

# **DAILY** **VOCAB DOSE**

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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.PRODIGAL (verb) – खर्चीला

**Pronunciation:** pro•duh•gl

**Meaning:** spending money or using resources freely and recklessly

**Synonyms:** wasteful, extravagant, spendthrift, improvident, imprudent, profligate

**Antonyms:** thrifty, economical, parsimonious

**Usage:** Jack's prodigal actions left him penniless and without a home.

### 2.GUILELESS (adjective) – निष्कपट

**Pronunciation:** gail•lus

**Meaning:** innocent and without deception

**Synonyms:** ingenuous, open, honest, sincere, genuine

**Antonym:** scheming, cunning, guileful

**Usage:** She had the guileless innocence of a child on her face.

### 3.DENIGRATE (verb) – बदनाम करना

**Pronunciation:** deni•gr•eit

**Meaning:** criticize unfairly

**Synonyms:** disparage, belittle, diminish, deprecate, roast

**Antonym:** extol, commend, compliment

**Usage:** Bullies often denigrate others to hide their own feelings of worthlessness.

### 4.COMPENDIOUS (adjective) – संक्षिप्त

**Pronunciation:** kuhm•pen•dee•uhs

**Meaning:** containing or presenting the essential facts of something in a comprehensive but concise way

**Synonyms:** succinct, pithy, brief, crisp, compact, concise, condensed

**Antonyms:** rambling, expanded, lengthened

**Usage:** This essay is a compendious study of advantages and disadvantages of marriage.

### 5.FANTASY (noun) – कल्पना

**Pronunciation:** fan•tuh•see

**Meaning:** a pleasant thought of an unlikely enjoyable situation

**Synonyms:** imagination, creativity, fancy, vision, speculation

**Antonyms:** truth, reality, actuality

**Usage:** Sometimes reality and fantasy are hard to distinguish.



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### 6.DRASTIC (adjective) – भीषण, प्रबल

**Pronunciation:** draas•tik

**Meaning:** likely to have a strong or far-reaching effect

**Synonyms:** extreme, serious, forceful, desperate, extreme

**Antonyms:** mild, moderate, calm

**Usage:** After he lost the game, his drastic reaction was to punch a wall.

### 7.ELITE (noun) - विशिष्ट वर्ग

**Pronunciation:** uh•leet

**Meaning:** individuals who are viewed as the finest in a group or society

**Synonyms:** best, pick, nonpareil, elect, aristocracy, nobility, gentry, upper class

**Antonym:** dregs, ordinary, proletariat

**Usage:** An elite group of surgeons will perform the complex surgery on the president.

### 8.PRISTINE (adjective) – बेदाग

**Pronunciation:** pri•steen

**Meaning:** clean and fresh as if new

**Synonyms:** spotless, immaculate, perfect, unspoiled, flawless, clean, fresh

**Antonyms:** dirty, sullied, affected

**Usage:** My uncle's antique car is pristine and has all its original parts.

### 9.SERMON (noun) – उपदेश

**Pronunciation:** suh•muhn

**Meaning:** a lecture

**Synonyms:** lecture, tirade, harangue, diatribe, speech, monologue, declamation

**Antonyms:** commendation

**Usage:** The guest speaker preached a moving sermon about forgiveness.

### 10.HYPERBOLE (noun) – अतिशयोक्ति

**Pronunciation:** hai•puh•buh•lee

**Meaning:** exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally

**Synonyms:** exaggeration, overstatement, magnification, amplification, embellishment

**Antonyms:** understatement, lessening, compression

**Usage:** If the politician uses one more hyperbole in his speech, I will know he is exaggerating about all his claims.



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