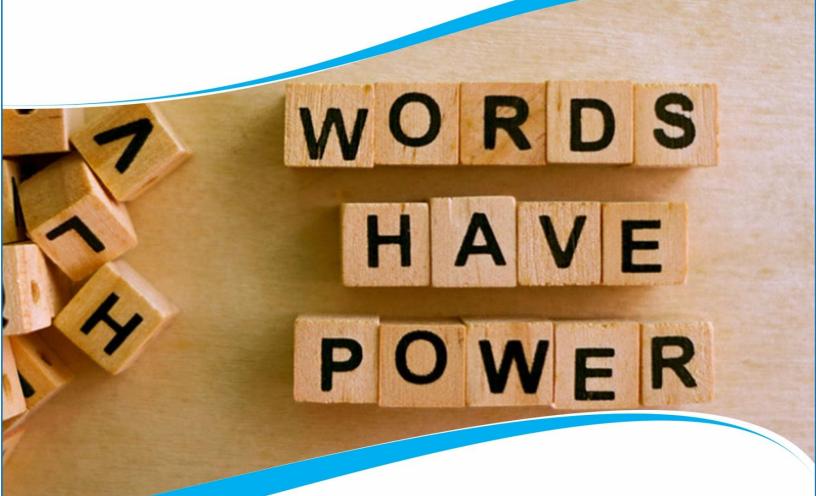




# DAILY VOCAB DOSE

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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. FORTUITOUS (ADJECTIVE): आकस्मिक

Pronunciation: faw·tyoo·uh·tuhs

**Meaning**: happening by chance rather than intention.

**Synonyms**: chance, unexpected, unanticipated **Antonyms**: calculated, deliberate, intentional

**Sentence**: Mark proved to be fortuitous by selecting all six winning lotto numbers.

#### 2. SMEAR (VERB): बदनाम करना

**Pronunciation:** smeeuh

**Meaning**: damage the reputation of (someone) by false accusations.

**Synonyms**: libel, slander, defame **Antonyms**: honor, exalt, glorify

**Sentence**: He is willing to smear his opponent if doing so would win the election.

## 3. PULVERIZE (VERB): टुकड़े टुकड़े करना

Pronunciation: pul·vuh·righz

**Meaning**: reduce to fine particles; press or crush something until it becomes powder or a

soft mass.

**Synonyms**: grind, crush, pound **Antonyms**: build , construct, erect

Sentence: The seeds can be used whole or pulverized into flour.

## 4. CURSORY (ADJECTIVE): जल्दबाजी

Pronunciation: kuh·suh·ree

Meaning: quick and short; done in a hurry.

Synonyms: hurried, hasty, rushed

Antonyms: deliberate, unhurried, unrushed

**Sentence**: He put aside the papers after a cursory study.

# 5. INCREDULITY (NOUN): अविश्वास

**Pronunciation**: in·kreh· dyoo·luh·tee

**Meaning**: the feeling of not wanting or not being able to believe something.

Synonyms: disbelief, skepticism, suspicion

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**Antonyms**: assurance, belief, certainty

**Sentence**: Many writers use exclamation points to show incredulity in their stories.

#### 6. OBTRUDE (VERB): हस्तक्षेप करना

Pronunciation: uhb·trood

**Meaning**: to make something or to become too noticeable, especially by interrupting.

**Synonyms**: intrude, meddle, interfere **Antonyms**: disregard, ignore, neglect

**Sentence**: I don't want to obtrude upon her privacy.

## 7. CORNERSTONE (NOUN): आधारशिला

Pronunciation: kaw·nuh·stone

Meaning: something of great importance that everything else depends on.

Synonyms: foundation, basis, keystone

Antonyms: crown, top

**Sentence**: The technology, usually the cornerstone of sci-fi, is biomechanical rather than

metallic.

## 8. ASININE (ADJECTIVE): बुद्धिहीन

**Pronunciation**: a · suh · nine

**Meaning:** extremely stupid or foolish.

**Synonyms**: absurd, silly, idiotic **Antonyms**: sensible, wise, sound

**Sentence**: It was asinine to run into the street like that. Anchor

## 9. OBFUSCATE (VERB): अस्पष्ट करना

Pronunciation: awb·fuh·skayt

**Meaning**: to make something less clear and harder to understand, especially intentionally.

**Synonyms**: obscure, confuse, complicate **Antonyms**: clarify, clear (up), simplify

Sentence: She was criticized for using arguments that obfuscated the main issue.

#### 10. DURESS(NOUN): दबाव

Pronunciation: dyoo·res

Meaning: threats, violence, to force someone into doing something against their will.

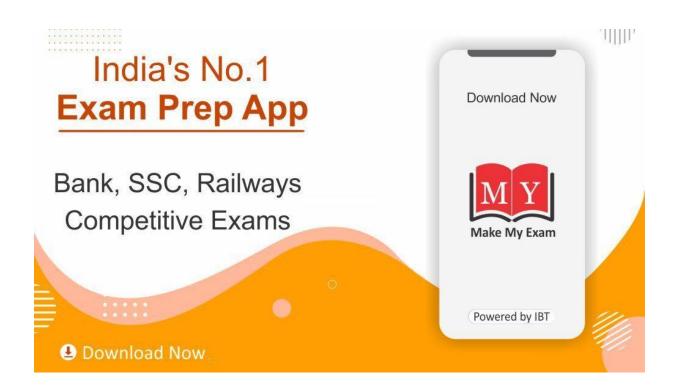
**Synonyms**: pressure, compulsion, coercion **Antonyms**: freedom, liberation, agreement

**Sentence**: I think Claire was under duress when she signed the agreement; she never

would have voluntarily accepted those conditions.

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