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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. VIRTUOSO (noun) : कलाप्रवीण व्यक्ति

Pronunciation: vuh•tyoo•oh•soh
Meaning: a person highly skilled in music or another artistic pursuit.
Synonyms: genius, expert, prodigy
Antonyms: amateur, amateurish, inexperienced
Sentence: He was gaining a reputation as a remarkable <u>virtuoso</u>.

#### 2. EXHORT (verb) : समझाना

Pronunciation: uhg•zawt
Meaning: strongly encourage or urge (someone) to do something.
Synonyms: urge, encourage, adjure
Antonyms: deter, discourage, dissuade
Sentence: The governor <u>exhorted</u> the prisoners not to riot.

#### 3. INKLING(noun) : आभास

Pronunciation: ing•kluhngMeaning: a slight knowledge or suspicion; a hint.Synonyms: idea, sense, notionAntonyms: answer, solutionSentence: The records give us an inkling of how people saw the world.

### 4. PERVERSE (adj.) : विकृत

Pronunciation: puh•vuhs
Meaning: (of a person or their actions) showing a deliberate and obstinate desire to behave in a way that is unreasonable or unacceptable, often in spite of the consequences.
Synonyms: awkward, contrary, difficult
Antonyms: affable, companionable, cordial
Sentence: This kind of reasoning is deeply perverse.

#### 5. VENERATION (noun) : उपासना

**Pronunciation:** veh•nuh•ray•shn **Meaning:** a feeling or act of great respect, admiration, or devotion **Synonyms:** reverence, respect, worship



**Antonyms:** condemnation, disapproval, disdain **Sentence:** Holy relics are often objects of <u>veneration</u>.

#### 6. UNAMBIGUOUS (adj.) : स्पष्ट

**Pronunciation:** uhn•am•buh•gyoo•uhs **Meaning:** not open to more than one interpretation. **Synonyms:** obvious, plain, apparent **Antonyms:** ambiguous, indefinite, vague **Sentence:** Instructions should be <u>unambiguous</u>.

#### 7. DEFUNCT (adj.) : मृत

Pronunciation: duh•fuhngktMeaning: no longer existing or functioning.Synonyms: non-existent, faded, moribundAntonyms: alive, existent, livingSentence: After being hit by a hurricane, the entire neighborhood was defunct.

## 8. MUCK (noun) : कूड़ा-कर्कट

Pronunciation: muhkMeaning: dirt, rubbish, or waste matter.Synonyms: dirt, grime, filthAntonyms: cleanliness, cleannessSentence: I'll just clean the <u>muck</u> off the windshield.

#### 9. CONSENSUS (noun) : आम सहमति

Pronunciation: kuhn•sen•suhs
Meaning: a general agreement.
Synonyms: agreement, harmony, concord
Antonyms: conflict, disagreement, dissensus
Sentence: I want to get a new bike but I am not getting <u>consensus</u> from my family members.

#### 10. WARLOCK (noun) : जादूगर

Pronunciation: vaw•lawkMeaning: a man who practices witchcraft; a sorcerer.Synonyms: sorcerer, wizard, divinerAntonyms: Witch, big thinker, deep thinkerSentence: A dead <u>warlock</u> does no damage.



