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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. REBUFF (noun) : रोक

Pronunciation: ruh·byook
Meaning: an abrupt or ungracious refusal or rejection of an offer, request, or friendly gesture.
Synonyms: rejection, snub, slight
Antonyms: acceptance, embrace, welcome
Sentence: He received a humiliating rebuff from his manager.

2. CACOPHONY (noun) : कोलाहल

Pronunciation: kuh·kaw·fuh·nee **Meaning:** a harsh discordant mixture of sounds. **Synonyms:** noise, discord, dissonance **Antonyms:** quiet, silence, hush **Sentence:** All around was bubbling a <u>cacophony</u> of voices.

3. RAILLERY (noun) : मज़ाक

Pronunciation: rayl·uh·ree Meaning: good-humored teasing. Synonyms: teasing, chaff, banter Antonyms: flattery, bantering , praise Sentence: She was greeted with <u>raillery</u> from her fellow workers.

4. FASTIDIOUS (adj.) : दुराराध्य

Pronunciation: fa·sti·dee·uhs
Meaning: very attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail.
Synonyms: scrupulous, punctilious, assiduous
Antonyms: undemanding, unfastidious, unfussy
Sentence: Everything was planned in <u>fastidious</u> detail.

5. ADORATION (adj.) : आराधना

Pronunciation: a·duh·**ray**·shn **Meaning:** deep love and respect. **Synonyms:** love, devotion, worship



Antonyms: condemnation, disapproval, disdain **Sentence:** He gazed at her with pure <u>adoration</u>.

6. SEDULOUS (noun) : परिश्रमी

Pronunciation: seh · joo · luhs
Meaning: (of a person or action) showing dedication and diligence.
Synonyms: diligent, careful, meticulous
Antonyms: idle, inactive, unbusy
Sentence: He watched himself with the most <u>sedulous</u> care.

7. RETICENT (adj.) : मौन रहने वाला

Pronunciation: reh·tuh·snt
Meaning: not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily.
Synonyms: reserved, withdrawn, introverted
Antonyms: communicative, open, frank
Sentence: She was extremely reticent about her personal affairs.

8. UMBRAGE (noun) : अपमान

Pronunciation: uhm⋅bruhj **Meaning:** offense or annoyance. **Synonyms:** take offense, be offended, be affronted **Antonyms:** appeasement, mollification, pacification **Sentence:** She took <u>umbrage</u> at his remarks.

9. COMPLACENCY (noun) : शालीनता

Pronunciation: kuhm·play·suhns·ee
Meaning: a feeling of smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements.
Synonyms: smugness, self-satisfaction, self-approval
Antonyms: humbleness, humility, modesty
Sentence: Doctors have warned against <u>complacency</u> in fighting common diseases.

10. BALMY (adj.) : ख़ुशबूदार

Pronunciation: baam ee
Meaning: (of the weather) pleasantly warm.
Synonyms: mild, gentle, temperate
Antonyms: harsh, inclement, intemperate
Sentence: Brilliant blue skies and unseasonably <u>balmy</u> weather prevailed.



