

Weekly English Vocab 01 to 06 April

1. Conundrum (noun)

Meaning; A difficult question or riddle



- **Synonyms:** dilemma, difficulty
- **Antonyms:** solution, Clarity
- **Sentence Example:** He is faced with the **conundrum** of trying to find a job without having experience.
- **Noun (Definition):** *Nouns* make up the largest class of words in most languages, including English. A noun is a word that refers to a thing (*book*), a person (*Noah Webster*), an animal (*cat*), a place (*Omaha*), a quality (*softness*), an idea (*justice*), or an action (*yodeling*).

2. Plunk (verb)

Meaning; To drop or throw



- **Synonyms:** drop
- **Antonyms:** hold
- **Sentence Example:** You've been **plunking** that drum all afternoon!
- **Verb (Definition):** *Verbs* are words that show an action (*sing*), occurrence (*develop*), or state of being (*exist*).

3. Endorse (verb)

Meaning; To support, to back



- **Synonyms:** favour, support
- **Antonyms:** oppose, reject
- **Sentence Example:** Shoes **endorsed** by a pro football player.

4. Subtler (adjective)

Meaning: Cunning, skillful.



- **Synonyms:** shrewd, tricky
- **Antonyms:** innocent, honest
- **Sentence Example:** Her eyes had a peculiar, **subtle** ray in them—not a gleam.
- **Adjective (Definition):** *Adjectives* describe or modify—that is, they limit or restrict the meaning of—nouns and pronouns. They may name qualities of all kinds: *huge, red, angry, tremendous, unique, rare*, etc.

5. Impresario (noun)

Meaning: A manager or producer



- **Synonyms:** manager, controller
- **Antonyms:** disturber, adversary
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6. Taciturn (adjective)

Meaning; Silent; temperamentally untalkative



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- **Antonyms:** talkative, blabby
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7. Unnerving (Adjective)

Meaning; To make somebody nervous, upset



- **Synonyms:** disturbing, Discomforting
- **Antonyms:** Pleasing, Comforting

8. Pique (noun)

Meaning; A feeling of enmity; ill-feeling, animosity



- **Synonyms:** displeasure, dissatisfied, proud
- **Antonyms:** pleasure, satisfied
- **Sentence Example:** She **piques** herself on her skill as a cook.
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9. Decimate (verb)

Meaning; To destroy



- **Synonyms:** destroy, annihilate
- **Antonyms:** build, construct
- **Sentence Example:** An industry **decimated** by recession.
- **Verb (Definition):** *Verbs* are words that show an action (*sing*), occurrence (*develop*), or state of being (*exist*).

10. Paranoid (noun)

Meaning; Exhibiting extreme and irrational fear or distrust of others



- **Synonyms:** suspicious, insecure
- **Antonyms:** firm, secure
- **Sentence Example:** She's a little *paranoid* about her work.

11. Stride (noun)

Meaning; To walk with long steps



- **Synonyms:** progress, advance
- **Antonyms:** failure, drop
- **Sentence Example:** He was standing only a few *strides* away from me.

12. Reckon (verb)

Meaning; To count; to enumerate; to number; also, to compute; to calculate.



- **Synonyms:** consider
- **Antonyms:** avoid
- **Sentence Example:** Losses were *reckoned* to be over a million dollars.

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13. Decry (verb)

Meaning; To denounce as harmful.



- **Synonyms:** condemn, criticise
- **Antonyms:** praise, applaud
- **Sentence Example:** In his article, he *decry*s the pollution of the environment by manufacturers.

14. Clamor (verb)

Meaning; To demand by outcry



- **Synonyms:** uproar, agitation
- **Antonyms:** peace, support
- **Sentence Example:** The children **clamored** around them, singing songs and laughing.

15. Fillip (noun)

Meaning; Something that excites or stimulates.



- **Synonyms:** incitement, boost
- **Antonyms:** discouragement, restraint
- **Sentence Example:** A structural *fillip* that will add much to the appearance of the building.
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16. Grisly (adjective)

Meaning; Horrifyingly repellent; gruesome, terrifying.



- **Synonyms:** frightful, gruesome
- **Antonyms:** pleasant, charming
- **Sentence Example:** The police report described the murder scene in *grisly* detail.
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17. Fraught (adjective)

Meaning; Distressed or causing distress



- **Synonyms:** anxious, upset
- **Antonyms:** placid, calm
- **Sentence Example:** Every room in my childhood home is *fraught* with memories.

18. Stirring (adjective)

Meaning; invigorating



- **Synonyms:** thrilling
- **Antonyms:** boring
- **Sentence Example:** I thought I detected a slight *stirring* of the leaves, and yet there wasn't a breath of wind.

19. Jovial (adjective)

Meaning; Cheerful and good-humoured; jolly, merry.



- **Synonyms:** cheerful
- **Antonyms:** depressed
- **Sentence Example:** He's a very *jovial* man.
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20. Respite

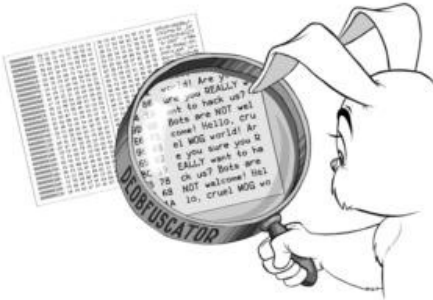
Meaning; A brief interval of rest or relief.



- **Synonyms:** rest, interval
- **Antonyms:** continuous, ceaseless
- **Sentence Example:** The bad weather has continued without *respite*.

21. Obfuscation (noun)

Meaning: Confusion, bewilderment, or a baffled state



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- **Antonyms:** clarification
- **Sentence Example:** Politicians keep *obfuscating* the issues.
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