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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. DEFENDANT (noun) - प्रतिवादी, उत्तर-पक्ष

Pronunciation: di-fen-dunt

Meaning: an individual, company, or institution accused in a court of law

Synonyms: accused, appellant, litigant, respondent, suspect

Antonym: plaintiff

**Usage**: The <u>defendant</u> requested more time to prepare his case.

#### 2. FOLIAGE (noun) - पत्तियां

Pronunciation: foli-ij

Meaning: plant leaves collectively

Synonyms: leaves, greenery, vegetation, herbage, verdure

Usage: Most trees lose their foliage in winter.

#### 3. CHUCKLE (verb, noun) – म्ह दबाकर हंसना

Pronunciation: chuk(u)I

Meaning: laugh quietly or inwardly; a quiet or suppressed laugh

Synonyms: giggle, titter, tee-hee

Antonym: gale

Usage:

He <u>chuckled</u> at the funny story. (verb)

• He gave a chuckle in response to her question. (noun)

#### 4. TINTINNABULATE (verb) – झंकार, खनखनाहट

Pronunciation: tinti-nabyu-leit

Meaning: make a light, clear ringing sound

Synonyms: tinkle, ring, jingle, jangle, chime, clink, ping, ding

Usage: The city's clocks tintinnabulate politely.

#### 5. FIXATION (noun) – एकोन्माद

Pronunciation: fik-seish(u)n

**Meaning**: an obsessive interest in or feeling about someone or something **Synonyms**: monomania, fetish, addiction, complex, neurosis, compulsion

Usage: He has fixation with diet and fitness.

### 6. ACCLIMATIZATION (noun) – वायुजलानुकूलन; परिस्थिति-अनुकूलन

Pronunciation: uklai-mut-ai-zeish(u)n

Meaning: the process or result of becoming accustomed to a new climate or to new conditions

**Synonyms**: adjustment, adaptation, accommodation, habituation, familiarization, acclimation, acculturation **Usage**: <u>Acclimatization</u> to higher altitudes like Mount Fuji and Mount Everest may take several weeks.

#### 7. WRETCHED (adjective) – अतिद्खी; गरीबी से ग्रस्त; मनहस

Pronunciation: rechid

**Meaning**: (of a person) in a very unhappy or unfortunate state; of poor quality; very bad; used to express anger or annoyance **Synonyms**: miserable, unhappy, sad, broken-hearted, heartbroken, grief-stricken; harsh, hard, grim, stark, difficult, poor;

despicable, contemptible, reprehensible

Antonyms: cheerful, fortunate; comfortable, luxurious, excellent; worthy, admirable

Usage:

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- I felt so wretched because I thought I might never see you again.
- The <u>wretched</u> condition of the slums is really very disappointing.
- She disliked the wretched man.

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#### 8. CLOY (verb) - अत्यधिक मीठा; अत्यधिक प्रचुर; अत्यधिक भावक

Pronunciation: kloi

Meaning: being disgusting or distasteful by reason of excess cloying sweetness, richness, or sentiment

Synonyms: sickly sweet, sugary, syrupy, honeyed, oversweet, sickening

Usage: Chocolates start to cloy if you eat too much.

#### 9. TOMFOOLERY (noun) – मूर्खतापूर्ण व्यवहार

**Pronunciation:** tom-fool(u)ri **Meaning:** foolish or silly behaviour

Synonyms: silliness, fooling, clowning, capering, capers, antics

Usage: My sister is far too serious to play pranks on any of our neighbors, so I had to engage in that tomfoolery by myself.

#### 10. BADINAGE (noun) – विनोदी या मजाकिया वार्तालाप

Pronunciation: badi-naaj

Meaning: humorous or witty conversation

Synonyms: banter, repartee, bantering, raillery, wit, crosstalk, wordplay, swordplay Usage: The humorous badinage between the coworkers made the long workday go faster.

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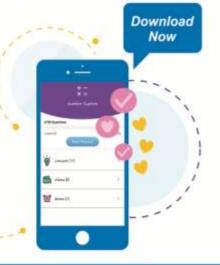








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