

12 NEWSPAPER VOCABULARY

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1. Populous

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Having a large population

- **Sentence:**

- India, soon world's most populous nation, doesn't know how many people it has

2. Projected

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Estimated or forecasted

- **Sentence:**

- In two months, India is projected to become the world's most populous country with over 1.4 billion people.

3. Census

Noun

- **Meaning:**

An official count or survey

- **Sentence:**

- India's once in a decade census, due in 2021 and delayed due to the pandemic,

4. Bog down

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To prevent someone/something from moving or progressing

- **Sentence:**

- has now got bogged down by technical and logistical hurdles

5. Mammoth

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Extremely large, huge

- **Sentence:**

- and there are no signs the mammoth exercise is likely to begin soon.

6. Indispensible

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Absolutely necessary

- **Sentence:**

- Calling census data “indispensable”, Rachna Sharma, a fellow at the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy,

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7. Fine-tune

verb

- **Meaning:**

To make small changes to something in order to make it more effective

- **Sentence:**

- the delay was largely due to the government's decision to fine-tune the census process and make it foolproof with the help of technology.

8. Cloak

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To cover or hide something

- **Sentence:**

- said Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera. “On important matters like employment, Covid deaths etc., we have seen how the Modi government has preferred to cloak critical data.

9. Tabulated

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

To arrange data in a table form

- **Sentence:**

- The numbers will be tabulated and final data made public months later. The entire exercise was estimated to cost 87.5 billion rupees (\$1.05 billion) in 2019.

10. Disruption

Noun

- **Meaning:**

Disruption to interrupt an event or activity

- **Sentence:**

- However, teachers have returned to school after the pandemic disruption and have to conduct nine state elections in 2023 and national elections in 2024 besides the census and this would again disrupt teaching.

11. Roll out

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To officially launch or introduce

- **Sentence:**

- “They must roll out a systematic payment mechanism for the drill,” said Mishra.

12. Reimbursement

Noun

- **Meaning:**

Paying back money to someone

- **Sentence:**

- “Teachers deserve respect and they can’t be running around demanding reimbursement for conducting the largest counting exercise on earth.”

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