

# BHARAT SCHOOL OF BANKING – ENGLISH VOCABULARY

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**gouge V. /tear out.**

In that fight, all the rules were forgotten; the adversaries bit, kicked, and tried to gouge each other's eyes out.

**gourmand N. /epicure; person who takes excessive pleasure in food.**

*Gourmands* lack selfrestraint; if they enjoy a particular cuisine, they eat far too much of it.

**gourmet N. /connoisseur of food and drink.**

The gourmet stated that this was the best onion soup she had ever tasted.

**graduated ADJ. /arranged by degrees (of height, difficulty, etc.).**

Margaret loved her *graduated* set of Russian hollow wooden dolls; she spent hours happily putting the smaller dolls into their larger counterparts.

**graft N. /piece of transplanted tissue; portion of plant inserted in another plant.**

After the fire, Greg required skin grafts to replace the badly damaged areas on his forearms.

**grandeur N. /impressiveness; stateliness; majesty.**

No matter how often he hiked through the mountains, David never failed to be struck by the *grandeur* of the Sierra Nevada range.

**grandiloquent ADJ. /pompous; bombastic; using highsounding language.** The politician could never speak simply; she was always *grandiloquent*.

**grandiose ADJ. /pretentious; high-flown; ridiculously exaggerated;**

The aged matinee idol still had *grandiose* notions of his supposed importance in the theatrical world.

**granulate V. /form into grains.**

Sugar that has been *granulated* dissolves more readily than lump sugar.  
granule, N.

**graphic ADJ. /pertaining to the art of delineating; vividly described.**

I was particularly impressed by the *graphic* presentation of the storm.

**grapple V. /wrestle; come to grips with.**

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He grappled with the burglar and overpowered him.

**grate V. /make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; shred.**  
The screams of the quarreling children *grated* on her nerves.

**gratify V. /please.**  
Lori's parents were *gratified* by her successful performance on the SAT.

**gratis ADJ. /free.**  
The company offered to give one package *gratis* to every purchaser of one of their products.

**gratuitous ADJ. /given freely; unwarranted; uncalled for.**  
Quit making *gratuitous* comments about my driving; no one asked you for your opinion.

**gravity N. /seriousness.**  
We could tell we were in serious trouble from the *gravity* of the principal's expression. **grave, ADJ.**

**gregarious ADJ. /sociable.**  
Typically, partygoers are *gregarious*; hermits are not.

**grievance N. /cause of complaint.**  
When her supervisor ignored her complaint, she took her *grievance* to the union.

**grill V. /question severely.**  
In violation of the Miranda law, the police *grilled* the suspect for several hours before reading him his right.

**grimace N. /a facial distortion to show feeling such as pain, disgust, etc.** Even though he remained silent, his *grimace* indicated his displeasure.

**grisly ADJ. /ghastly.**  
She shuddered at the *grisly* sight.

**grouse V. /complain; fuss.**  
Students traditionally *grouse* about the abysmal quality of "mystery meat" and similar dormitory food.

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**grotesque ADJ.** /fantastic; comically hideous.

On Halloween people enjoy wearing *grotesque* costumes.

**grove N.** /group of trees ; orchard.

To the child, the small *grove* of oaks was as vast as Sherwood Forest, in which he played that legendary hero, Robin Hood.

**grovel V.** /crawl or creep on ground; remain prostrate.

Even though we have been defeated, we do not have to *grovel* before our conquerors.

**grudging ADJ.** /unwilling; reluctant; stingy.

We received only *grudging* support from the mayor despite his earlier promises of aid.

**gruel V.** /liquid food made by boiling oatmeal, etc., in milk or water.

Our daily allotment of *gruel* made the meal not only monotonous but also unpalatable.

**grueling ADJ.** /exhausting.

The marathon is a *grueling* race.

**gruesome ADJ.** /grisly; horrible.

His face was the stuff of nightmares: all the children in the audience screamed when Freddy Kruger's *gruesome* countenance was flashed on the screen.

**gruff ADJ.** /rough-mannered.

Although he was blunt and *gruff* with most people, he was always gentle with children.

**guffaw N.** /boisterous laughter.

The loud *guffaws* that came from the closed room indicated that the members of the committee had not yet settled down to serious business.

**guile N.** /deceit; duplicity; wiliness; cunning.

Iago uses considerable *guile* to trick Othello into believing that Desdemona has been unfaithful.

**guileless ADJ.** /without deceit.

He is naive, simple, and *guileless*; he cannot be guilty of fraud.

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**guise N. /appearance; costume.**

In the guise of a plumber, the detective investigated the murder case.

**gullible ADJ. /easily deceived.**

Overly gullible people have only themselves to blame if they fall for con artists repeatedly. As the saying goes, "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on *me*."

**gustatory ADJ. /affecting the sense of taste.**

The Thai restaurant offered an unusual *gustatory* experience for those used to a bland cuisine.

**gusto N. /enjoyment; enthusiasm.**

He accepted the assignment with such *gusto* that I feel he would have been satisfied with a smaller salary.

**gusty ADJ. /windy.**

The *gusty* weather made sailing precarious.

**hackneyed ADJ. /commonplace; trite.**

When the reviewer criticized the movie for its *hackneyed* plot, we agreed; we had seen similar stories hundreds of times before.

**haggard ADJ. /wasted away; gaunt.**

After his long illness, he was pale and *haggard*.

**haggle V. /argue about prices.**

I prefer to shop in a store that has a one-price policy because, whenever I *haggle* with a shopkeeper, I am never certain that I paid a fair price for the articles I purchased. consecrated. Although the dead girl's parents had never been active churchgoers, they insisted that their daughter be buried in *hallowed* ground.

**hallucination N. /delusion.**

I think you were frightened by a *hallucination* you created in your own mind.

**halting ADJ. /hesitant; faltering.**

Novice extemporaneous speakers often talk in a *halting* fashion as they grope for the right words.

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**hamper V. /obstruct.**

The new mother didn't realize how much the effort of caring for an infant would *hamper* her ability to keep an immaculate house.

**haphazard ADJ. /random; by chance.**

His *haphazard* reading left him unacquainted with the authors of the books.

**harangue N. /noisy speech.**

In her lengthy *harangue*, the principal berated the offenders.

**harass V. /to annoy by repeated attacks.**

When he could not pay his bills as quickly as he had promised, he was *harassed* by his creditors.

**harbinger N. /forerunner.**

The crocus is an early *harbinger* of spring.

**harbor V. /provide a refuge for; hide.**

The church *harbored* illegal aliens who were political refugees.

**hardy ADJ. /sturdy; robust; able to stand inclement weather.**

We asked the gardening expert to recommend particularly *hardy* plants that could withstand our harsh New England winters.

**harrowing ADJ. /agonizing; distressing; traumatic.**

At first the former prisoner did not wish to discuss his *harrowing* months of captivity as a political hostage.

**haughtiness N. /pride; arrogance.**

When she realized that Darcy believed himself too good to dance with his inferiors, Elizabeth took great offense at his *haughtiness*.

**hazardous ADJ. /dangerous.**

Your occupation is too hazardous for insurance companies to consider your application.

**hazy ADJ. /slightly obscure.**

In hazy weather, you cannot see the top of this mountain.

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**headlong ADJ.** /hasty; rash.

The slave seized the unexpected chance to make a *headlong* dash across the border to freedom.

**headstrong ADJ.** /stubborn; willful; unyielding.

Because she refused to marry the man her parents had chosen for her, everyone scolded Minna and called her a foolish *headstrong* girl.

**heckler N.** /person who harasses others.

The *heckler* kept interrupting the speaker with rude remarks. **heckle, V.**

**hedonist N.** /one who believes that pleasure is the sole aim in life.

A thoroughgoing *hedonist*, he considered only his own pleasure and ignored any claims others had on his money or time.

**heed V.** /pay attention to; consider.

We hope you *heed* our advice and get a good night's sleep before the test.

**heedless ADJ.** /not noticing; disregarding.

He drove on, *heedless* of the danger warnings placed at the side of the road.

**heinous ADJ.** /atrocious; hatefully bad.

Hitler's *heinous* crimes will never be forgotten.

**herbivorous ADJ.** /grain-eating.

Some *herbivorous* animals have two stomachs for digesting their food.

**heresy N.** /opinion contrary to popular belief; opinion contrary to accepted religion.

Galileo's assertion that the earth moved around the sun directly contradicted the religious teachings of his day; as a result, he was tried for heresy.

**hermetic ADJ.** /sealed by fusion so as to be airtight.

After you sterilize the bandages, place them in a container and seal it with a hermetic seal to protect them from contamination by airborne bacteria.

**hermitage N.** /home of a hermit.

Even in his remote hermitage he could not escape completely from the world.

**heterodox ADJ.** /unorthodox; unconventional.

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To those who upheld the belief that the earth did not move, Galileo's theory that the earth circled the sun was disturbingly *heterodox*.

**heterogeneous ADJ.** /dissimilar; mixed.

This year's entering class is a remarkably *heterogeneous* body: it includes students from forty different states and twenty-six foreign countries, some the children of billionaires, others the offspring of welfare families.

**heyday N.** /time of greatest success; prime.

In their heyday, the San Francisco Forty-Niners won the Super Bowl two years running.

**hiatus N.** /gap; interruption in duration or continuity; pause.

During the summer hiatus, many students try to earn enough money to pay their tuition for the next school year.