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Here some exceptional English words from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are given with their synonyms/antonyms and usage. Hopefully, this will help you improve your vocabulary.

Happy Learning!!!

### 1. MONSTROSITY (noun) – कुरूपता, भद्दापन

**Pronunciation:** mon-stro-siti

**Meaning:** a thing (especially a building) which is very large and extremely ugly or unattractive

**Synonyms:** eyesore, horror, carbuncle, excrescence

**Usage:** The new hotel is a monstrosity that blocks my view of the beach.

### 2. PETTY (adjective) – तुच्छ, नीचतापूर्ण

**Pronunciation:** peti

**Meaning:** of little importance

**Synonyms:** trivial, trifling, minor, slight, unimportant

**Antonyms:** important, serious, major

**Usage:** These petty rules can lead to frustration and anger.

### 3. FETTER (noun, verb) – बेड़ी, बंधन; बेड़ी डालना, रोक लगाना

**Pronunciation:** fet-uh

**Meaning:** a chain or manacle used to restrain a prisoner, typically placed around the ankles; to keep someone within limits or stop them from making progress; to tie someone to a place by putting chains around their ankles

**Synonyms:** shackles, manacles, handcuffs; restrict, restrain, constrain, confine

**Usage:**

- The metal fetter prevented the slave from moving quickly. (noun)
- Your fear is the fetter preventing you from going after your dream. (noun)
- You may imprison my body, but actually you cannot fetter my mind. (verb)

### 4. REACTIONARY (adjective, noun) – प्रतिगामी

**Pronunciation:** ri-aksh(u)n(u)ri

**Meaning:** opposing political or social progress; a reactionary person

**Synonyms:** right-wing, conservative, rightist; right-winger

**Antonyms:** radical, progressive

**Usage:**

- Reactionary politicians voted against the proposal. (adjective)
- Critics viewed him as a reactionary. (noun)

### 5. BLASÉ (adjective) – ऊबा हुआ, उकताया हुआ

**Pronunciation:** blaa-zei

**Meaning:** unimpressed with or indifferent to something because one has experienced or seen it so often before


**Synonyms:** impassive, dispassionate, emotionless, insouciant, jaded

**Antonyms:** responsive, excited

**Usage:** She is very blasé about parties.

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### 6. STERILIZE (verb) – कीटाणुरहित बनाना

**Pronunciation:** steri-laiz

**Meaning:** make (something) free from bacteria or other living microorganisms

**Synonyms:** disinfect, purify, fumigate, decontaminate

**Antonyms:** contaminate

**Usage:** Sterilize the bottles with boiling water.

### 7. OUTSTRIP (verb) – पीछे छोड़ कर आगे निकल जाना

**Pronunciation:** aut-strip

**Meaning:** move faster than and overtake (someone else)

**Synonyms:** outrun, outdistance, outpace

**Usage:** We soon outstripped the slower runners.

### 8. TARRY (verb) – विलंब करना

**Pronunciation:** tari

**Meaning:** stay longer than intended; delay leaving a place

**Synonyms:** linger, loiter, procrastinate, dawdle

**Antonyms:** hurry, rush

**Usage:** It is a bad idea that we should tarry in these dangerous woods.

### 9. JEST (verb) – हंसी मज़ाक करना

**Pronunciation:** jest

**Meaning:** speak in a joking way

**Synonyms:** joke, crack, quip, gag, sally, pun

**Usage:** Don't jest about such important matters.

### 10. DESPOIL (verb) – लूटना, डाका डालना

**Pronunciation:** di-spo-il

**Meaning:** steal or violently remove valuable possessions

**Synonyms:** plunder, pillage, rob, ravage, harry, maraud, ravish

**Usage:**

- The thief despoiled the old man of his belongings.
- Now, choose any 2 or 3 words and try to use them in your own sentences, this way you can retain the learned words in your memory for a long time. You can share your sentences in the comment section



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