

GRUMBLE



complain about something

The little princess grumbled to her maid that her bed was badly made.

Synonyms: carp, complain, mutter, moan, groan

EMULATE

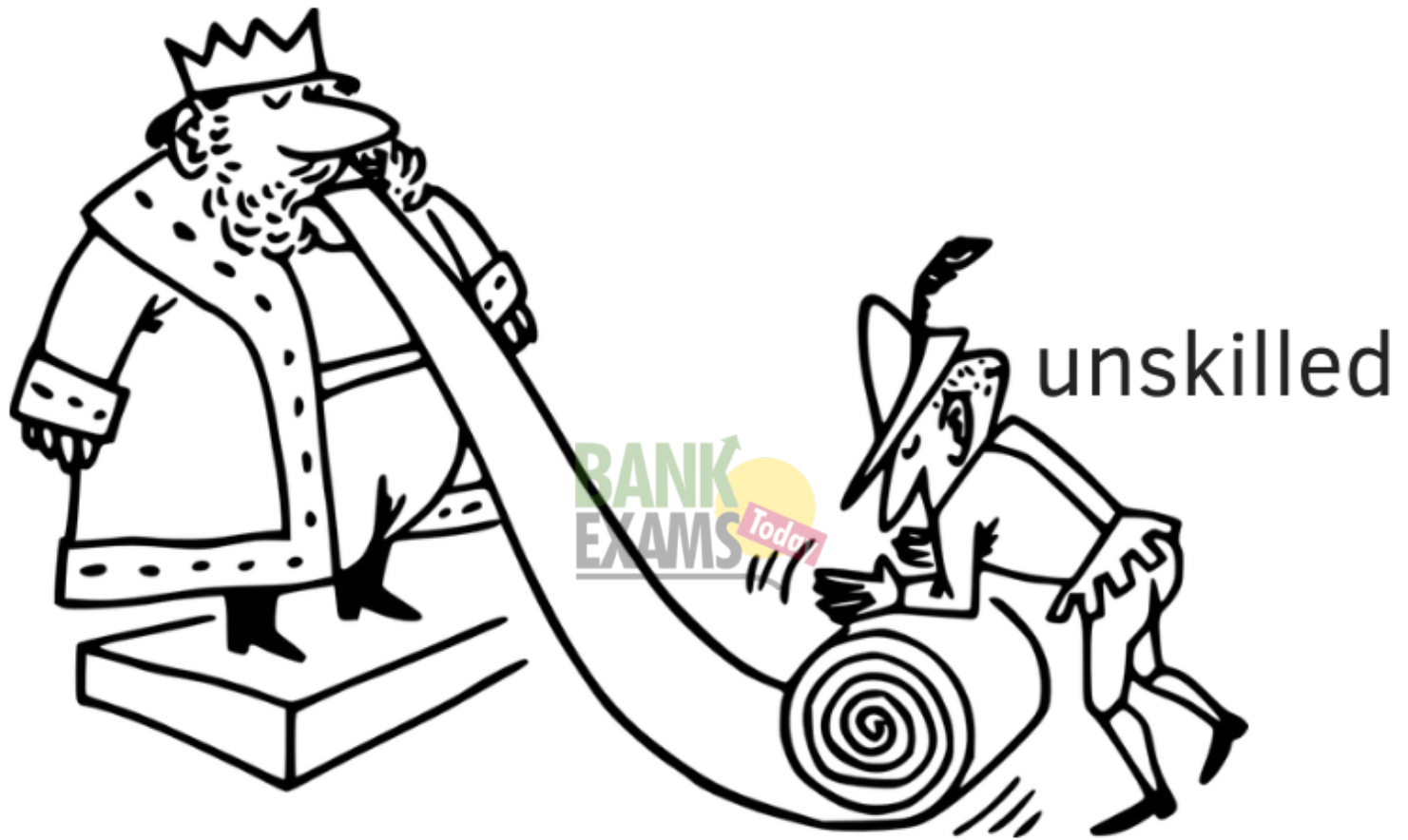


match, typically by imitation.

The boy would emulate his father's morning routine, from reading the newspaper to sipping coffee.

Synonyms: imitate, mimic, mirror, follow, reproduce

MENIAL



not requiring much skill and lacking prestige.

Because Jake never graduated from high school, he is only qualified to do menial jobs.

Synonyms: unskilled, lowly, humble, low grade, routine

FELICITY



intense happiness

I was overcome with felicity when my first nephew was born.

Synonyms: bliss, cheerfulness, delight, enjoyment, exhilaration

IRREPROACHABLE



faultless

He carried himself well in civil life and was of irreproachable private conduct.

Synonyms: impeccable, exemplary, admirable, outstanding, exceptional

COMMOTION



a state of confused and noisy disturbance.

She was distracted by a commotion across the street

Synonyms: Disturbance, Racket, Uproar, Clamour, Ruckus

HORRENDOUS



extremely unpleasant

Four hundred people died in the horrendous plane crash that happened over the weekend.

Synonyms: abhorrent, appalling, dreadful, harrowing, atrocious

PENSIVE



reflecting deep or serious thought.

After losing his job, Alex became more pensive than ever.

Synonyms: thoughtful, contemplative, dreamy, sober, wistful

AVERT



turn away (one's eyes or thoughts).

If management wants to avert a strike, then it will increase the wages of the employees.

Synonyms: avoid, fend off, forestall, rule out, deter

PAUCITY



the presence of something in only small amounts

Because of the paucity of our oil supply, we need to seek out other fuel resources.

Synonyms: deficiency, dearth, insufficiency, smallness, fewness