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# Purge - शुद्ध करना/ सफ़ाई

Verb: to rid of whatever is impure or undesirable; cleanse; purify; to clear of imputed guilt or ritual uncleanness; to cause evacuation of the bowels of (a person); to become cleansed or purified.

Noun: the act or process of purging; the removal or elimination of members of a political organization, government, nation, etc., who are considered disloyal or otherwise undesirable.

## Synonyms:

cleansed, clear, purify, wash, shrive, absolve, remove, get rid of, clear out, sweep out, expel, eject, exclude, evict, dismiss, sack

## Antonyms:

dirtying, holding, keeping, maintenance.



My friend is so superstitious that she hired a spiritualist to **purge** her new house of bad omens.

# Forerunner

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Noun: predecessor; ancestor; पूर्वज

forebear; precursor; a person who goes or is sent in advance to announce the coming of someone or something that follows; herald; harbinger.

-अग्र-दूत

an omen, sign, or indication of something to follow; portent;

## Synonyms:

Synonyms: precursor, advertiser, advocate, ancestor, announcer, author, harbinger, initiator, originator, pioneer

She is a **forerunner** of the modern women's movement.

Bloodthirsty wars between cities were the **forerunner** of the national wars to come.

# Nexus

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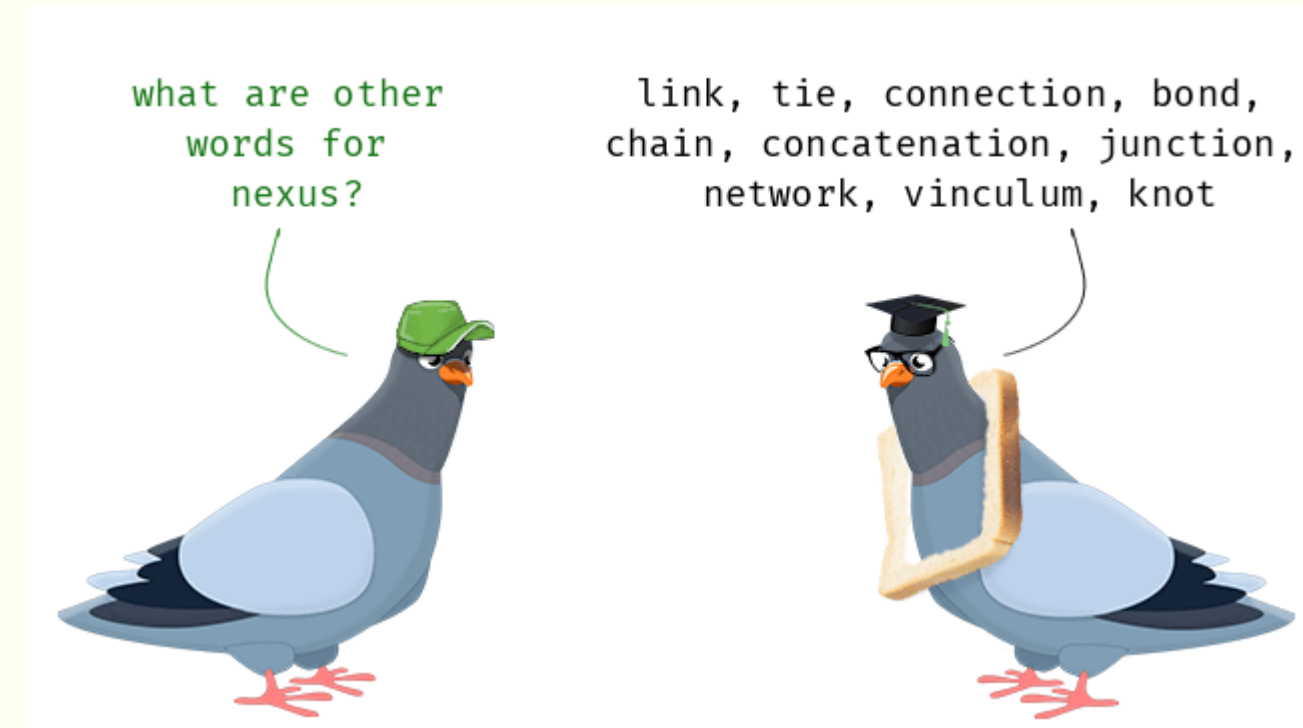
Noun: a means of connection; tie; link; a connected series or group; the core or center, as of a matter or situation.

## Synonyms:

center, connection, core, link, network, tie, union.

## Antonyms:

exterior, exteriority, outside.



Today Facebook seems to be the **nexus** of communication.

# Benign - सौम्य

Adjective: having a kindly disposition; gracious; a benign smile; favorable; propitious.

## Synonyms:

favorable, friendly, gentle, mild, benignant, amiable, beneficent, complaisant, congenial, generous, genial, good, goodhearted, gracious, kind, liberal, merciful.

## Antonyms:

harsh, rough, unfriendly, unkind, hostile



When the doctor said my tumor was **benign**, I was so happy.

# Tantamount - समान/ बराबर

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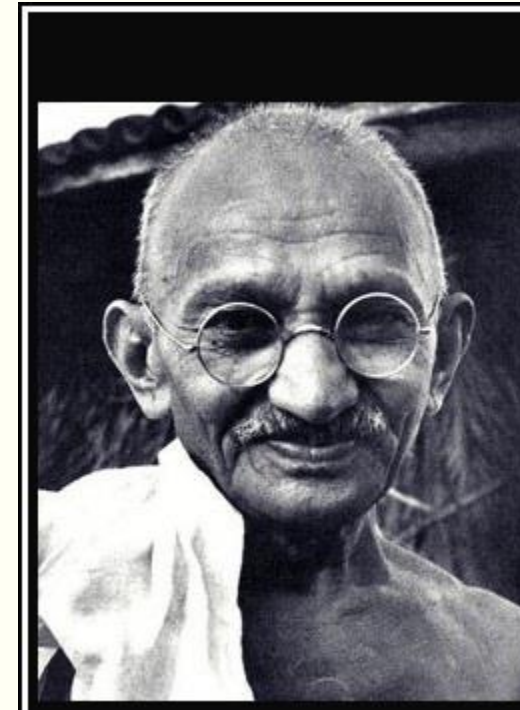
**Adjective:** equivalent in seriousness to; virtually the same as.

## Synonyms:

equivalent to, equal to, amounting to, as good as, more or less, synonymous with, virtually the same as, much the same as, comparable to, on a par with, commensurate with, along the lines of, as serious as, Identical to

## Antonyms:

different, opposite, polar, reverse.



Victory attained by violence is tantamount to a defeat, for it is momentary.

(Mahatma Gandhi)

He was an able, strong-willed man, and crushed what was **tantamount** to a rebellion in that country.

To leave a pet in a hot car is **tantamount** to torture.

The King's request was **tantamount** to a command.

# Annihilate - सत्यानाश

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Verb: to reduce to utter ruin or nonexistence; destroy utterly; to destroy the collective existence or main body of; wipe out; to annul; make void.

## Synonyms:

crush, destroy, decimate, demolish, eradicate, exterminate, extinguish, finish off, liquidate, negate, obliterate, quell, raze, wipe out, abate, abolish, abrogate

## Antonyms:

bear, build, construct, create.



During the war, our soldiers will **annihilate** the enemy and secure our land.

Hopefully, the medicine will **annihilate** the bacteria causing my throat infection.



# Incumbent - पदग्राही

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Adjective: holding an indicated position, role, office, etc., currently;

अनिवार्य - obligatory (often followed by on or upon)

Noun: the holder of an office.

## Synonyms:

binding, obligatory, mandatory, current, existing, present, in office, in power; reigning, holder, bearer, occupant

## Antonyms:

optional, unnecessary



After twenty years in office, the **incumbent** politician is finally retiring from politics.

It is unethical for an **incumbent** official to suppress a newbie.

# Formidable - विकट/ दुर्जेय

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Adjective: inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable.

## Synonyms:

intimidating, forbidding, redoubtable, daunting, alarming, frightening, terrifying, petrifying, horrifying, chilling, impressive, strong, powerful, mighty, terrific, tremendous, great

## Antonyms:

calm, poor, trivial, unimportant, easy, weak



Somehow the small but **formidable** woman fought her way through the crowd to reach her son.

# Rebuff – रोक

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Noun: a blunt or abrupt rejection, as of a person making advances; a peremptory refusal of a request, offer, etc.; snub; a check to action or progress.

## Synonyms:

rebuke, rejection, reprimand, snub, check, cut, defeat, denial, discouragement, insult, nix, opposition, refusal, repulse, slight, turndown, brushoff, cold shoulder, go-by, hard time.

## Antonyms:

praise, approval, compliment, inclusion.



Since your offer does not benefit me, I will have to **rebuff** it and walk away empty-handed.

Curtis added that when council members inquired about office space and stipends, they were **rebuffed**.



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