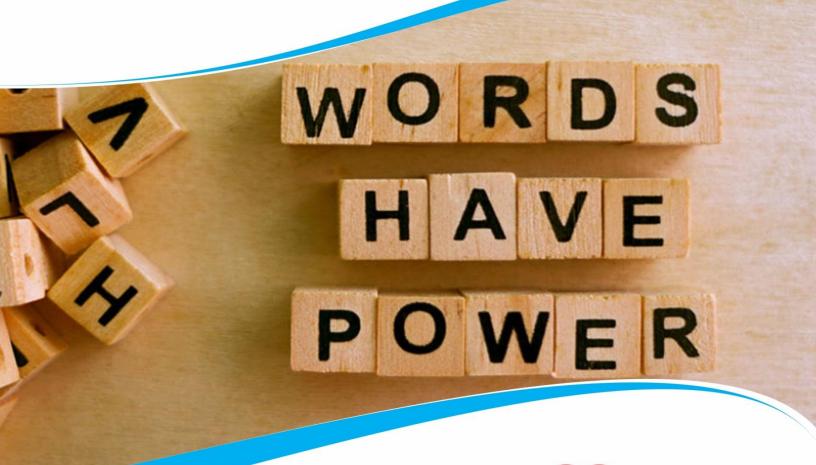




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Some exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read their usages to learn how to use them in sentences. This will really help you boost up your learning.

Happy Learning!!!

#### 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 <u>exhumed</u> on the order of the judge.

#### 2. ACUMEN (noun) – क्शाग्र 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) – স্থারাল

**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 <u>pugnacious</u>.

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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

hody) with manacles

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

Usage:

• The practice of keeping prisoners in <u>manacles</u>. (noun)

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• He was <u>manacled</u> 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: villein, 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 <u>ingenuous</u> smile.

#### 10. AFICIONADO (noun) - विशेषरा, 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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