survived a serious accident, but whose face has been severely distorted. Wherever he goes, children shout. 'A strange man. He must be an alien'. So, estrangement means alienation.
- Syn.: isolation, parting, dis-association
- Ant. : connection, friendliness
- Usage: The quarrel strangled the two friends.



# IRATE

## MEANING:

Angry, enraged,  
furious



- **Memory key:** The word irate sounds like 'eye red'. Whenever a person becomes angry, his eyes become red. There is also a Hindi idiom for this, 'Gusse mein aankhein laal ho jana'. So, irate means angry or enraged.
- **Syn.** : ireful, angry, ballistic
- **Ant.** : delighted, pleased, happy, elated
- **Usage:** When she did not come from a party until midnate, her father became irate.





# ACCRUE

## MEANING:

To increase over a period, natural growth, addition



- Memory key: The word accrue can be memorised as 'our crew'. Consider a situation where a ship company owner is addressing a shareholder meeting. 'We are making profits. Our crew is constantly increasing. We are growing'. So, accrue means to grow.
- Syn. : accumulate, augment, build-up
- Ant. : dissipate, disperse
- Usage: I am still paying off the debts accrued during the marriage of my daughter.



# ABRIDGED

## MEANING:

To shorten without losing the meaning, to condense



- Memory key: The word abridged can be split into 'a' and 'bridge'. The travelling time between two places was cut short because of the construction of a bridge. So, abridge means to cut short.
- Syn. : cut-short, curtail, truncate
- Ant. : uncut, unabridged, elongate, protract
- Usage: An abridged edition of a book is its condensed version.





# GRIMACE

## MEANING:

A facial expression suggesting disgust, pain or disapproval



- Memory key: The word grimace can be memorised as 'grim face'. Grim face means a sad face, which suggests pain and disapproval.
- Syn. : frown, glower
- Ant. : smile, grin
- Usage: When Aishwarya rejected your proposal, the grimace on your face sends a universal message.

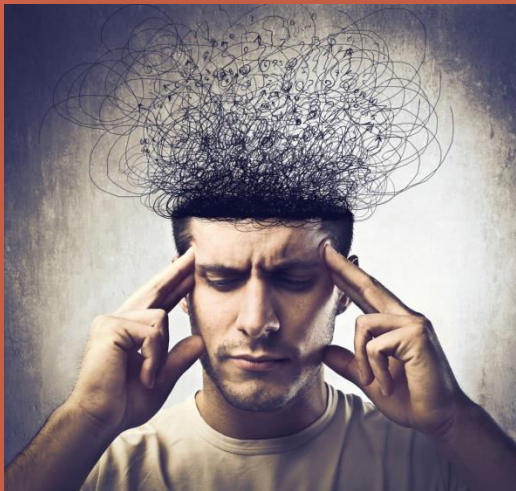




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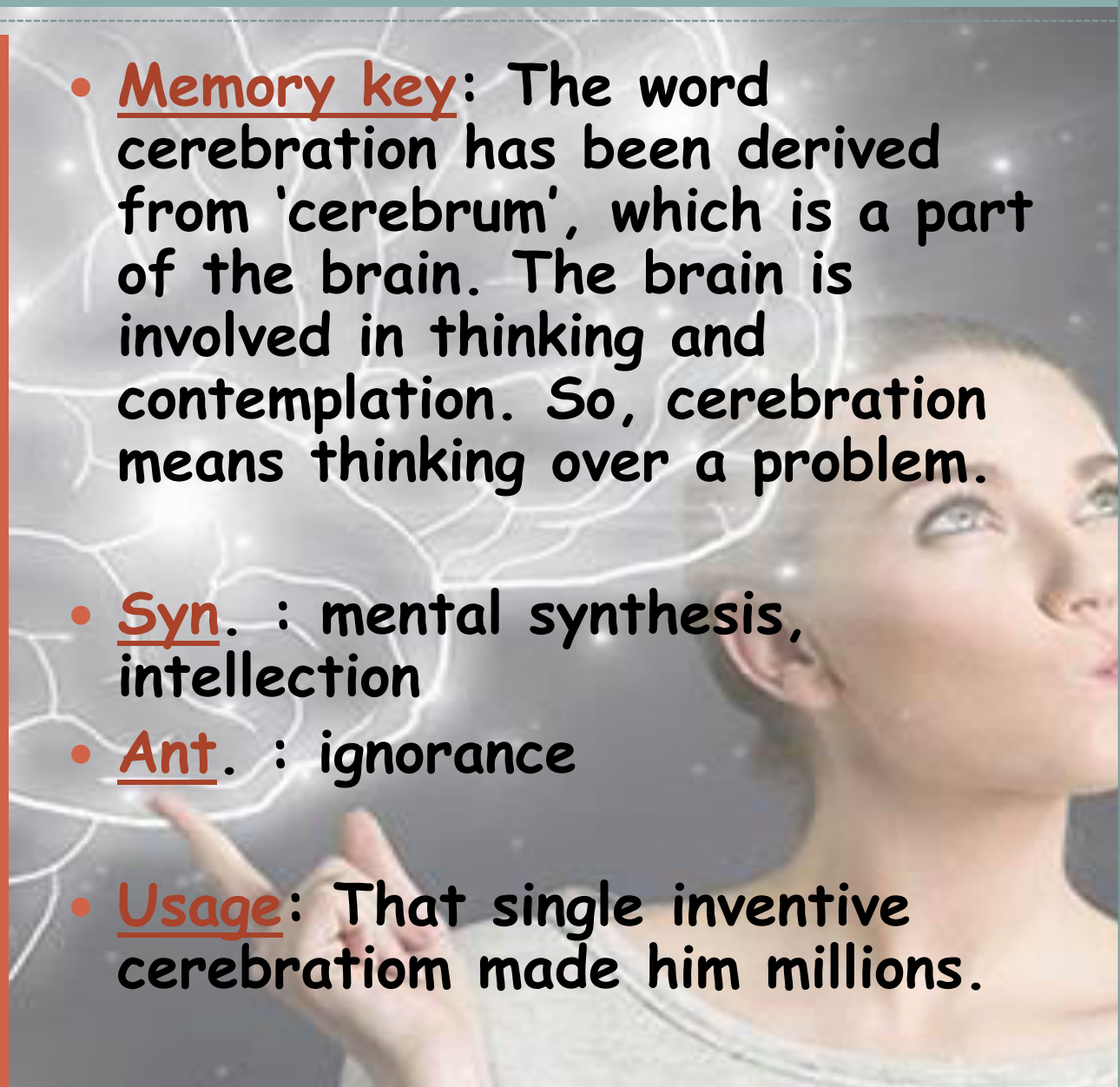
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# APOCALYPSE

## MEANING:

Complete  
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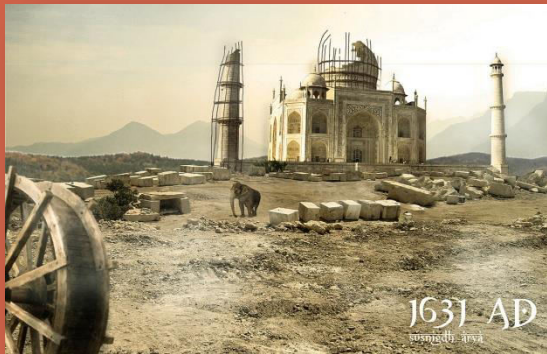


- Memory key : The word apocalypse can be memorised as 'a big eclipse'. According to a prediction, in 2012, a big eclipse would have led to an Apocalypse (complete destruction of the world).
- Syn. : catastrophe, calamity, tragedy, disaster
- Ant. : good fortune, wonder, miracle
- Usage: The modern world is encountering an era of ecological apocalypse.

# RAVAGE

## MEANING:

To destroy,  
damage



- Memory key: The word ravage sounds like 'revenge'. Whenever a person wants to take revenge on an enemy, he wants to destroy him completely. So, ravage means to destroy.

- Syn. : wipeout, demolition, destruction

- Ant. : to build

- Usage: If the third world war breaks out, it will ravage the whole world.





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Submissive,  
characterizing a  
slave, obsequious



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# JOCUND

## MEANING:

CHEERFUL,  
MERCY, GLAD,  
LIGHT-HEARTED



- Memory key: The word **jocund** may be related to 'joke'. Someone who always cracks jokes. He must be very cheerful and merry. He must be jocund.
- Syn. : joyous, jolly, jovial, merry
- Ant. : joyless
- Usage: My group is witty and jocund one.



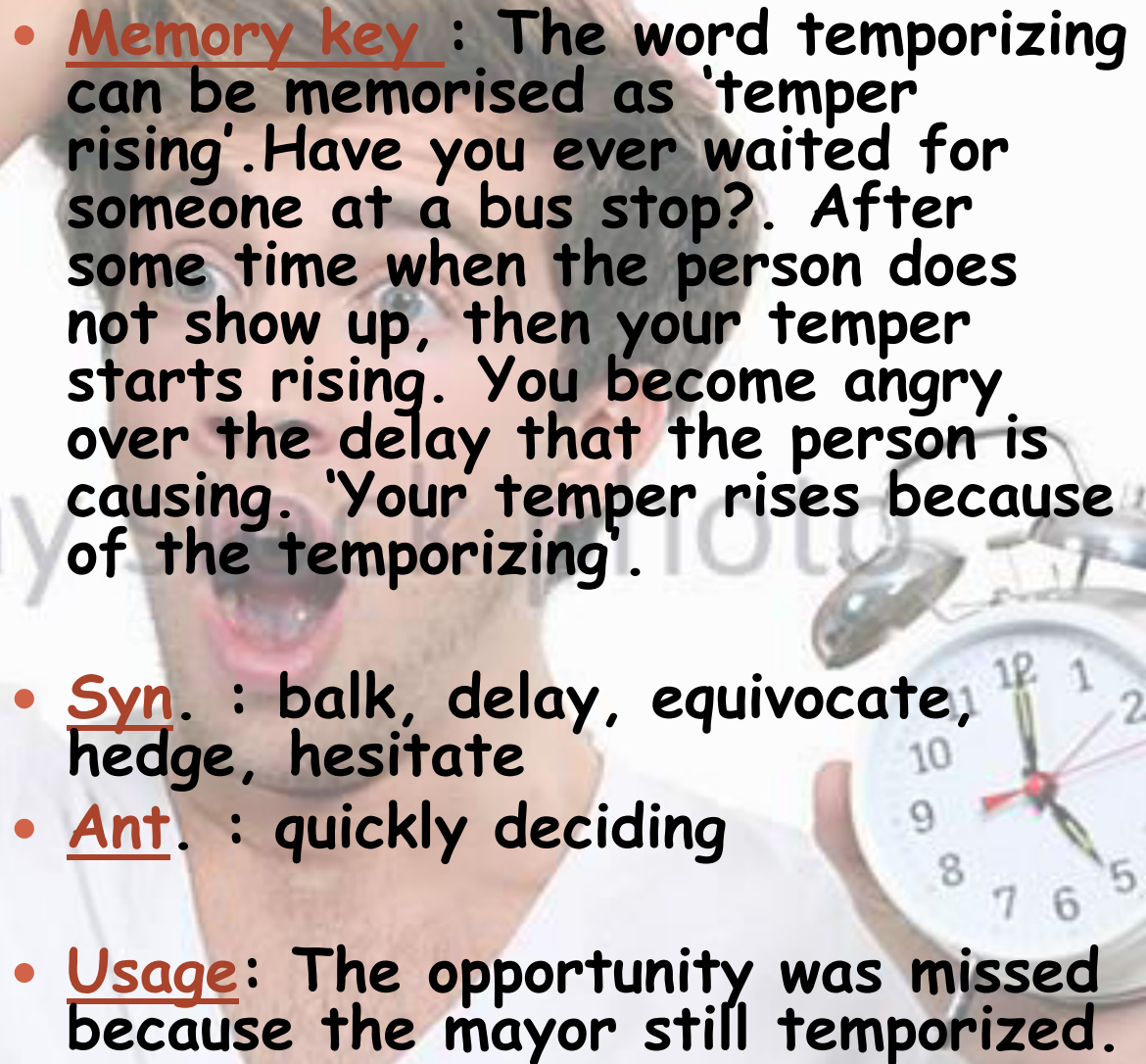


## TEMPORIZING

### MEANING:

Avoid making a decision in order to gain time , to delay



- Memory key : The word temporizing can be memorised as 'temper rising'. Have you ever waited for someone at a bus stop?. After some time when the person does not show up, then your temper starts rising. You become angry over the delay that the person is causing. 'Your temper rises because of the temporizing'.
  - Syn. : balk, delay, equivocate, hedge, hesitate
  - Ant. : quickly deciding
  - Usage: The opportunity was missed because the mayor still temporized.
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- A man with a shocked expression is shouting with his mouth wide open. In the foreground, a hand holds a silver alarm clock. The background is a blurred image of the same man shouting.



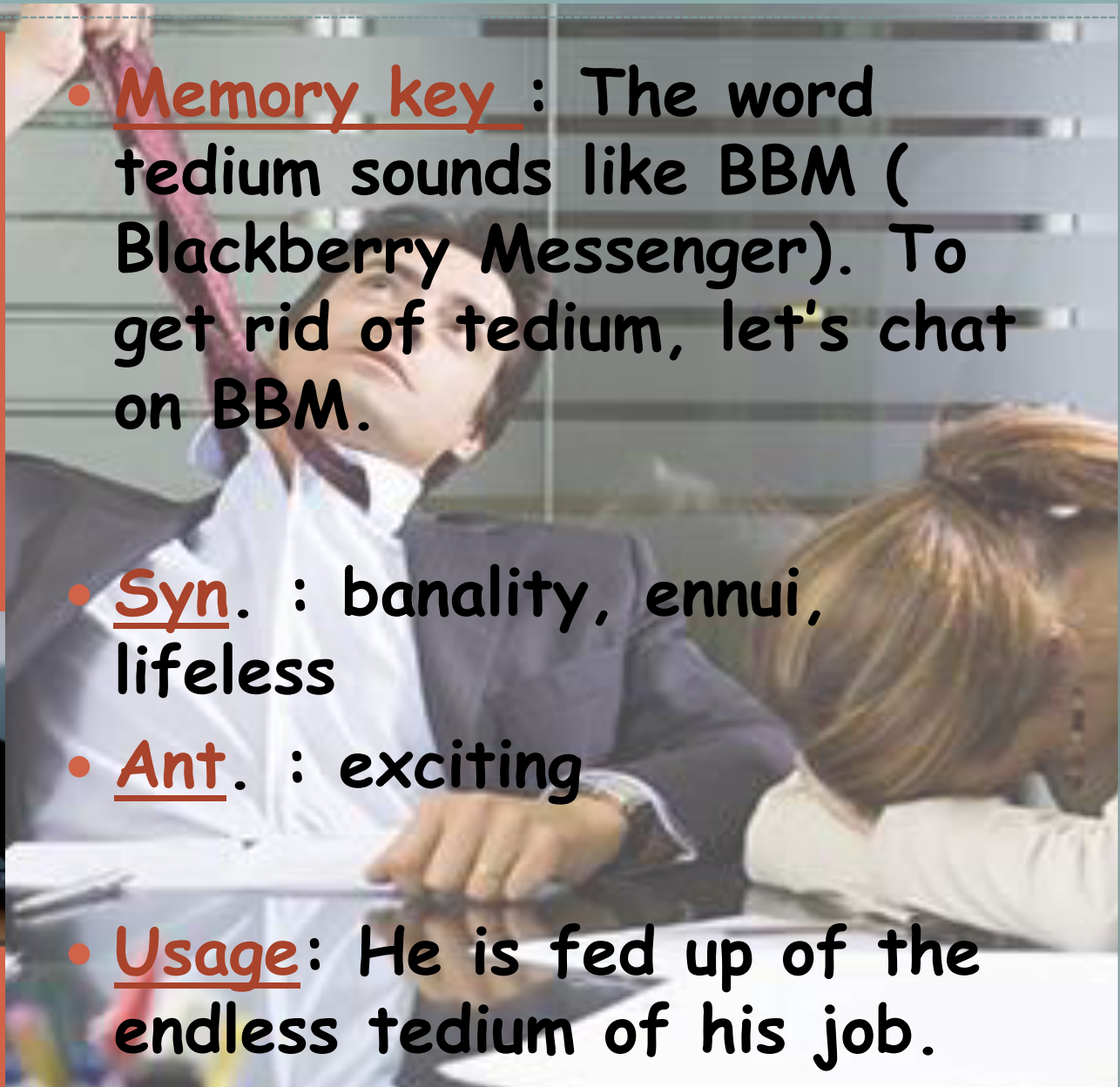
# TEDIUM

## MEANING:

Boredom, tedious



- Memory key : The word tedium sounds like BBM (Blackberry Messenger). To get rid of tedium, let's chat on BBM.
- Syn. : banality, ennui, lifeless
- Ant. : exciting
- Usage: He is fed up of the endless tedium of his job.







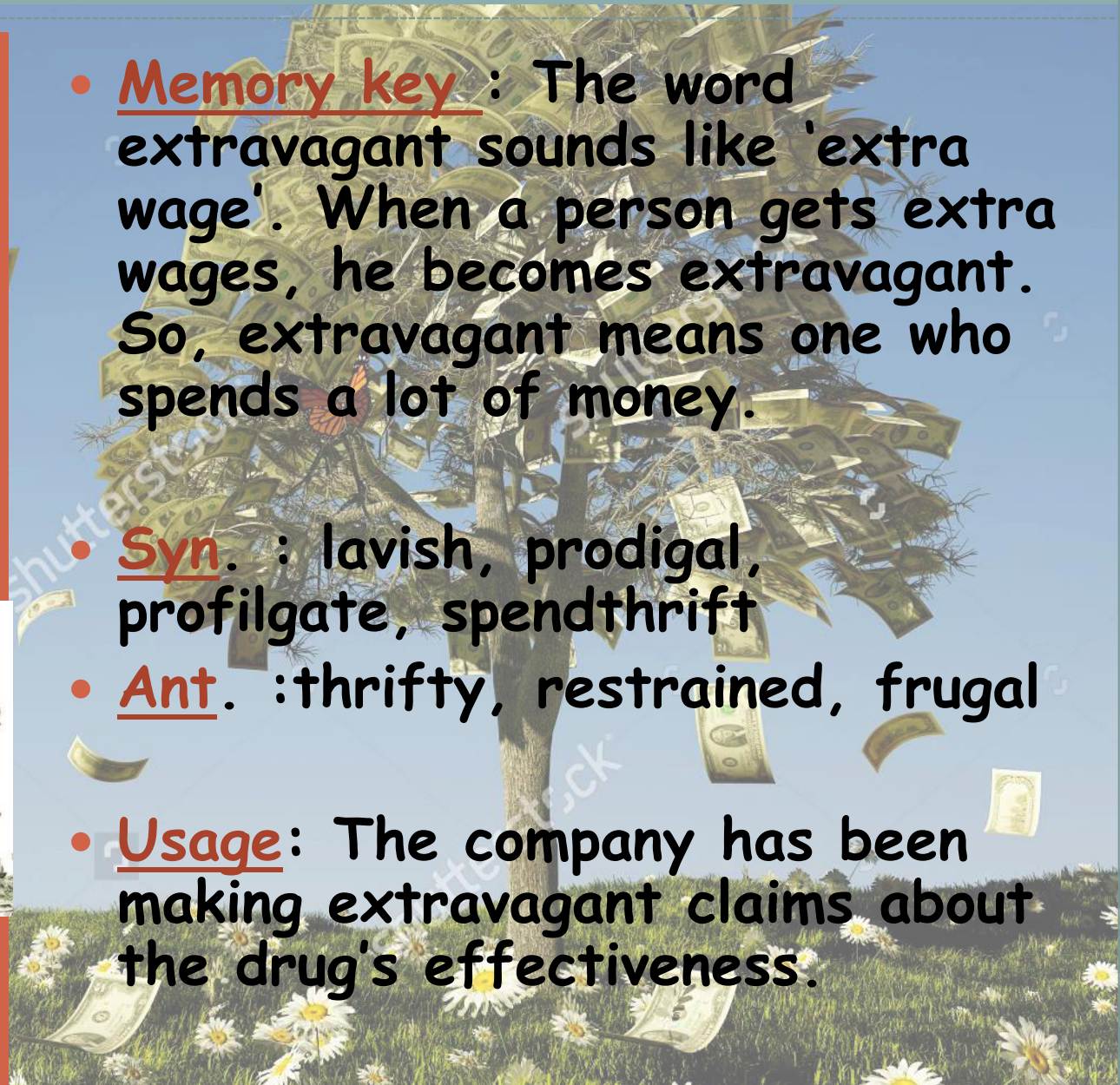
## EXTRAVAGANT

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Who spends a lot of money



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- Syn. : lavish, prodigal, profilgate, spendthrift
- Ant. : thrifty, restrained, frugal
- Usage: The company has been making extravagant claims about the drug's effectiveness.







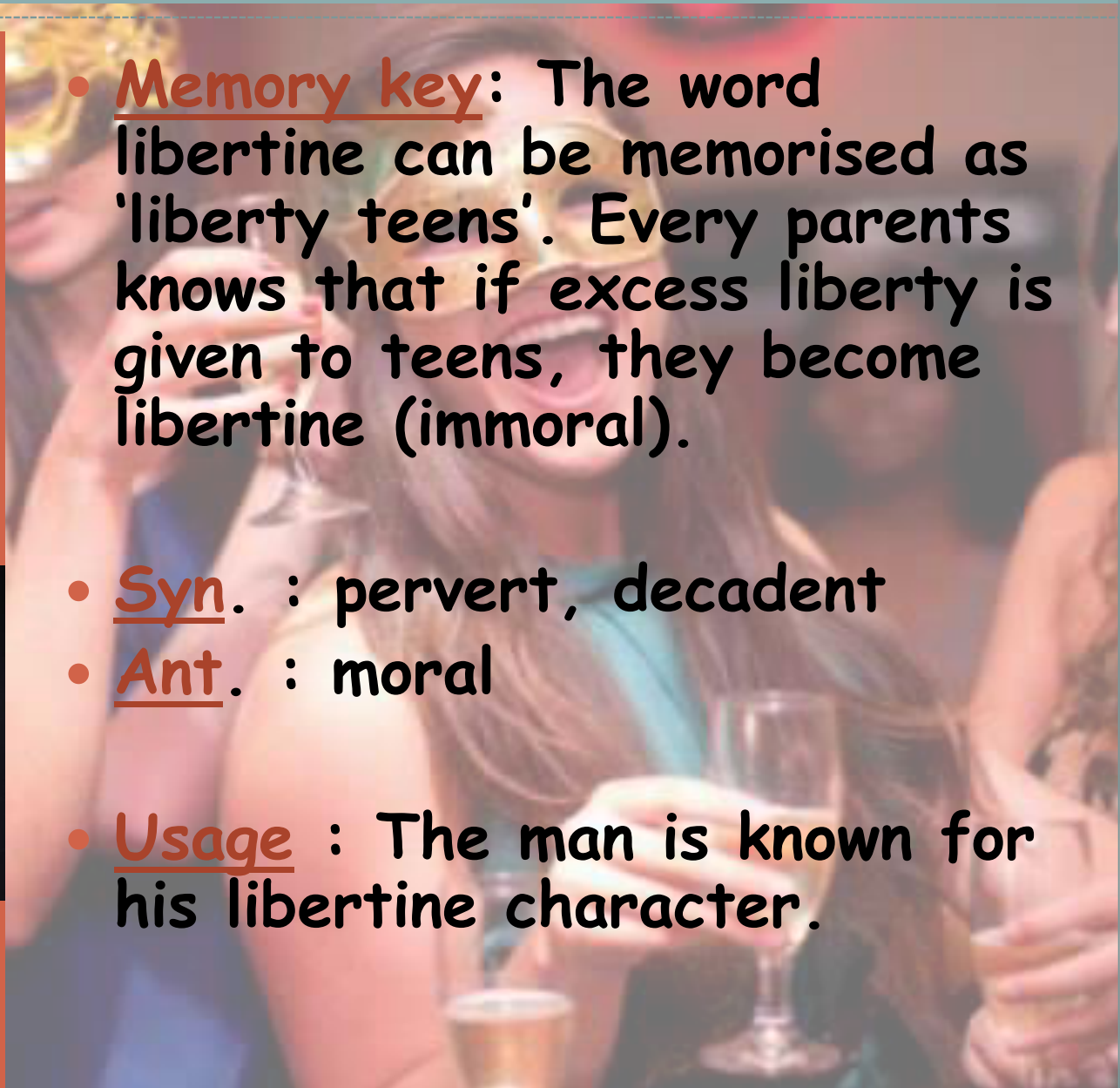
## LIBERTINE

### MEANING:

An immoral person (esp. In sexual matters)



- Memory key: The word libertine can be memorised as 'liberty teens'. Every parents knows that if excess liberty is given to teens, they become libertine (immoral).
- Syn. : pervert, decadent
- Ant. : moral
- Usage : The man is known for his libertine character.





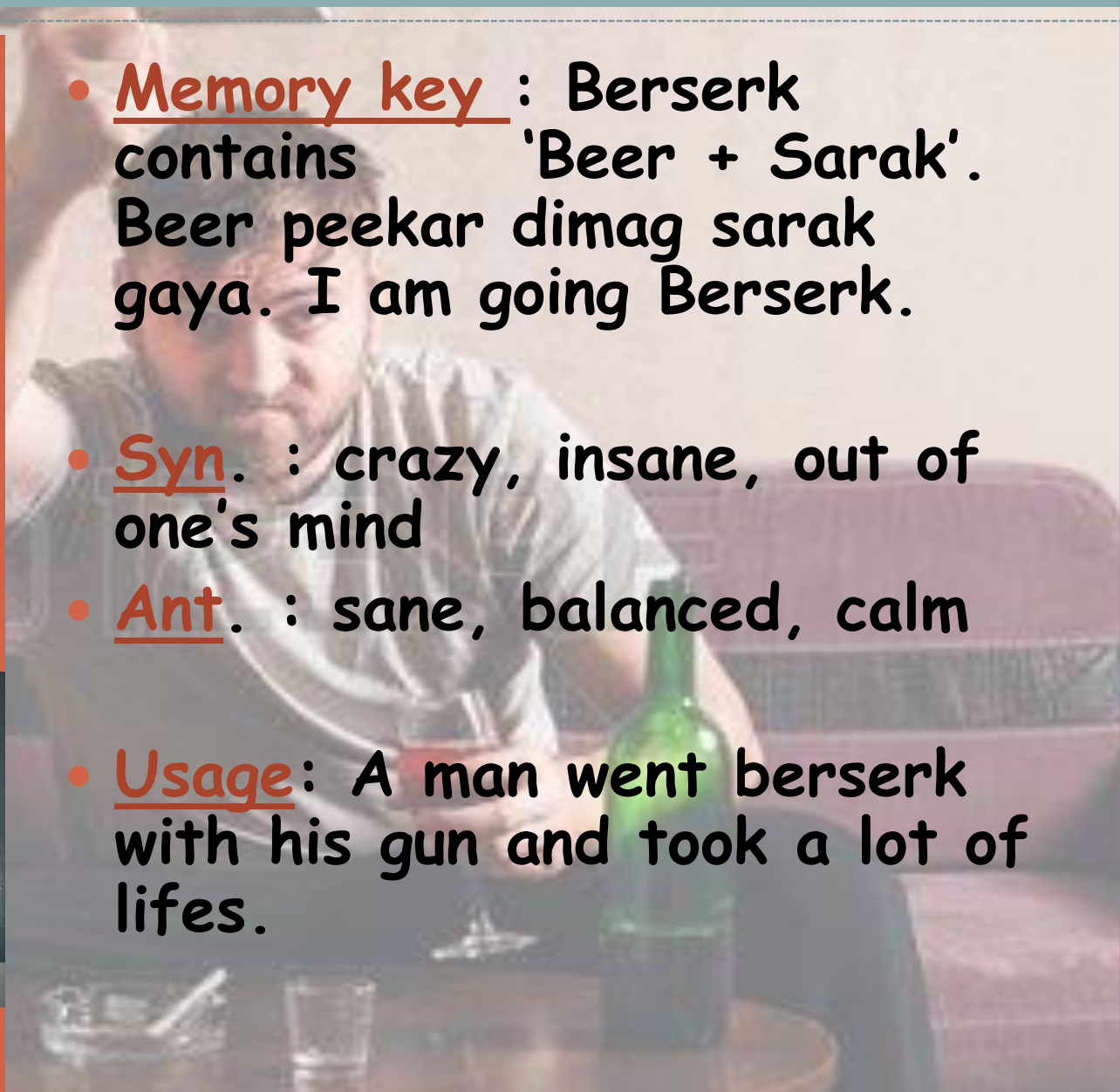
# BERSERK

## MEANING:

Mad with violent anger, frenzied, madly excited



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- Syn. : crazy, insane, out of one's mind
- Ant. : sane, balanced, calm
- Usage: A man went berserk with his gun and took a lot of lifes.

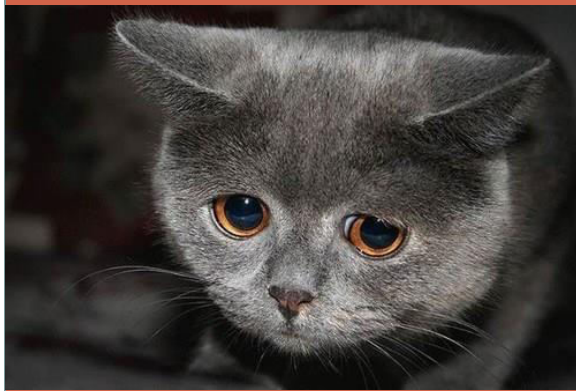




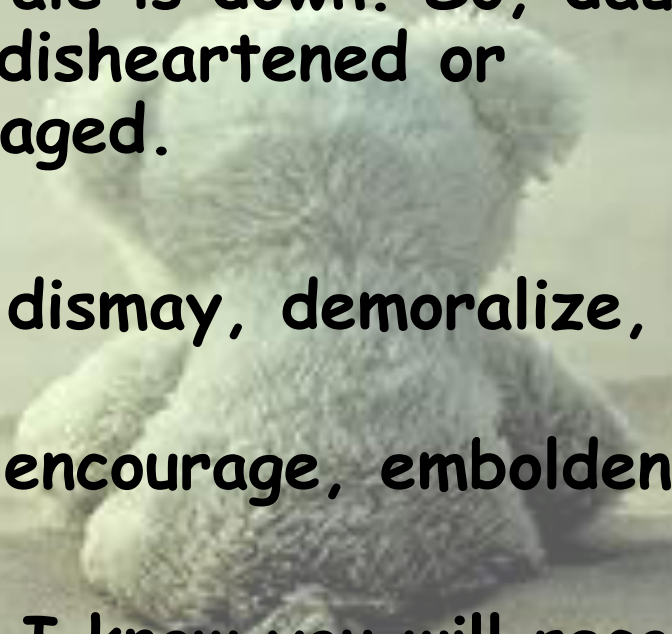
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# 1. ABASE

- **Meaning** – To lower in rank, prestige, or esteem, to humiliate.
- **Synonyms** – Debase, degrade, humiliate.
- **Antonyms** – dignify, honor, respect.
- **Usage** – He felt abased when his clothes were removed.





# 3. ABATE

- **Meaning** – to decrease in force or intensity, to decrease in amount or value.
- **Synonyms** – Subside, Decrease, Wane, Slack, Slake.
- **Antonyms** – increase, intensify, magnify.
- **Usage** – We were waiting for the storm to abate.



## 4. ABBREVIATE



Meaning – To make short or shorter, To reduce in force, efficacy, or intensity.

Synonyms – shorten, abridge, curtail, truncate.

Antonyms – expand, extend, increase, lengthen.

Usage – SHIT is abbreviation of \_ \_ \_ \_ .

## 5. ABDICATE

### BUSH RENOUNCES POWER

*Blessed are the meek...  
the merciful...the peacemakers..*

–Luke 5: 5-9

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–Psalm 33: 16-17



Meaning – to renounce a throne, to give up, to surrender.

Synonyms – relinquish, renounce, reject, cast off, disclaim.

Antonyms – assert, assume, challenge, claim, defend, defy, hold, maintain, remain, retain, treasure, usurp.

Usage – Bush abdicated his power.



## 7. ABET



Meaning – : to actively encourage, to assist or support.

Synonyms – aid, assist, support, encourage, incite, instigate.

Antonyms – hinder, obstruct, interrupt, restrict.

Usage – Abu Allibi was killed for abetting Bin laden.

## 10. ABJECT



Meaning – Sunk to a low condition, cast down in spirit

Synonyms – beggarly, degraded, wretched, miserable.

Antonyms – Exalted, proud.

Usage – Children dwelling in abject poverty.

# 11. ABJURE

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Meaning – to renounce upon oath, to give up.

Synonyms – renounce, repudiate, forswear, recant.

Antonyms – desire, wish, long for.

Usage – Mr. Bush abjured his rights.



## 12. ABLUTION



Meaning – the act of washing or cleansing as a religious rite.

Synonyms – bath, washing, cleaning.

Antonyms – // comment if you know

Usage – Man taking ablution in the pure waters of Ganga.

## 13. ABNEGATION

Meaning – to deny oneself, self-denial, self-renunciation.

Synonyms – give up, renunciation, denial, relinquish.

Antonyms – assert, assume, defend, defy, hold, remain, retain, usurp.

Usage – Swami

Vivekananda abnegated all the luxuries of material life.

ॐ नमो भगवते वासुदेवाय  
One renounces - mind & body - beyond thought  
beyond qualities - I know down to this



Swami Vivekananda

## 14. ABODE



Meaning – A place where someone lives.

Synonyms – residence, home, dwelling place, house, place.

Antonyms – // comment if you know

Usage – The dream abode.



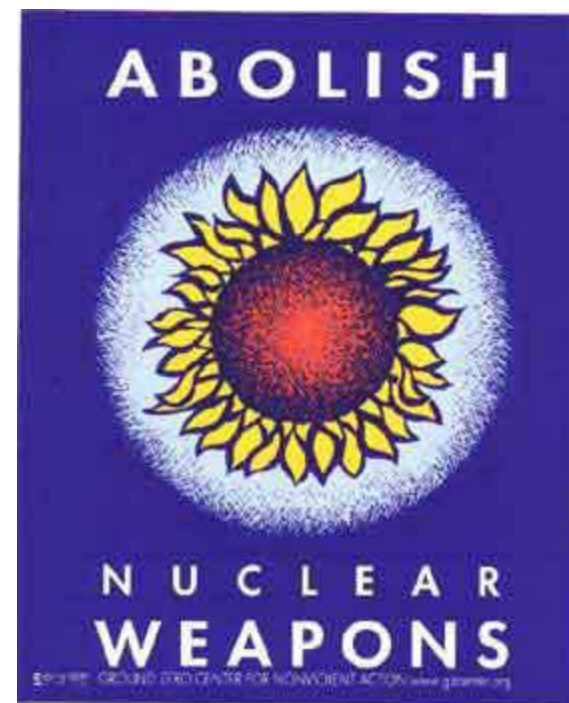
## 15. ABOLISH

Meaning – put an end to, to make null.

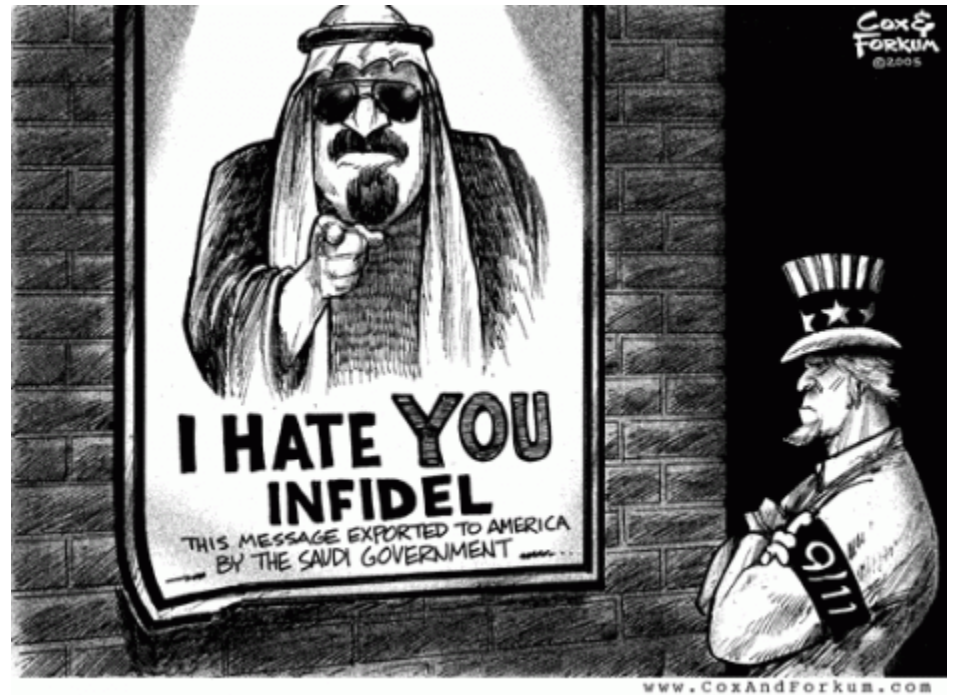
Synonyms – annul, terminate, nullify, cancel, abrogate.

Antonyms – continue, approve, retain.

Usage – World should abolish nuclear weapons as well as work :).



## 16. ABOMINABLE



Meaning – unpleasant, causing disgust.

Synonyms – abhor, hatred, detestable, loathe.

Antonyms – love, adore, admire, worship.

Usage – everyone abominates terrorists.

## 17. ABORIGINAL



Meaning – having existed in a region from the beginning.

Synonyms – indigenous, native, originals.

Antonyms – immigrant, foreigner, incomer.

Usage – Its difficult to find aboriginals in metros.



## 18. ABRABE

Meaning – to wear down or tear away by friction.

Synonyms – chafe, rub off, wear away, erase, erode, scour, scrape.

Antonyms – smooth.

Usage – Frequent brakes abrade tyres fast.



## 19. ABRASIVE

Meaning – Harsh and rough in manner, substance that abrades.

Synonyms – scrape, rough.

Antonyms – likable, pleasant, smooth soft, pleasing.

Usage – abrasive brushes.



## 20. ABRIDGE



Meaning – to cut short, to reduce the length.

Synonyms – condense, shorten, abbreviate, reduce.

Antonyms – elaborate, expand, extend, increase, lengthen.

Usage – The London bridge abridges the gap between two islands.



## 21. ABROGATE

Meaning – to abolish, to cancel by an authority.

Synonyms – abolish, annul, annihilate.

Antonyms – continue approve, retain.

Usage – Let us see if new laws abrogate the right to work.

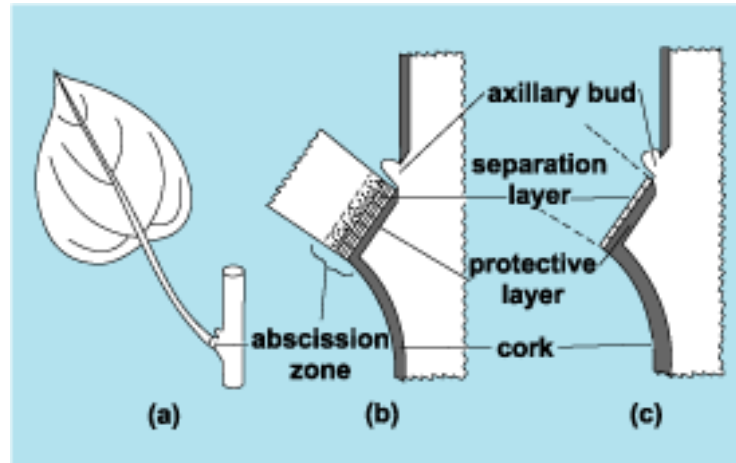
**RIGHT TO WORK?**

**NO THANKS.**



**ABOLISH WORK!**

## 22. ABSCISSION



Meaning – the act or process of cutting off.

Synonyms – removal, cutting off, shedding, sloughing.

Antonyms – attach, join.

Usage – The picture depicts the abscission of a branch.

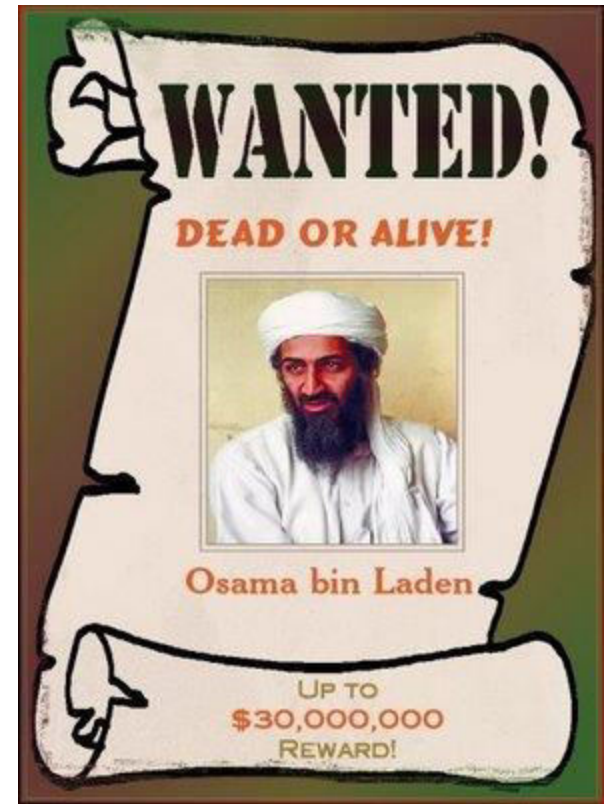
## 23. ABSCOND

Meaning –to depart in a sudden and secret manner, esp. to avoid capture and legal prosecution.

Synonyms – hide, depart, run away, flee.

Antonyms – arrive, stay, reappear, remain, be present.

Usage – Forces are searching the absconded Bin Laden.





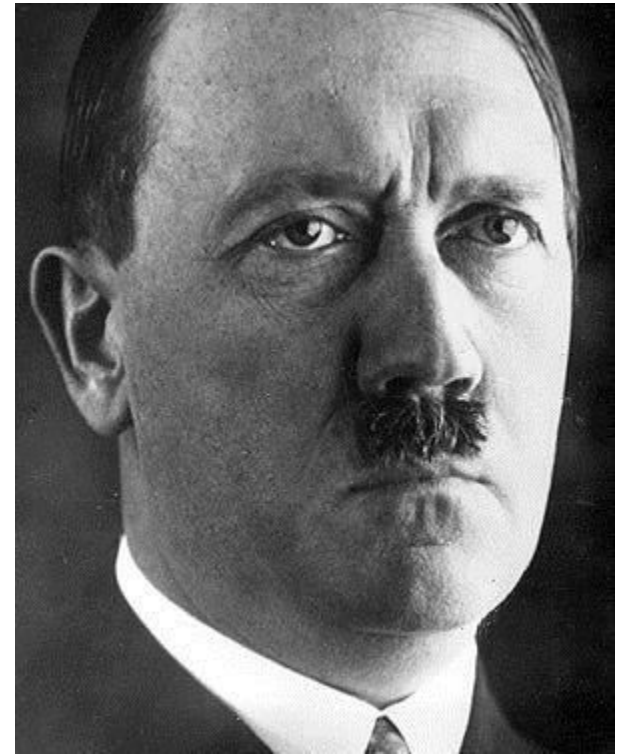
## 24. ABSOLUTE

Meaning – Loosed from any limitation, perfect in quality and nature.

Synonyms – Uncontrolled, Unrestricted, Authoritative, dictatorial, autocratic.

Antonyms – Accountable, limited, responsible.

Usage – Adolf Hitler wanted the absolute power.



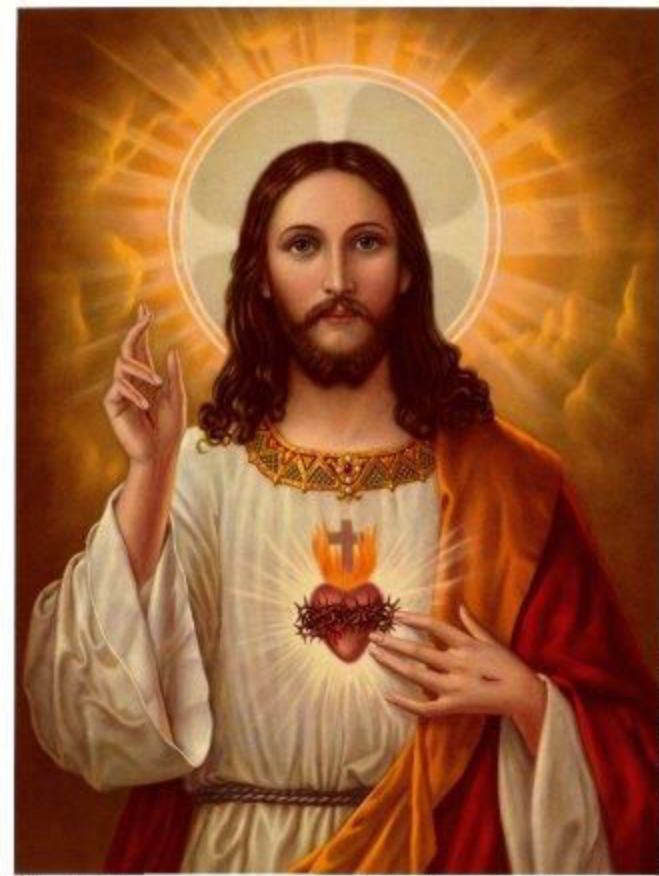
## 25. ABSOLVE

Meaning – to set free from an obligation or the consequences of guilt.

Synonyms – forgive, discharge, pardon, vindicate, set free.

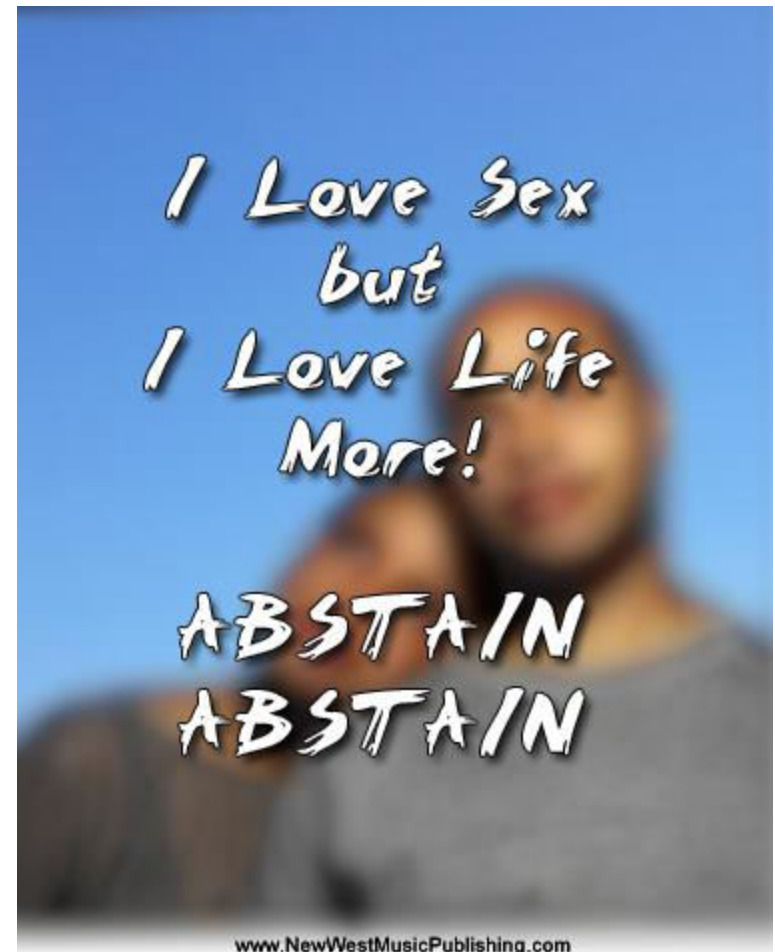
Antonyms – charge, convict, excoriate.

Usage – Lord Jesus absolves us all from our sins.



## 26. ABSTAIN

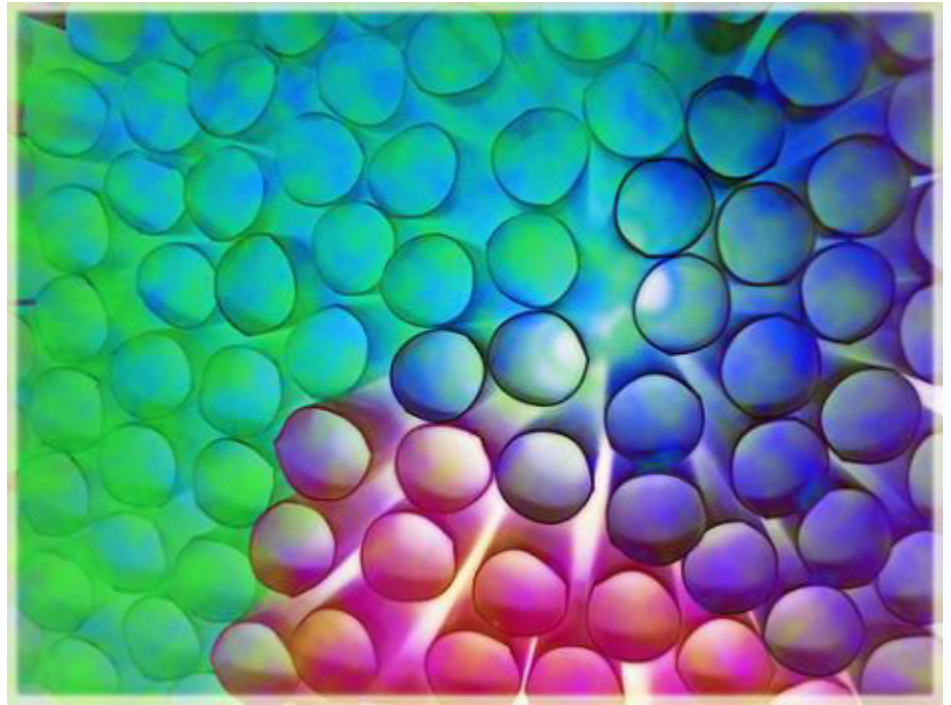
- **Meaning** – To refrain from something by one's own choice.
- **Synonyms** – refrain, withhold, resist.
- **Antonyms** – pursue, persist.
- **Usage** – Abstinence is the key of life. abstain from sex



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## 27. ABSTRACT



Meaning – a concept or idea not associated with any specific instance, existing only in the mind.

Synonyms – theoretical, complex, conceptual, unrealistic, unpractical, hypothetical, abstract.

Antonyms – concrete, definite, real.

Usage – abstract art is very valuable these days.

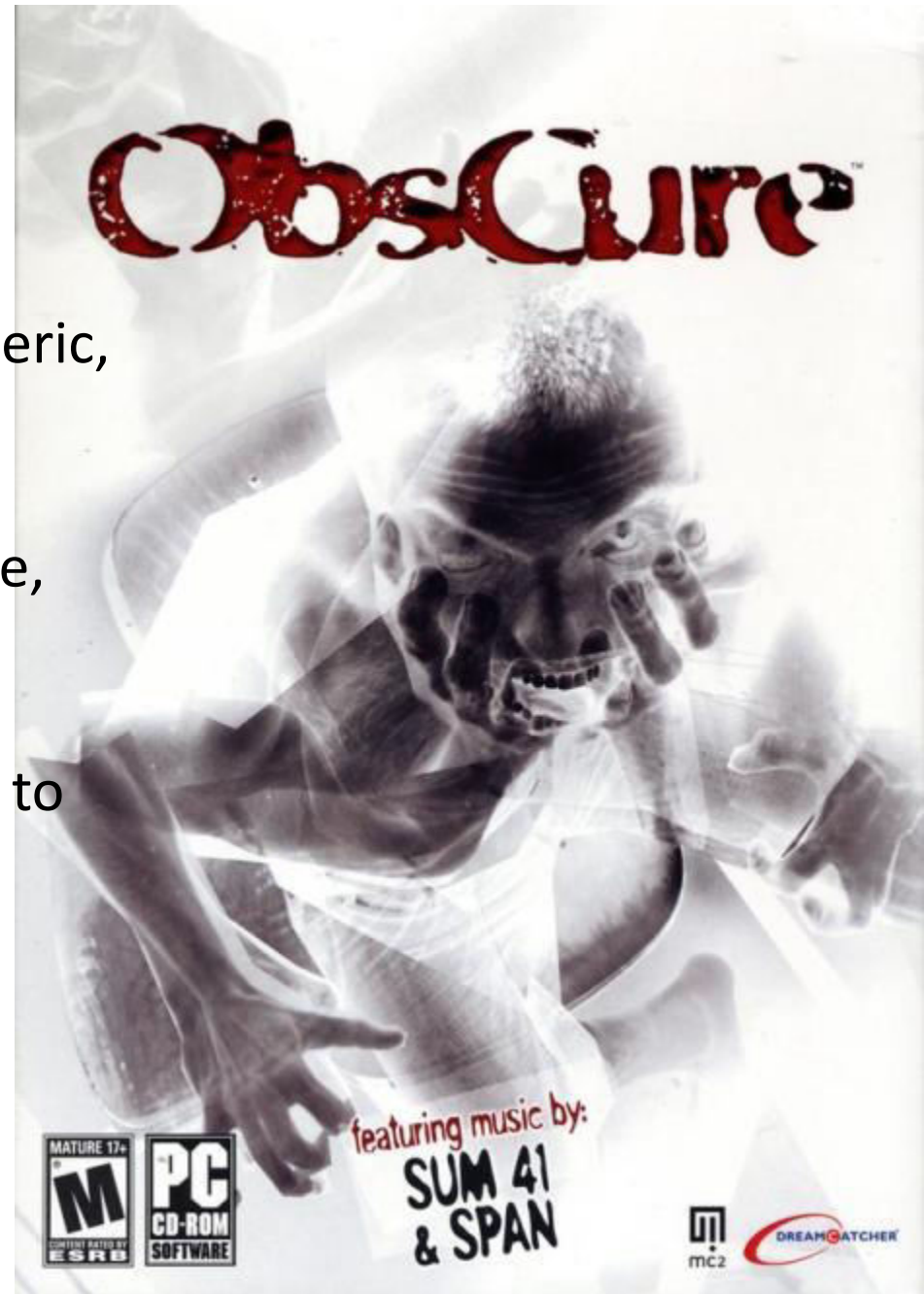
## 28. ABSTRUSE

Meaning – hard to understand.

Synonyms – obscure, abstract, esoteric, difficult, obsolete, recondite.

Antonyms – clear, easy, lucid, simple, concrete.

Usage – Abstruse subjects are hard to understand.



## 29. ABUSIVE

Meaning – characterized by wrong or improper use or action, using harsh insulting language.

Synonyms – Insulting, slanderous, calumniating, disparage, maligning.

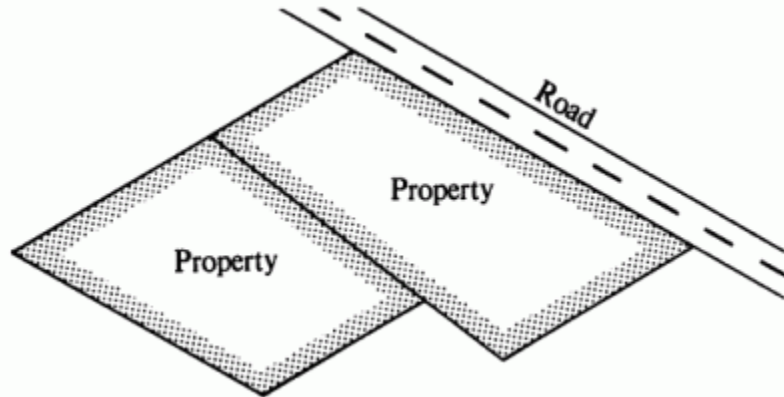
Antonyms – Praising, eulogistic, laudatory, panegyric.

Usage – Using abusive language and insulting prisoners.





## 30. ABUT



Meaning – to touch along the border, to border upon or end at.

Synonyms – adjoin, border, neighbor, meet, touch.

Antonyms – // comment if you know

Usage – The 2 properties shown in Figure abut one another.

