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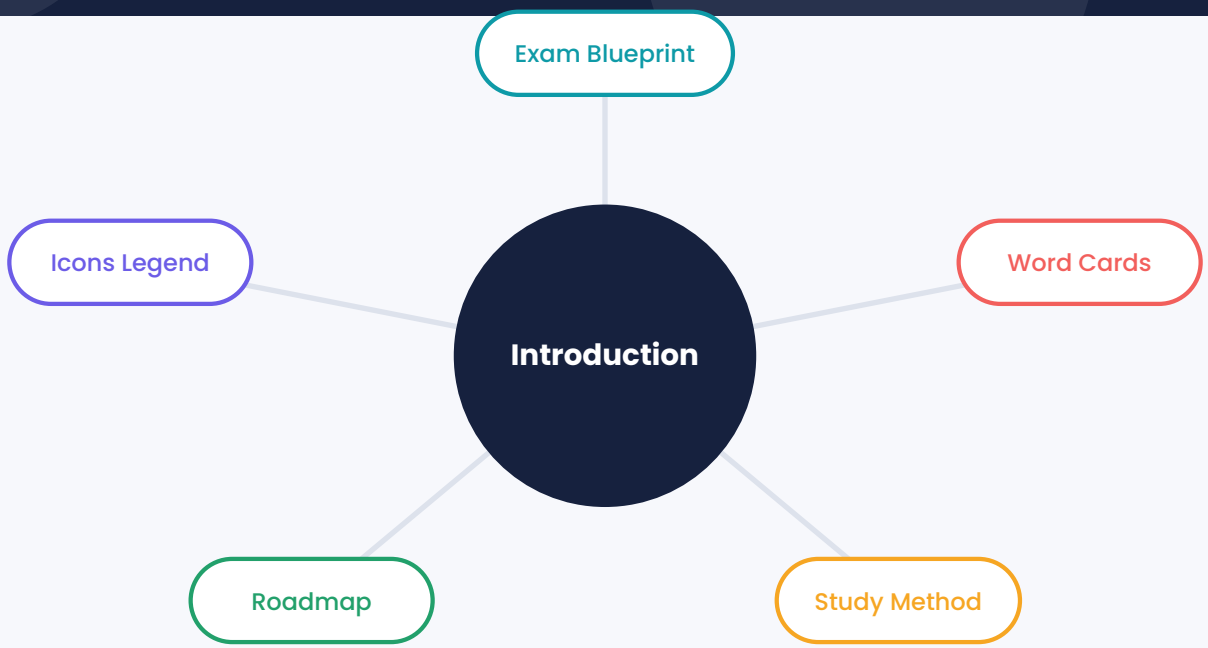
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GETTING STARTED

Introduction

Why vocabulary decides ranks — and how to use this book to master it in the shortest time.



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- How synonym & antonym questions appear in exams
- How each word card is organised
- The 4-step study method
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Where vocabulary appears in your exam

Exam family	Typical question types	Vocabulary level
SSC (CGL, CHSL, MTS, CPO)	Synonym, antonym, idioms, one-word substitution, spelling, cloze	Medium → Hard
Railway (RRB NTPC, Group D)	Synonym, antonym, fill in the blanks, sentence completion	Easy → Medium
Banking (SBI, IBPS, LIC, EPFO)	Cloze test, reading comprehension, word usage, odd one out	Medium → Hard
UPSC, CDS, AFCAT, NDA	Synonym, antonym, ordering, comprehension, spotting errors	Medium → Hard
WBCS, WBPSC, State PSCs	Synonym, antonym, idioms, substitution, comprehension	Medium
Teaching (CTET, TET), Police	Synonym, antonym, pedagogy-linked vocabulary, comprehension	Easy → Medium

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ABANDON /əˈbændən/ · Verb

#001 • Frequently asked: SSC • Railway

EASY

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MEANING
To leave completely.

SYNONYMS
Desert • Forsake • Leave • Quit • Relinquish

ANTONYMS
Keep • Continue • Maintain • Protect • Preserve

EXAMPLE
He abandoned the old building.

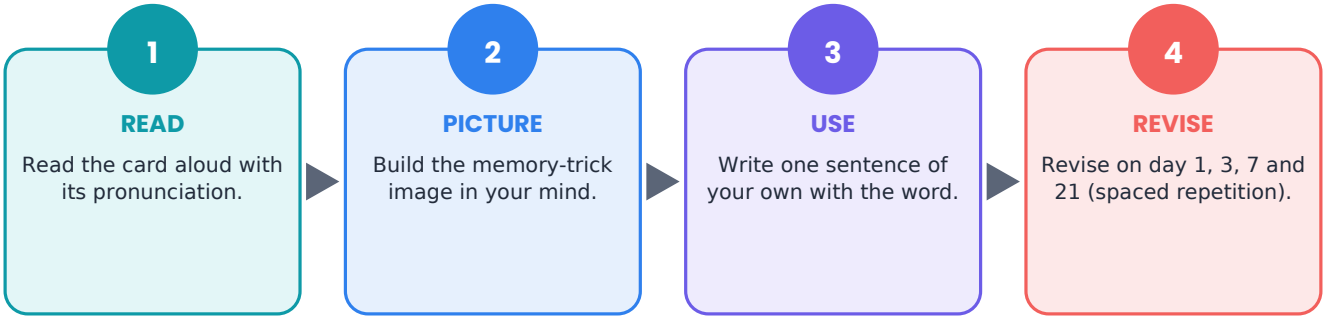
EXAM TIP
Frequently asked in SSC CGL.

MEMORY TRICK
Imagine abandoning an old house forever.

COMMON MISTAKE
Not ABOUND (to be plentiful).

Element	What it tells you
Icon badge	A visual cue that links the word to an image — helps recall in the exam hall
/IPA/ · Part of speech	How to pronounce it and how it behaves in a sentence
Level pill (EASY / MEDIUM / HARD)	Study EASY first for confidence, then MEDIUM, then HARD
★ rating	How often this word or its family turns up in competitive exams (5 = very often)
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