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

# 1. FIENDISH (adj) – पैशाचिक

Pronunciation: feend•uhsh

**Meaning:** extremely cruel or unpleasant; devilish.

Synonyms: wicked, cruel, vicious

Antonyms: good-hearted, benign, kind

**Sentence:** This was a <u>fiendish</u> act of wickedness.

#### 2. INSOUCIANCE (noun) – लापरवाही

Pronunciation: uhn•soo•see•uhns

**Meaning:** casual lack of concern; indifference.

Synonyms: nonchalance, unconcern, lack of concern

Antonyms: concern, interest, regard

**Sentence:** For all her apparent <u>insouciance</u>, she was desperately unhappy.

#### 3. LACUNA (noun) - कमी

Pronunciation: luh•kyoo•nuh

**Meaning:** an unfilled space or interval. **Synonyms:** want, scarcity, shortage **Antonyms:** enough, plenty, sufficiency

Sentence: The journal has filled a <u>lacuna</u> in Middle Eastern studies.

#### 4. EQUANIMITY (noun) – समभाव

Pronunciation: eh•kvuh•ni•muh•tee

Meaning: mental calmness, composure, and evenness of temper, especially in a difficult

situation.

Synonyms: composure, calmness, placidity

Antonyms: agitation, discomposure, perturbation

**Sentence:** She accepted both the good and the bad with <u>equanimity</u>.

## 5. SMOTHER (verb) – गला घोंटना

Pronunciation: smuh•dhuh

**Meaning:** kill (someone) by covering their nose and mouth so that they suffocate.

**Synonyms:** suffocate, stifle, asphyxiate **Antonyms:** resuscitate, breathe, exhale

**Sentence:** They threatened to <u>smother</u> the animals with plastic bags.

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# 6. ASSIDUOUS (adj) - परिश्रमी

Pronunciation: uh•si•joo•uhs

**Meaning:** showing great care and perseverance.

Synonyms: diligent, careful, meticulous

**Antonyms:** inactive, dull

**Sentence:** The fascinating sight of <u>assiduous</u> ants carrying food into the anthill.

#### 7. SYCOPHANTIC (adj) – चापलूस

Pronunciation: si•kuh•fant•uhk

**Meaning:** behaving or done in an obsequious way in order to gain advantage.

**Synonyms:** obsequious, servile, subservient

**Antonyms:** insurgent, mutinous

**Sentence:** There was sycophantic laughter from the audience at every one of his terrible

jokes.

# 8. DELIRIOUS (adj) – भ्रांतचित्त

Pronunciation: duh-leeuh-ree-uhs

Meaning: in an acutely disturbed state of mind resulting from illness or intoxication and

characterized by restlessness, illusions, and incoherence of thought and speech.

Synonyms: incoherent, raving, babbling

Antonyms: tranquil, undisturbed

Sentence: He became delirious and couldn't recognize people.

## 9. AVIDITY (noun) – 3ন্কেट इच्छा

Pronunciation: uh • vid • uh • tee

**Meaning:** extreme eagerness or enthusiasm. **Synonyms:** enthusiasm, keenness, eagerness

Antonyms: apathy, indifference

**Sentence:** He read detective stories with <u>avidity</u>.

#### 10. COMMOTION (noun) – हल्ला गुल्ला

Pronunciation: kuh•moh•shn

**Meaning:** a state of confused and noisy disturbance.

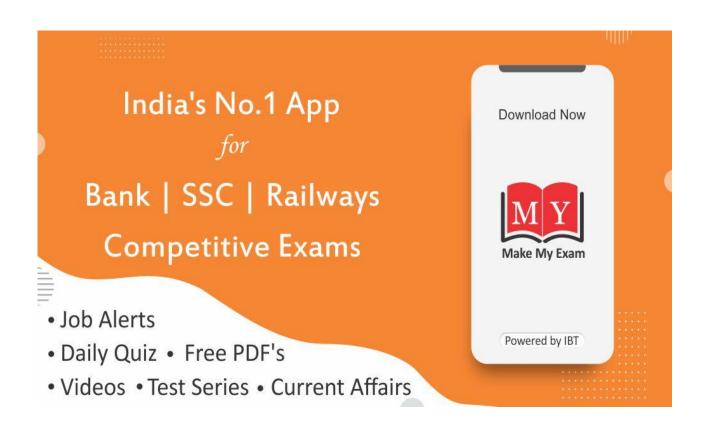
Synonyms: disturbance, ruckus, uproar

Antonyms: calm, hush, peace

**Sentence:** She was distracted by a <u>commotion</u> across the street.

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