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Exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read the usages to learn how to use them in sentences. After this, take the quiz based on the vocabulary to check how much you learnt. This will really help you boost up your learning.

**Happy learning!!!**

### 1. SOPORIFIC (noun) – निद्रादायक

**Pronunciation:** so·puh·ri·fuhk

**Meaning:** a drug or other substance that induces drowsiness or sleep

**Synonyms:** sedative, calmative, tranquillizer, narcotic, opiate, hypnotic

**Antonyms:** stimulant, refresher

**Usage:** Because of the medicine's soporific properties, the doctor told me to only take it at bedtime.

### 2. QUIESCENT (adjective) – मौन, स्थिर

**Pronunciation:** kwee·eh·snt

**Meaning:** in a state or period of inactivity or dormancy

**Synonyms:** inactive, inert, latent, fallow, passive, idle, inoperative

**Antonyms:** active

**Usage:** While the bees are quiescent early in the morning and in the evening, they are overactive in the middle of the day.

### 3. SUMPTUOUS (adjective) – वैभवशाली

**Pronunciation:** suhmp·tyoo·uhs

**Meaning:** splendid and expensive-looking

**Synonyms:** lavish, luxurious, splendid, deluxe, opulent, magnificent, resplendent

**Antonyms:** humble, plain, cheap

**Usage:** The restaurant's sumptuous buffet had some of the finest foods from all over the world.

### 4. ILLUSTRIOUS (adjective) – प्रसिद्ध

**Pronunciation:** uh·luh·stree·uhs

**Meaning:** well known, respected, and admired for past achievements

**Synonyms:** eminent, distinguished, acclaimed, noted, notable, prominent

**Antonyms:** unknown, obscure

**Usage:** He enjoyed a long and illustrious career as a radio producer.

### 5. EXAGGERATE (verb) – अतिशयोक्ति करना

**Pronunciation:** uhg·za·juh·reit

**Meaning:** represent something as being larger, better, or worse than it really is

**Synonyms:** overstate, overemphasize, overstress, overvalue, magnify, amplify

**Antonyms:** understate, downplay, underrate

**Usage:** He tends to exaggerate the difficulties.



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### 6. CODDLE (verb) – लाड़ प्यार करना

**Pronunciation:** ko·dl

**Meaning:** treat someone in an indulgent or overprotective way

**Synonyms:** pamper, cosset, mollycoddle, spoil, indulge, overparent

**Antonyms:** neglect, abandon, forsake

**Usage:** Many people coddle their children too much.

### 7. DESULTORY (adjective) – अनियमित, असंबद्ध

**Pronunciation:** deh·suhl·tuh·ree

**Meaning:** lacking a plan, purpose, or enthusiasm

**Synonyms:** casual, lukewarm, cursory, superficial, token, perfunctory, passing

**Antonyms:** keen, systematic, lasting

**Usage:** The committee meetings are desultory in practice because they generally have no real purpose other than as a social gathering.

## 8. INCURSION (noun) – आक्रमण

**Pronunciation:** uhng·kuh·shn

**Meaning:** an invasion or attack, especially a sudden or brief one

**Synonyms:** attack, raid, foray, infiltration, inroad, intrusion, penetration

**Antonyms:** retreat, withdraw

**Usage:** When the troops made an incursion across the border, they ruined any chance for peace between the two countries.

## 9. FATUOUS (adjective) – मूर्खतापूर्ण

**Pronunciation:** fa·choo·uhs

**Meaning:** silly and pointless

**Synonyms:** silly, foolish, stupid, inane, nonsensical, childish, puerile

**Antonyms:** intelligent, sensible

**Usage:** It was a fatuous choice to carry so many glass cups at once.

## 10. PARSIMONIOUS (adjective) – कंजूस

**Pronunciation:** paa·suh·mow·nee·uhs

**Meaning:** very unwilling to spend money or use resources

**Synonyms:** mean, miserly, niggardly, ungenerous, penurious, illiberal, stinting

**Antonyms:** generous, extravagant, lavish

**Usage:** To save money, the parsimonious old man always bought used clothes.

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