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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.RELEGATE (verb): बाहर निकाल देना

**Pronunciation:** reh·luh·gayt

**Meaning:** consign or dismiss to an inferior rank or position.

**Synonyms:** downgrade, lower in rank, put down

**Antonyms:** promote, rise, upgrade

**Sentence:** They aim to prevent women from being relegated to a secondary role.

### 2.DISCONCERTING (adj.): चिंताजनक

**Pronunciation:** dis·kuhn·suht·uhng **Meaning:** causing one to feel unsettled.

**Synonyms:** unsettling, unnerving, discomfiting **Antonyms:** calming, comforting, reassuring

**Sentence:** I found some of his personal habits rather <u>disconcerting</u>.

### 3.BENIGHTED (adj.): अनाड़ी

Pronunciation: buh nite uhd

Meaning: in a state of pitiful or contemptible intellectual or moral ignorance, typically

owing to a lack of opportunity.

Synonyms: unenlightened, uneducated, illiterate

Antonyms: educated, enlightened, literate

**Sentence:** They saw themselves as bringers of culture to poor <u>benighted</u> peoples.

# 4.HAGGLE (verb): सौदेबाज़ी करना

Pronunciation: ha-gl

**Meaning:** dispute or bargain persistently, especially over the cost of something.

**Synonyms:** barter, bargain, negotiate **Antonyms:** agree, concur, comply

**Sentence:** Ella taught her how to <u>haggle</u> with used furniture dealers.

# 5.NONPLUSSED (adj.) : भौचक

**Pronunciation:** nawn·pluhst

Meaning: (of a person) surprised and confused so much that they are unsure how to react.

Synonyms: confused, bewildered, bemused

Antonyms: undaunted, unfazed

**Sentence:** I was completely <u>nonplussed</u> by his sudden appearance.



## 6.FLIMSY (adj.): कमज़ोर

Pronunciation: flim.zee

**Meaning:** comparatively light and insubstantial; easily damaged.

Synonyms: insubstantial, slight, light

Antonyms: sturdy, substantial

**Sentence:** The storm flattened the flimsy wooden huts that the villagers lived in.

#### 7.PANDEMONIUM (noun): विप्लव

**Pronunciation:** pan·duh·moh·nee·uhm

**Meaning:** wild and noisy disorder or confusion; uproar.

Synonyms: bedlam, chaos, mayhem

Antonyms: calm, hush, peace

**Sentence:** There was <u>pandemonium</u> when the news was announced.

### 8.SPEW (verb): निकाल डालना

**Pronunciation**: spyoo

**Meaning:** expel large quantities of (something) rapidly and forcibly.

**Synonym**s: emit, discharge, eject **Antonyms**: prevent, absorb, stay

**Sentence:** The drains <u>spew</u> millions of gallons of raw sewage into the river.

### 9.IMPLORE (verb): प्रार्थना करना

**Pronunciation:** im-plaw

Meaning: beg someone earnestly or desperately to do something.

**Synonyms:** plead with, beg, entreat

Antonyms: oblige

**Sentence:** We <u>implore</u> you to leave now.

# 10.MALFEASANCE (noun) : दुराचार

Pronunciation: mal·fea·sance

**Meaning:** wrongdoing, especially by a public official.

**Synonyms:** misdoing, wrongdoing, crime **Antonyms:** behavior, manners, obedience

Sentence: In almost every section of his speech, malfeasance or illegal practices were

mentioned.

## 11.REFUTE (verb): खंडन

**Pronunciation:** ruh-fyoot

Meaning: prove (a statement or theory) to be wrong or false

Synonyms: disprove, prove wrong, confute



Antonyms: confirm, prove, validate

**Sentence:** We can easily <u>refute</u> his argument.

12.FILTHY (adj.) : गंदा

Pronunciation: filth-ee
Meaning: disgustingly dirty.
Synonyms: dirty, mucky, grimy
Antonyms: clean, pure, purified

**Sentence:** He never washed, and always wore a <u>filthy</u> old jacket.

### 13.AWESOMESAUCE (adj.) : बहुत अच्छा

Pronunciation: awe·some·sauce
Meaning: extremely good; excellent.

Synonyms: excellent, exceptional, wonderful

Antonyms: very bad, poor, inferior

Sentence: It was an awesomesauce performance.



## 14.CONFLUENCE (noun) : संगम

**Pronunciation**: kawn·floo·uhns

Meaning: the junction of two rivers, especially rivers of approximately equal width.

**Synonyms:** convergence, meeting, junction

Antonyms: divergence, separation

**Sentence:** The 160-meter falls mark the dramatic <u>confluence</u> of the rivers Nera and Velino.

# 15.SHIRK (verb) : भागना

**Pronunciation:** shuhk

**Meaning:** avoid or neglect (a duty or responsibility)

**Synonyms:** evade, dodge, avoid **Antonyms:** accept, embrace, pursue

**Sentence:** He never <u>shirked</u> from doing his duty.

# 16.EMANATE (verb): निकालना

**Pronunciation**: eh·muh·nayt



**Meaning:** (of something abstract but perceptible) issue or spread out from (a source).

**Synonyms**: emerge, flow, pour **Antonyms**: absorb, go away

**Sentence**: Good smells <u>emanated</u> from the kitchen.

#### 17.CONNIVANCE (noun): मिलीभगत

**Pronunciation**: kuh·nive·uhns

**Meaning:** willingness to secretly allow or be involved in wrongdoing, especially an

immoral or illegal act.

**Synonyms:** collusion, complicity, collaboration

Antonyms: disagreement, incompatibility

**Sentence:** He tried to bribe the police into connivance.

### 18.FUTILE (adj.): व्यर्थ

Pronunciation: fyoo-tile

Meaning: incapable of producing any useful result

Synonyms: vain, pointless, useless

Antonyms: effective, productive, efficient

**Sentence:** His negotiations with Russia proved futile.

### 19.COLOSSAL (adj.) : प्रचंड

**Pronunciation:** kuh·law·sl **Meaning:** extremely large.

**Synonyms:** huge, massive, enormous

Antonyms: bitty, diminutive

Sentence: In the center of the hall stood a colossal wooden statue, decorated in ivory and

gold.

### 20.CLANDESTINE (adj.): गुप्त

**Pronunciation**: klan-deh-stn

**Meaning:** kept secret or done secretively, especially because illicit.

**Synonyms**: secret, covert, furtive **Antonyms**: open, overt, public

**Sentence:** From the van, the police watched as the <u>clandestine</u> drug deal occurred.

## 21.BALMY (adj.): शान्तिदायक

**Pronunciation:** balm·y

**Meaning:** (of the weather) pleasantly warm.

Synonyms: calm, tranquil, gentle

**Antonyms:** harsh, wintry

**Sentence:** It is easy to be blinded by the brilliance of that <u>balmy</u> Melbourne night.



### 22.OBLIVION (noun): विस्मरण

Pronunciation: uh·bli·vee·uhn

**Meaning:** the state of being unaware or unconscious of what is happening.

Synonyms: unconsciousness, insensibility, stupor

Antonyms: consciousness, awareness

**Sentence:** Alcoholics often suffer from periods of <u>oblivion</u>.

23.MORPH (verb) : परिवर्तन

**Pronunciation:** mawf

Meaning: to take on a different shape, appearance, or state

Synonyms: transform, change, transfigure

Antonyms: maintain, stagnate, keep

**Sentence:** When it emerged from its chrysalis, the caterpillar had <u>morphed</u> into a striking

butterfly.

#### 24.ENVISION (verb) : कल्पना करना

**Pronunciation:** uhn·vi·zhn

**Meaning:** imagine as a future possibility; visualize.

**Synonyms:** visualize, imagine, envisage **Antonyms:** disregard, ignore, look away

Sentence: They didn't envision any problems with the new building.

## 25.SURREPTITIOUS (adj.): छल से किया हुआ

**Pronunciation:** suh·ruhp·ti·shuhs

Meaning: kept secret, especially because it would not be approved of.

Synonyms: secret, stealthy, clandestine

Antonyms: overt, public, open

**Sentence:** She carried out a <u>surreptitious</u> search of his belongings.

### 26.PERENNIALLY (adv.): निरंतर

**Pronunciation:** puh·reh·nee·uhl·ee

**Meaning:** in a way that continues for a long or apparently infinite time; permanently.

Synonyms: long, enduringly, perpetually

Antonyms: never, once, nevermore

**Sentence:** Both services are <u>perennially</u> short of staff.

## 27.GALE (noun) : आंधी

**Pronunciation:** gale

Meaning: a very strong wind.

Synonyms: storm, hurricane, windstorm

Antonyms: calm



Sentence: It was blowing a gale outside.

#### 28.LINEAGE (noun) : वंशावली

**Pronunciation:** li nee uhj

Meaning: lineal descent from an ancestor; ancestry or pedigree.

**Synonyms:** ancestry, parentage, pedigree

Antonyms: progeny, seed

**Sentence:** She's very proud of her ancient royal lineage.

#### 29.THEREIN (adv.) : यहां

Pronunciation: dheuh rin

**Meaning:** in that place, document, or respect.

**Synonyms:** here, hither, there **Antonyms:** out, after all

Sentence: It shall be sufficient evidence of the facts therein contained.

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### 30.HELTER-SKELTER (adj.): अस्त व्यस्त

**Pronunciation**: helter-skelter

Meaning: acting or done with excessive or careless speed

Synonyms: hurried, rushed, hasty

Antonyms: unhurried, deliberate, unrushed

**Sentence:** They ran away <u>helter-skelter</u>, but the police gained ground upon them.

## 31.AFFRONTED (verb): अपमानित

**Pronunciation:** uh fruhnt uhd

Meaning: offend the modesty or values of.

Synonyms: insult, offend, outrage

**Antonyms:** acclaimed, applauded, praised **Sentence:** Her speech <u>affronted</u> all of us.

# 32.DETRITUS (noun) : बेकार

**Pronunciation:** duh trai tuhs

**Meaning:** waste or debris of any kind.



Synonyms: debris, waste, rubble

Antonyms: trove, valuable

**Sentence:** Streets filled with rubble and detritus.

#### 33.PROCRASTINATION (noun) : टालमटोल

**Pronunciation:** pruh·kra·stuh·nay·shn

**Meaning:** the action of delaying or postponing something.

**Synonyms:** dithering, delaying tactics, dilatoriness

**Antonyms:** alacrity, eagerness, readiness **Sentence:** Procrastination is the thief of time.

# 34.EVOCATIVE (adj.): विचारोत्तेजक

**Pronunciation:** uh·vawk·uht·uhv

**Meaning:** bringing strong images, memories, or feelings to mind.

**Synonyms:** reminiscent, suggestive, redolent

Antonyms: unreminiscent

**Sentence:** Those old toys are <u>evocative</u> of my childhood.

### 35.SENTINEL (noun): पहरेदार

**Pronunciation:** sen·tuhn·uhl

Meaning: a soldier or guard whose job is to stand and keep watch.

Synonyms: bodyguard, convoy, defender

Antonyms: aggress, attack, whop

**Sentence:** The <u>sentinel</u> was stationed on a hill.

# 36.DICEY (adj.): अप्रत्याशित

Pronunciation: dise-ee

**Meaning:** unpredictable and potentially dangerous.

**Synonyms:** risky, uncertain, unpredictable **Antonyms:** certain, changeless, constant

**Sentence:** The company's finances look a bit <u>dicey</u>.

## 37.KNAVERY (noun) : धूर्तता

**Pronunciation:** knavery

Meaning: a playful or mischievous act intended as a joke

Synonyms: roguery, waggery, frolic

Antonyms: gravity, seriousness, solemnity

**Sentence:** Knavery may serve for a turn, but honesty is in the long run.

38.BEWAIL (verb) : शोक मनाना

**Pronunciation:** buh·vayl



**Meaning:** express great regret, disappointment, or bitterness over (something).

Synonyms: lament, bemoan, sorrow for

**Antonyms:** delight, glory, joy

**Sentence:** She <u>bewailed</u> her misfortune.

### 39.RUDIMENTARY (adj.): मौलिक

Pronunciation: roo·duh·ment·uh·ree

**Meaning:** involving or limited to basic principles.

**Synonyms:** basic, elementary, introductory **Antonyms:** advanced, developed, evolved

Sentence: He had only a <u>rudimentary</u> knowledge of science.

### 40.INIQUITOUS (adj.): अधर्म

**Pronunciation:** uh·ni·kvuh·tuhs

**Meaning:** grossly unfair and morally wrong.

**Synonyms:** wicked, sinful, evil **Antonyms:** decent, ethical, good

**Sentence:** It is an iniquitous system that allows a person to die because they have no

money to pay for medicine.

### 41.HAVEN (noun): शरण

**Pronunciation:** hay vn

**Meaning:** a place of safety or refuge. **Synonyms:** refuge, shelter, sanctuary **Antonyms:** hellhole, inferno, quagmire

**Sentence:** The river banks are a <u>haven</u> for wildlife.

## 42.RENEGE (verb): इनकार

Pronunciation: ruh nayg

Meaning: go back on a promise, undertaking, or contract.

Synonyms: withdraw, recall, retract

Antonyms: fulfil, keep

**Sentence:** If you <u>renege</u> on the deal now, I'll fight you in the courts.

# 43.STENCH (noun) : बदबू

**Pronunciation:** stench

**Meaning:** a strong and very unpleasant smell.

**Synonyms:** stink, bad smell, foul smell **Antonyms:** fragrance, aroma, sweetness

**Sentence:** The air was filled with the overpowering <u>stench</u> of decomposing vegetation.



# 44.CONGENIAL (adj.): अनुकूल

**Pronunciation:** kuhn · jee · nee · uhl

Meaning: (of a person) pleasant because of a personality, qualities, or interests that are

similar to one's own.

Synonyms: pleasant, delightful, enjoyable

Antonyms: disagreeable, unpleasant, miserable

**Sentence:** The department provides a <u>congenial</u> atmosphere for research.

## 45.FIDDLING (adj.): निरर्थक

Pronunciation: fi-duhl-uhng

**Meaning:** of little value or importance.

Synonyms: little, minor, trivial

Antonyms: significant, important, major

Sentence: You should delegate these fiddling matters to your staff so that you can focus on

more important issues.



### 46.SKEWED (verb): तिरछा करना

**Pronunciation:** skyood

Meaning: suddenly change direction or position.

**Synonyms:** tilted, uneven, crooked **Antonyms:** straight, level, uniform

**Sentence:** The picture on the wall was slightly <u>skewed</u>.

## 47.SHIRKER (noun): कामचोर

**Pronunciation:** shirker

**Meaning:** one who deliberately avoids work or duty.

Synonyms: idler, lingerer, sluggard

Antonyms: doer, hustler

**Sentence:** There is no room in our organization for <u>shirkers</u>.

# 48.DEMYSTIFY (verb) : स्पष्ट करना

Pronunciation: dee·mi·stuh·fai

**Meaning:** make (a difficult or esoteric subject) clearer and easier to understand.



**Synonyms:** explain, clarify, illustrate **Antonyms:** obscure, confuse, confound

**Sentence:** This book aims to demystify medical treatments.

# 49.VERACIOUS (adj.): सत्यनिष्ठ

Pronunciation: vuh·ray·shuhs

**Meaning:** speaking or representing the truth.

Synonyms: honest, truthful, genuine

**Antonyms:** mendacious, dishonest, untruthful **Sentence:** He was a strictly <u>veracious</u> reporter.

#### 50.RECEPTIVE (adj.): ग्रहणशील

**Pronunciation:** ruh·sep·tuhv

**Meaning:** willing to consider or accept new suggestions and ideas.

Synonyms: open-minded, broad-minded, impartial

Antonyms: unreceptive, partial

**Sentence:** The voters had seemed <u>receptive</u> to his ideas.

#### 51.MUSTER (verb): एकत्र करना

Pronunciation: muh-stuhd

**Meaning:** a body of people come together in one place **Synonyms:** assemble, bring together, call together

**Antonyms:** disperse, demobilize

**Sentence:** He could muster only 154 votes at the election.

### 52.HAPPENSTANCE (noun): संयोग

**Pronunciation:** ha · puhn · staans

**Meaning:** formal + literary something that happens by chance

Synonyms: happenchance, coincidence, incident

**Antonyms:** harmony

**Sentence:** We met each other by <u>happenstance</u>.

### 53.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.

# 54.EXIGUOUS (adj.): अल्प

Pronunciation: uhg·zi·gyoo·uhs



**Meaning:** very small in size or amount. **Synonyms:** inadequate, insufficient **Antonyms:** abundant, ample, bountiful

**Sentence:** The rest of the old man's <u>exiguous</u> savings are donated to that boy.

#### 55.SCORNER (noun): उच्छुंखल

Pronunciation: skawn·uh

**Meaning:** a person who expresses contempt or disdain for someone or something.

**Synonyms:** decriers, denigrators, derider **Antonyms:** comforters, soother, succorer

**Sentence:** I would not sit in the scorner's seat, nor hurl the cynic's ban

### 56.THUMPING (adj): अति

Pronunciation: thump.ing

**Meaning:** of an impressive size, extent, or amount.

**Synonyms:** extremely, very, exceedingly

**Antonyms:** scarcely, little

**Sentence:** He told a <u>thumping</u> lie to all of us.

### 57.MINATORY (adj.): धमकी

**Pronunciation:** mi·na·to·ry

**Meaning:** expressing or conveying a threat. **Synonyms:** menacing, threatening, baleful

**Antonyms:** unthreatening

**Sentence:** The novel's protagonist is haunted by a <u>minatory</u> black specter.

### 58.ECSTASY (noun): परमानंद

Pronunciation: uhk · stuh · see

Meaning: an overwhelming feeling of great happiness or joyful excitement.

Synonyms: rapture, bliss, elation

**Antonyms:** depression, misery, sadness

**Sentence:** My father was in <u>ecstasy</u> when I won my scholarship.

## 59.PHILIPPIC (noun): निंदापूर्ण वाक्य

**Pronunciation:** phi-lip-pic

**Meaning:** a bitter attack or denunciation, especially a verbal one.

Synonyms: tirade, diatribe, invective

**Antonyms:** praise, complement, commendation

**Sentence:** The lecture was a tremendous <u>philippic</u> against our culture.

# 60.RECIDIVIST (noun): मुजरिम



**Pronunciation:** ruh·si·duh·vuhst

**Meaning:** formal a person who continues to commit crimes even after being caught and

punished

**Synonyms:** criminal, culprit, lawbreaker

**Antonyms:** lawman, lawful

**Sentence:** Six prisoners are still at large along with four dangerous <u>recidivists</u>.

#### 61.REFRAIN (VERB): (बचना)

**Pronunciation:** ruh•frayn

**Meaning:** stop oneself from doing something.

**Synonyms:** desist, hold back **Antonyms:** venture, induldge

**Sentence**: Alpa refrained from comment.

#### 62. COMPREHENSIVE (ADJECTIVE): (व्यापक)

**Pronunciation:** kaam•pruh•hen•suhv

**Meaning:** including or dealing with all or nearly all elements or aspects of something.

**Synonyms:** complete, thorough **Antonyms:** partial, selective

**Sentence:** Ram showed me a <u>comprehensive</u> collection of photographs.

#### 63. SPURT (VERB): (उछलना)

**Pronunciation:** spurt

**Meaning:** gush out in a sudden and forceful stream.

Synonyms: squirt, spray Antonyms: contain

**Sentence:** Rajan cut his finger, and blood <u>spurted</u> over the sliced potatoes.

## 64. BRUNT (ADJECTIVE): (आघात)

**Pronunciation**: bruhnt

**Meaning:** the worst part or chief impact of a specified action.

Synonyms: force, shock

Antonyms: resistance, endurance

**Sentence:** Education will bear the <u>brunt</u> of the cuts.

# 65. STULTIFY (VERB): (उबा देना)

Pronunciation: stuhl-tuh-fai

Meaning: cause to lose enthusiasm and initiative, especially as a result of a tedious or

restrictive routine.

**Synonyms:** hebetate, weary **Antonyms:** interest, entertain



**Sentence:** Swati is too polite to bore us with anecdotes.

#### 66. POTENTIAL (ADJECTIVE): (क्षमता)

Pronunciation: puh•ten•shl

**Meaning:** having or showing the capacity to develop into something in the future.

Synonyms: likely, prospective

**Antonyms:** unlikely

**Sentence:** We are a part of a campaign to woo potential customers.

#### 67. DISMISS (VERB): (विदा करना)

Pronunciation: duh•smis

**Meaning:** order or allow to leave; send away.

**Synonyms:** release, free **Antonyms:** form, assemble

**Sentence:** I dismissed the taxi at the end of the road.

#### 68. COMMEND (VERB): (सराहना करना)

Pronunciation: kuh•mend

**Meaning:** praise formally or officially. **Synonyms:** compliment, congratulate

**Antonyms:** criticise

**Sentence**: Rama was <u>commended</u> by the judge for his courageous actions.

## 69. VORACITY (Noun): पेट्रपन

**Pronunciation:** vaw•ra•suh•tee **Meaning:** Excessive desire to eat

Synonyms: Rapacity, ravenousness, sweet tooth

Antonyms: Glut, Repletion, Satisfaction

**Sentence:** He ate with the <u>voracity</u> of a starving man.

### 70. DEVASTATION (Noun): तबाही

Pronunciation: deh•vuh•stay•shn

**Meaning:** the state of being decayed or destroyed **Synonyms:** Annihilate, decimation, Demolish

Antonyms: Rescue, Salvage, Saving

**Sentence:** The hurricane caused widespread <u>devastation</u>.



