





English for Competitive Exams Module 8 – SSC & Bank Exams

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Read the short passage below. Pay special attention to the highlighted words and phrases. Then read the discussion below.

English for Competitive Exams Module 8 - PASSAGE

Already, crowd investing is redirecting streams of capital and **stoking** innovation. According to Crowdnetic, a provider of crowd-funding technology and data to financialservices firms, the vast majority of successful raises in the U.S. are under \$500,000 – an appropriate level for small business experimentation that in the private equity world would be treated as trivial. Previously, these entrepreneurs **typically** had to fund their start-ups with savings, retirement plans, second mortgages, credit cards, and friends and family – a prospect that is tenuous enough to sometimes **scuttle their efforts**. The Crowdnetic survey found that the top three investment categories, based on the number of projects that have **received backing** from crowd investors, are **hotbeds** of new ideas: social media, e-commerce, and apps.

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DISCUSSION:

Stoking

This is a verb with two meanings.













2. To add fuel to a fire.

E.g. *He stoked the fire and put the tea-kettle on.*

3. To encourage or incite a strong tendency or emotion.E.g. *His angry rebuke stoked her frustration*.

Typically

The adjective *typical* is at the root of *typically*, from the Late Latin *typicus*, "of a type", and the Greek *typos*, "impression." The adverb is generally used to mean something which is expected and regular, same as the meaning of the adjective.

Some words from these roots include: *Type* (meaning of a kind) *Type*(meaning to write on a mechanical device) *Typo* (error in typed word) *Typography* (arranging letters in a pattern)

Clearly, all the above words originated through the meaning 'impression'. Long ago, typing was done through the means of a printing press. Metal casts of each letter was coated with ink and would be pressed down on paper, leaving an inked *impression* of the letter on the paper.





Scuttle Their Efforts

This means that all initiatives will be abandoned and all efforts will be stopped. E.g. *The imminent storm scuttled our picnic plans*.

Received Backing

This is a popular phrasal verb which means to gain support. E.g. *The team received backing from the coach on the matter of the boycott.*

Hotbeds











This is a noun. It means an environment which can promote the growth of something. It is usually used in the negative sense.

E.g. *The society was a hotbed of scandal and revenge.*

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