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Some exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read their usages to learn how to use them in sentences. This will really help you boost up your learning.

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## 1. EXHUME (verb) – मिट्टी खोद कर निकालना

**Pronunciation:** eks-hyoom / igz-hyoom

**Meaning:** dig out (something buried, especially a corpse) from the ground

**Synonyms:** disinter, unearth, disentomb, unbury, ungrave

**Antonym:** bury

**Usage:** The body was exhumed on the order of the judge.

## 2. ACUMEN (noun) – कुशाग्र बुद्धि

**Pronunciation:** akyu-mun / ukyoo-mun

**Meaning:** the ability to make good judgements and take quick decisions

**Synonyms:** shrewdness, acuity, sharpness

**Antonym:** witlessness

**Usage:** She has considerable business acumen.

## 3. OFFICIOUS (adjective) – परेशान करनेवाला

**Pronunciation:** ufi-shus

**Meaning:** assertive of authority in a domineering way, especially with regard to trivial matters; intrusively enthusiastic in offering help or advice

**Synonyms:** bumptious, self-assertive, overbearing, overzealous

**Antonym:** self-effacing

**Usage:** He had a reputation for being politically officious.

## 4. PUGNACIOUS (adjective) – झगड़ालू

**Pronunciation:** pug-nei-shus

**Meaning:** eager or quick to argue, quarrel, or fight

**Synonyms:** combative, aggressive, antagonistic, belligerent, bellicose

**Antonyms:** peaceable, friendly

**Usage:** My normally easygoing personality turned pugnacious.

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## 5. MANACLE (noun, verb) – हथकड़ी

**Pronunciation:** man-ukul

**Meaning:** one of two metal bands joined by a chain, for fastening a person's hands or ankles; confine (a person or part of the body) with manacles

**Synonyms:** handcuffs, shackles, chains; shackle, fetter, chain, handcuff, restrain, tie

**Usage:**

- The practice of keeping prisoners in manacles. (noun)

- He was manacled by the police. (verb)

## 6. BOLSHIE (adjective) – असहयोगी

**Pronunciation:** bolshi

**Meaning:** (of a person or attitude) uncooperative

**Synonyms:** uncooperative, awkward, contrary, truculent, perverse

**Antonyms:** helpful, cooperative

**Usage:** Firms may have to get used to bolshie workers.

## 7. VASSAL (noun) – जागीरदार

**Pronunciation:** vas-ul

**Meaning:** a person who owes loyalty/commitment and service to a feudal lord

**Synonyms:** vassal, liege, liegeman, bondsman, vavasour, slave

**Antonyms:** freeman, lord

**Usage:** During the Middle Ages, the vassal would sometimes go off to war in place of the lord in order to pay off his debt.

## 8. DETRACTOR (noun) – आलोचक

**Pronunciation:** di-trak-ter

**Meaning:** a person who regards someone or represents something as being of little worth

**Synonyms:** critic, disparager, denigrator

**Antonym:** supporter

**Usage:** This performance will silence many of his detractors.

## 9. INGENUOUS (adjective) – निष्कपट

**Pronunciation:** in-jenu-us

**Meaning:** (of a person or action) innocent and unsuspecting

**Synonyms:** naive, innocent, simple, childlike, trusting, trustful

**Antonyms:** disingenuous, artful

**Usage:** She looked at him with an ingenuous smile.

## 10. AFICIONADO (noun) – विशेषज्ञ, माहिर

**Pronunciation:** uf-isy-nado

**Meaning:** a person who is very knowledgeable and enthusiastic about an activity, subject, or pastime

**Synonyms:** expert, authority, specialist, connoisseur

**Usage:** He was a gun aficionado, and he had a collection of guns always around him.



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