

# 5 Minutes Vocabulary

**Day 27**

# PROVOCATIVE



**Antonyms:** soothing, calming, modest, decent

**Meaning:** Causing irritation or annoyance

The experienced politician made a provocative statement to make his opponent angry.

**Synonyms:** Annoying, Irritating, Provoking

# ACUMEN



**Antonyms:** stupidity, inability, ignorance

**Meaning:** Ability to make good judgments

John's business acumen made him an asset to the software company.

**Synonyms:** Astute, Cleverness, Sharpness

# EXACERBATE



**Meaning:** Make a situation worse

The city was already in trouble due to floods and the storm just **exacerbated** the situation.

**Synonyms:** worsen, inflame, intensify, increase

**Antonyms:** calm, reduce, lessen, alleviate



# DEBILITATE



**Antonyms:** strengthen, invigorate, revitalize, energize



**Meaning:** Make weak and infirm

He was suffering the debilitating effects of flu.

**Synonyms:** Tiring, Exhausting, Fatigue, Enfeeble

# QUELL



**Antonyms:** prompt, encourage, agitate, release



**Meaning:** Silence, Put an end

The army was called to **quell** the disturbance in the city.

**Synonyms:** Finish, Abolish, Suppress, Defeat

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