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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. MATRIARCH (noun) : कुलमाता

Pronunciation: may tree aak
Meaning: a female head of a family
Synonyms: feminine, maternal, womanly
Antonyms: young, immature
Sentence: when the matriarch dies, one of the oldest offspring take her place.

2. ARCHIPELAGO (noun) : द्वीपसमूह

Pronunciation: aa·kuh·peh·luh·goh
Meaning: a group of islands
Synonyms: peninsula, enclave, bar, cay
Antonyms: landmass, shore, continent
Sentence: lakshadweep is an <u>archipelago</u> of 12 atolls, 3 reefs & 5 submerged banks.

3. SABOTAGE (verb) : तोड़फोड़-

Pronunciation: sa·buh·taazh **Meaning:** deliberately destroy, damage or obstruct etc **Synonyms:** demolishing, destruction, ravage **Antonyms:** conservation, protection, salvage **Sentence:** they tried to <u>sabotage</u> the ceasefire.

4. HITHERTO (adj.) : अब तक

Pronunciation: hi·dhuh·too **Meaning:** describe a situation that has existed up to this point or upto the present time **Synonyms:** before, yet, so far **Antonyms:** afterwards, later, there upon **Sentence:** smriti madhana revealed <u>hitherto</u> great talent on cricket pitch.

5. EXPULSION (noun) : निष्कासन

Pronunciation: uhk·spuhl·zhn **Meaning:** the action of forcing someone to leave an organisation. **Synonyms:** banishment, displacement **Antonyms:** admission, allow



Sentence: <u>expulsion</u> from school a harsh form of punishment.

6. SEMANTIC (noun) : अर्थ

Pronunciation: suh·man·tuhk
Meaning: connected with the meaning & sentence
Synonyms: connotation, definition, explanation
Antonym: meaningless
Sentence: my ideas on <u>semantics</u> needed more careful exploration.

7. DISDAIN (noun) : तिरस्कार

Pronunciation: duhs daynMeaning: the feeling that somebody is not good enough to be respected.Synonyms: contempt, hate, execrationAntonyms: acceptance, toleranceSentence: he turned his head away in <u>disdain</u>.

8. COHERENT (adj.) : सूसंगत

Pronunciation: koh·heeuh·ruhnt Meaning: logical & consistent Synonyms: analytics, consequent Antonyms: eristic, misleading Sentence: the government lacks a coherent economic policy.

9. SINISTER (adj.) : भयावह

Pronunciation: si nuh stuh **Meaning:** singularly evil or productive of evil **Synonyms:** baleful, dire, doomy **Antonyms:** unthreatening, bright, golden **Sentence:** there was something <u>sinister</u> about his death.

10. VERNACULAR (noun) : मातृभाषा

Pronunciation: vuh·na·kyoo·luh **Meaning:** the language spoken in a particular area **Synonyms:** colloquial, informal **Antonyms:** formal, learned, literary **Sentence:** he lapsed into the local <u>vernacular</u>.



