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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 mucah you learnt. This will really help you boost up your learning.

Happy learning!!!

# 1. CLINCH (verb) : पुष्टि करना

Pronunciation: klinchMeaning: confirm or settle (a contract or bargain).Synonyms: decide, settle, assureAntonyms: confuse, unsettleSentence: The rain clinched the matter, we would have the party indoors.

## 2. JOVIAL (adj.) : उल्लासपूर्ण

**Pronunciation: joh**.vee.uhl **Meaning:** cheerful and friendly. **Synonyms:** cheerful, jolly, happy **Antonyms:** glum, melancholy, sad **Sentence:** The trip to the amusement park put everyone in a jovial mood.

## 3.TERSE (adj.) : संक्षिप्त

Pronunciation: tuhsMeaning: marked by the use of few words to convey much information or meaning.Synonyms: concise, brief, summaryAntonyms: verbose, prolix, wordySentence: Derek's terse reply ended the conversation.

### 4. PENCHANT (noun) : लगन

Pronunciation: pawn shawn
Meaning: a habitual attraction to some activity or thing.
Synonyms: tendency, aptitude, inclination
Antonyms: aversion, distaste, dislike
Sentence: She has a penchant for Indian food.

### 5. DOTARD (noun) : बूढ़ा

### **Pronunciation:** *dotard*

**Meaning:** an old person, especially one who has become physically weak or whose mental faculties have declined.

Synonyms: geriatric, oldster, senior citizen



**Antonyms:** youth, youngster, adolescent **Sentence:** You are a real <u>dotard</u> to have forgotten it so easily.

### 6. ANIMADVERSION (noun) : निन्दा

Pronunciation: a·nuh·mad·vuh·shn
Meaning: criticism or censure.
Synonyms: critique, reprimand, condemnation
Antonyms: commendation, endorsement
Sentence: Their <u>animadversion</u> is caused by the deep pain, disappointment, and sorrow of western civilization.

### 7. DEVOUT (adj.) : धार्मिक

Pronunciation: duh·vawt
Meaning: having or showing deep religious feeling or commitment.
Synonyms: religious, reverent, holy
Antonyms: faithless, godless, impious
Sentence: Louis became an extremely <u>devout</u> and ascetic man.

#### 8. MACABRE (adj.) : भरंकर

Pronunciation: muh·kaa·bruh
Meaning: disturbing and horrifying because of involvement with or depiction of death and injury.
Synonyms: gruesome, grisly, ghastly
Antonyms: delightful, pleasant, appealing
Sentence: Even the police were horrified at the macabre nature of the killings.

### 9. APPORTIONMENT (noun) : विभाजन

Pronunciation: uh paw shuhn muhnt
Meaning: the action or result of apportioning something.
Synonyms: redistribution, division, reallocation
Antonyms: juncture, unity, whole
Sentence: <u>Apportionment</u> of seats in the House of Representatives and state legislatures is based on census data.

### 10. PROPOUNDED (verb) : प्रतिपादन करना

#### **Pronunciation:** pruh·**pawnd**·uhd

**Meaning:** put forward (an idea, theory, or point of view) for consideration by others. **Synonyms:** put forward, proposed, suggested **Antonyms:** answer, deny, disapprove



Sentence: The theory of natural selection was first propounded by Charles Darwin.

