



#LIFEHACKS

Where is my dictionary?

The recent internet blackout in Bangladesh put a spotlight on an often-forgotten tool: the dictionary. For writers and anyone who relies on crafting basic-level English communications, the lack of digital access was a stark reminder of our dependency on the internet.

Remember the days when looking up a word meant reaching for a hefty dictionary, flipping through its pages, and carefully navigating the alphabet? It was a tedious but a familiar process. The recent events in Bangladesh forced us to revisit this old method, a stark contrast to the instant results we are used to with digital tools.

In our smartphone-dominated lives, we have grown used to the instant gratification

of online dictionaries and search engines that can give you the answers with the whole nine yards. Need to look up a word? Just type or speak into your smartphone, and voilà! The answer is there with synonyms and antonyms alike in case you need it.

However, with the seemingly bottomless well of knowledge we call the internet drying up, we were forced to take off our tinted glasses that buried the hefty physical dictionaries that used to occupy a significant space on our bookshelves, evoking a sense of nostalgia for a simpler time.

While internet was unavailable, the dictionary emerged as a symbol of the

patience and the effort that learning and writing once demanded. It was a respectful nod to the past, reminding us that while technology offers speed and convenience, some old-fashioned tools still hold immense value.

In Dhaka, as in many places, we found ourselves reconsidering the importance of keeping a dictionary at hand. The weight of the book, both in terms of its physical heft and its informational value, became apparent once more. It served as a reminder that while technology advances rapidly, some tools remain timeless in their utility.

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ARIES (MAR. 21-APR. 20)

Clear your schedule for something might happen. Listen to advice coming from good friends. Be nice to your partner. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.



TAURUS (APR. 21-MAY 21)

Interact with all kinds of people. Your love life will be baffling. Don't spend too much this week. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.



GEMINI (MAY 22-JUN. 21)

Co-workers may deceive you. Don't be so trusting. Pleasure trips will be relaxing. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.



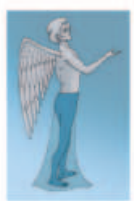
CANCER (JUN. 22-JUL. 22)

Offer support instead of conflict. Someone is out to smear your reputation. Changes could be overwhelming. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



LEO (JUL. 23-AUG. 22)

Spend time with your partner. Compromise a little. Make changes that will enhance your reputation. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEP. 23)

Things will naturally fall into place. Make changes at home. Don't let anyone take credit for your work. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.



LIBRA (SEP. 24-OCT. 23)

Don't get involved in joint financial ventures. Don't let your partner rile you up. Make time for yourself. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.



SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 21)

Seek out help if you need it. Unexpected bills will be difficult to deal with. Don't get upset over trivial matters. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Try not to stick out. Embrace new methods of work. Acquire information that will be beneficial in your chosen field. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.



CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 20)

Pamper your partner this week. Play smart and you can make it big. Set yourself a strict budget. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



AQUARIUS (JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

Deal with the needs of your family. Be diplomatic but stern regarding sensitive disputes. Your partner could be tiresome this week. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday..



PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)

Make some changes at work. Make plans to travel this week. Help your family out with problems. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.



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