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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. DEADPAN (adjective) – भावशून्य

**Pronunciation:** ded-pan

**Meaning:** expressionless

**Synonyms:** blank, unexpressive, inexpressive, impassive

**Antonyms:** expressive, comical

**Usage:** She delivered her dialogue in a deadpan voice.

## 2. FORTHRIGHT (adjective) – स्पष्टवादी, साफ़दिल

**Pronunciation:** fo-th-raït

**Meaning:** (of a person or their manner or speech) direct and outspoken

**Synonyms:** frank, direct, straightforward, honest

**Antonyms:** secretive, dishonest

**Usage:** His forthright manner can be mistaken for rudeness.

## 3. SPRIGHTLY (adjective) – उत्साहयुक्त, जिन्दादिल

**Pronunciation:** sp-raït-li

**Meaning:** (especially of an old person) lively; full of energy

**Synonyms:** lively, spry, energetic, active

**Antonyms:** doddering, sluggish, lethargic, inactive

**Usage:** She was quite sprightly for her age.

## 4. RETRENCH (verb) – अल्प-व्यय करना, घटाना

**Pronunciation:** ri-trench

**Meaning:** (of an organization or individual) reduce costs or spending in response to economic difficulty; reduce (something) in extent or quantity

**Synonyms:** economize, cut back; reduce, cut, cut down, pare

**Usage:** Inflation has forced us to retrench.

## 5. MERETRICIOUS (adjective) – दिखावे का

**Pronunciation:** meri-tri-shus

**Meaning:** attractive but having no real value

**Synonyms:** flashy, pretentious, gaudy, tawdry, trashy, garish

**Usage:** He claims that a lot of journalism is meretricious and superficial.

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## 6. PATRICIAN (noun, adjective) – कुलीन, अभिजात

**Pronunciation:** put-ri-shun

**Meaning:** a person of high social rank; of or like a person of high social rank

**Synonyms:** aristocrat, grandee, noble, nobleman, noblewoman, lord; aristocratic, noble, noble-born, titled, high-born, well

born, upper-class, elite

Usage: Marcus was born into a patrician family of great wealth.

### 7. EVANESCENT (adjective) – क्षण भंगुर

**Pronunciation:** ev(u)n-es(u)nt / eevun-es(u)nt

**Meaning:** soon passing out of sight, memory, or existence; quickly fading or disappearing

**Synonyms:** vanishing, fading, evaporating, disappearing, diminishing, dwindling

**Antonyms:** unlimited, permanent

Usage: Talk is evanescent but writing leaves footprints.

### 8. QUIESCENT (adjective) – निष्क्रिय

**Pronunciation:** kwi-es(u)nt / kwai-es(u)nt

**Meaning:** in a state or period of inactivity

**Synonyms:** inactive, inert, latent, fallow, passive, idle

**Antonym:** active

Usage: The political situation was now relatively quiescent.

### 9. CONVALESCE (verb) – स्वास्थ्य-लाभ करना

**Pronunciation:** kon-vul-es

**Meaning:** recover one's health and strength over a period of time after an illness or medical treatment

**Synonyms:** recuperate, recover, improve

**Antonym:** deteriorate

Usage: He spent eight months convalescing after the stroke.

### 10. UNRIVALLED (adjective) – अद्वितीय

**Pronunciation:** un-rai-vuld

**Meaning:** better than everyone or everything of the same type

**Synonyms:** unequalled, unparalleled, matchless

**Antonym:** average

Usage: His knowledge of ancient civilizations is unrivalled.



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