



THE HINDU EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

- VOCAB
- GRAMMAR
- SPOKEN ENGLISH

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A DAY
WITHOUT
LEARNING IS
A DAY
WASTED.

TOPICS WE WOULD COVER



- Discussion of an article (key points)
- Vocabulary ← (limited) — (easy)
- Phrasal verb
- Grammar
- One word substitution (✓ new)
- Idioms and phrases (✓ new)

Article

Global antitrust and the challenge of Big Tech

The issue is about checking their monopoly power while encouraging their positive externalities and consumer surplus.

There are ongoing investigations worldwide, including in the European Union and the United States, on the abuse of monopolistic power by the Big Tech firms, especially Facebook and Google.

cannot be trusted / believed

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One word
Something that cannot be believed
→ Incredible



problem → It can be singular as well as plural.

→ Tone(+)

exterior / outwardsness

wrong doing / cruel treatment

Mono - single Poly many The Punjab
in progress

- Unity ✓
- Plurality ✓
- Collectivity ✓

*1> Places "the" — that indicates a sense of →

Article

*2> Here/There → Place → No fixed Tense.
(Place)x → Simple Present

① He is going there.

② There he ~~is~~ going

However, there are important differences this time around when compared with the earlier investigations. First, the information good that is being provided by the Internet firms of today, is largely non-rival. The consumption of information by one does not alter the value for the others. However, in telecom, due to limited network capacity, the consumption by one has an effect of decreasing value for the others and, hence, is rival in nature.

* H/T + S + V goes
* H/T + V + S PRONOUN
NOUN

*3> Compared — with — when the comparison is between similar things. There Ram goes
— to — when the comparison is between different things.

Article

(Second, telecom services are within the jurisdictional boundaries of regulators and, hence, the regulators have the power to lay down rules of the orderly behaviour of the licensed telecom operators.) On the other hand, the Internet firms operate globally, thanks to the ubiquitous Internet. Therefore, it is often difficult to lay down international rules of obligation and fulfilment by the different country regulators. Third, while it is debatable whether the goods and services provided by the Internet firms are excludable, telecom is certainly excludable due to the need for consumers to obtain connections from the respective telcos and pay the subscription charges for the same.

basically similar yet contrasting view point

(area wise divided)

present Everywhere

prone to arguments. something that can be excluded.

Article

1 GB → (monthly)

(1 day)

used in advantage.

Tone
(+)

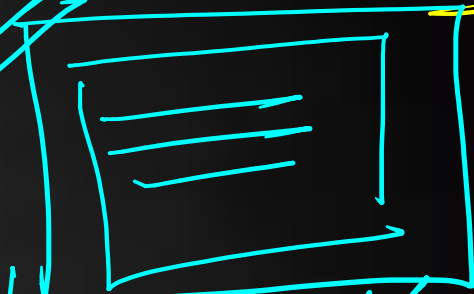
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phone ✓
sw ✓

(It is this factor that was leveraged by the Internet firms to provide search, navigation, and social connectivity with no charge to the consumers, and, consequently, making these services non-excludable.) In fact, (the Internet, started as the Department of Defense project in the U.S., was created to be non-excludable.) However, commercialisation of the Internet has created this new avatar of non-excludability that includes subtle trade-offs of personal information for availing services of the Internet firms.

nice / fine / elusive

→ exchange / reduce /
diminish
one quality

VOCABULARY



1. Externalities (**noun**)-

the fact of existing outside the perceiving subject

synonyms- exterior/facade/face

antonyms- core/interior/center

2. Ubiquitous (**adj**)-

existing or being everywhere at the same time

synonyms- omnipresent/pervasive/universal ✓✓✓

antonyms- rare/scarce ✓✓

VOCABULARY

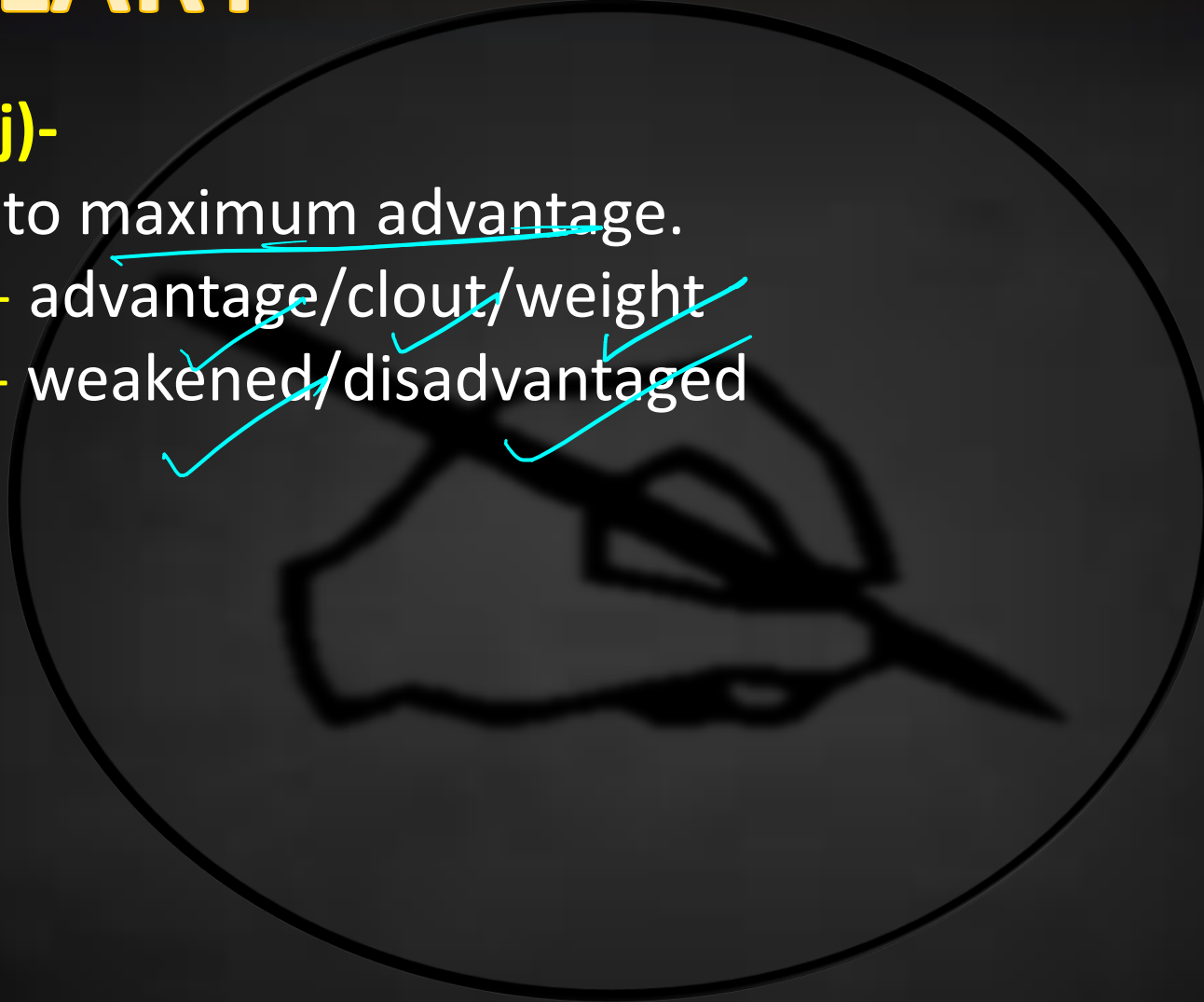


3. Leveraged (adj)-

use (something) to maximum advantage.

synonyms- advantage/clout/weight

antonyms- weakened/disadvantaged



ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION



1. Fear of confined places

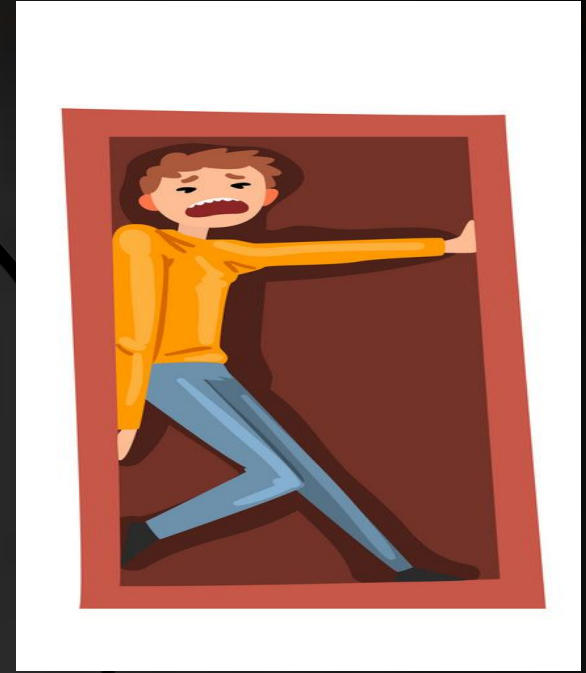
a) Claustrophobia ✓

b) Packophobia

c) Altophobia — Altitude

d) Acrophobia — Height

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ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION



2. A book that contains information on various subjects

- a) Dictionary
- b) Novel
- c) Thesaurus
- d) Encyclopedia



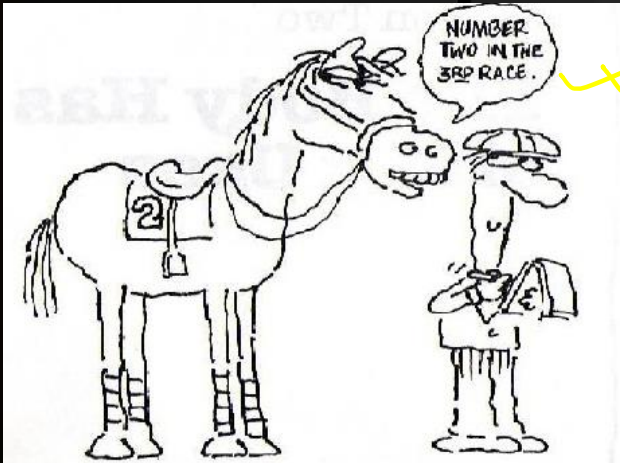
IDIOMS AND PHRASES



1. It comes straight from the **horse's mouth**. I saw Mrs Sharma this morning and she told me.

??

information from a trusted source



IDIOMS AND PHRASES



2. I hope Mary doesn't **get cold feet** about singing in public tonight. It's her first time, and she's very nervous.



be nervous
Just before the
performance



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