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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!!!** 

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# 1. DISSENSION (noun) : मतभेद

Pronunciation: duh·sen·shn
Meaning: disagreement that leads to discord.
Synonyms: disagreement, difference of opinion, dispute
Antonyms: accord, agreement, concord
Sentence: You won't sow <u>dissension</u> between us.

## 2. EXIGUOUS (adj.) : अल्प

Pronunciation: uhg·zi·gyoo·uhs
Meaning: very small in size or amount.
Synonyms: meagre, inadequate, insufficient
Antonyms: abundant, ample, bountiful
Sentence: The rest of the old man's <u>exiguous</u> savings are donated to that boy.

## 3. HARROWING (adj.) : शोकजनक

Pronunciation: ha · roh · uhng
Meaning: acutely distressing.
Synonyms: agonizing, excruciating, racking
Antonyms: gratifying, pleasing, acceptable
Sentence: There was a <u>harrowing</u> portrayal of the ravages of war.

# 4. QUASHING (verb) : रद्द करने

Pronunciation: kvawsh uhng
Meaning: reject or void, especially by legal procedure.
Synonyms: cancel, reverse, rescind
Antonyms: enact, establish, endorse
Sentence: His conviction was <u>quashed</u> on appeal.

#### 5. DISCOMFITURE (noun) : पराभव

**Pronunciation:** duh·**skuhm**·fuh·chuh **Meaning:** a feeling of unease or embarrassment; awkwardness. **Synonyms:** embarrassment, unease, uneasiness **Antonyms:** assurance, composure, confidence



Sentence: Without experiencing <u>discomfiture</u> and setbacks, one can never find the truth.

#### 6. QUISLING (noun) : ग़द्दार

Pronunciation: kviz·luhng
Meaning: a traitor who collaborates with an enemy force occupying their country.
Synonyms: apostate, backstabber, betrayer
Antonyms: patriot, companion, jingoist, nationalist
Sentence: King warned that all <u>quislings</u> would be punished without mercy.

#### 7. WONT (noun) : स्वभाव

**Pronunciation:** vonet **Meaning:** a usual manner of behaving or doing **Synonyms:** habit, habitude, second nature **Antonyms:** unaccustomed, unused, unwonted. **Sentence:** He got up early, as is his <u>wont</u>.

#### 8. CON (verb) : ठगना

Pronunciation: kawnMeaning: persuade (someone) to do or believe something, typically by use of deception.Synonyms: swindle, defraud, cheatAntonyms: undeceive, discloseSentence: Tried to <u>con</u> me into thinking that he had won the lottery.

## 9. MINATORY (adj.) : धमकी

Pronunciation: mi·na·to·ry
Meaning: expressing or conveying a threat.
Synonyms: menacing, threatening, baleful
Antonyms: unthreatening, propitious
Sentence: The novel's protagonist is haunted by a minatory black spectre.

# 10. ATAVISTIC (adj.) : पैतृक

Pronunciation: a·tuh·vi·stuhk
Meaning: relating to or characterized by reversion to something ancient or ancestral.
Synonyms: bygone, erstwhile, former
Antonyms: contemporary, current, modern
Sentence: It would be wrong to interpret them as <u>atavistic</u> remnants.



