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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. ELIXIR (noun) – अमृत, सत

**Pronunciation:** ilik-sur

**Meaning:** a liquid with medicinal or magical properties; a particular type of medicinal solution

**Synonyms:** potion, concoction, brew, philtre, decoction; mixture, solution, potion, tincture, extract, essence

**Usage:** The salesman was selling an elixir that he said would protect us all from the plague.

### 2. GRUELING (adjective) – थकानेवाला

**Pronunciation:** grualing

**Meaning:** extremely tiring and demanding

**Synonyms:** exhausting, tiring, fatiguing, wearying, enervating, taxing

**Usage:** Junior doctors often have to work for grueling 100 hours a week.

### 3. BELLICOSE (adjective) – झगड़ालू

**Pronunciation:** beli-ko-s

**Meaning:** demonstrating aggression and willingness to fight

**Synonyms:** belligerent, aggressive, hostile, threatening, antagonistic, pugnacious, truculent, confrontational, quarrelsome

**Antonym:** peaceable

**Usage:** The patient who took the new drug suddenly became bellicose.

### 4. INTERSTICE (noun) – अन्तराल

**Pronunciation:** inter-stis

**Meaning:** an intervening space, especially a very small one

**Synonyms:** space, gap, interval, aperture, opening

**Usage:** The interstices between the bricks let in cold air.

### 5. BEATIFIC (adjective) – सुखी, शुभ मंगलकारी

**Pronunciation:** beetifik

**Meaning:** feeling or expressing blissful happiness

**Synonyms:** rapturous, joyful, ecstatic, seraphic, blissful, serene, happy, beaming, glad

**Usage:** She had an almost beatific expression on her pretty face.

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### 6. ERSATZ (noun) – प्रतिस्थापन

**Pronunciation:** istats

**Meaning:** (of a product) made or used as a substitute, typically an inferior one, for something else

**Synonyms:** artificial, substitute, imitation, synthetic, fake, false, mock

**Antonym:** genuine

**Usage:** The jeweler immediately noticed the flaws in the ersatz diamond.

### 7. SANGFROID (noun) – धीरता, स्थिरता

**Pronunciation:** so-frwaa

**Meaning:** calmness shown in danger or under difficult circumstances

**Synonyms:** composure, equanimity, self-possession; equilibrium, aplomb, poise, assurance, self-assurance, self-control

**Usage:** This sangfroid could be tested by several threats.

### 8. BIZARRE (noun) – विचित्र, अजीब

**Pronunciation:** bi-zaar

**Meaning:** very strange or unusual

**Synonyms:** strange, peculiar, odd, funny, curious

**Antonyms:** ordinary, normal

**Usage:** To my grandmother, wearing an earring on your bottom lip is a bizarre thing to do.

### 9. DESULTORY (adjective) – अनियमित, असंबद्ध

**Pronunciation:** di-sul-tri

**Meaning:** lacking a plan, purpose, or enthusiasm

**Synonyms:** casual, half-hearted, lukewarm, cursory, superficial

**Antonyms:** keen, systematic, lasting

**Usage:** The students were confused by the teacher's desultory lecture which seemed to have no real focus.

### 10. ZEALOT (noun) – कट्टरपंथी

**Pronunciation:** zelut

**Meaning:** a person who is fanatical and uncompromising in pursuit of his religious, political, or other ideals

**Synonyms:** fanatic, enthusiast, extremist, radical

**Antonym:** moderate

**Usage:** The religious zealot was willing to break the law to follow his prophet's orders.



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