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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. POTENCY (noun) - क्षमता, प्रभावशीलता

Pronunciation: pow·tuhn·see
Meaning: the power of something to influence or make an impression
Synonyms: power, effectiveness, capability, efficiency, vigor, strength, might
Antonyms: inability, weakness, apathy
Usage: Because of its high potency, the herb can make people act in strange ways.

# 2. EFFRONTERY (noun) - धृष्टता

Pronunciation: uh·fruhn·tuh·ree
Meaning: audacious and rude behavior
Synonyms: arrogance, audacity, brashness, temerity, boldness
Antonyms: timidity, humility, diffidence
Usage: When the defendant put his feet up on the table, the judge scolded him for his effrontery.

#### 3. MINDSET (noun) - मानसिकता

Pronunciation: maind.set
Meaning: the established set of attitudes held by someone
Synonyms: attitude, psychology, ethos, mentality, psyche
Antonym: physicality
Usage: I am of the <u>mindset</u> that there's no reason to put off things I can do now to instead do later.

# 4. GLEAN (verb) - जानकारी बटोरना

Pronunciation: gleenMeaning: obtain information from various sourcesSynonyms: gather, obtain, get, take, derive, extractAntonyms: disperse, separate, spreadUsage: Several lessons can be gleaned from our experience so far.

#### 5. CUSTOMARY (adjective) – प्रथागत

**Pronunciation:** kuh·stuh·muh·ree **Meaning:** according to the customs or usual practices



**Synonyms:** usual, traditional, normal, conventional, familiar **Antonyms:** unusual, exceptional, rare **Usage:** It is <u>customary</u> to offer a drink or a snack to guests.

#### 6. GUSTO (noun) – उत्साह, जोश

**Pronunciation:** gusto **Meaning:** enjoyment and enthusiasm in doing something **Synonyms:** enthusiasm, relish, appetite, enjoyment, delight **Antonyms:** apathy, distaste, hate **Usage:** Everyone joined in the singing with great <u>gusto</u>.

# 7. ASININE (adjective) – बुद्धिहीन

Pronunciation: a·suh·nain
Meaning: extremely stupid or foolish
Synonyms: stupid, foolish, pointless, brainless, mindless, senseless, doltish, idiotic
Antonyms: intelligent, clever
Usage: Your <u>asinine</u> attempt of lying in court is going to cost you big time !

#### 8. ALACRITY (noun) - तत्परता

Pronunciation: paa·tuh·zan
Meaning: brisk and cheerful readiness
Synonyms: eagerness, willingness, readiness, enthusiasm, ardor, fervor, keenness
Antonyms: apathy, indifference
Usage: They accepted the offer with <u>alacrity</u>.

# 9. UNFEIGNED (adjective) – सच्चा

Pronunciation: uhn feindMeaning: genuine or sincereSynonyms: sincere, genuine, real, true, honest, authentic, unaffectedAntonyms: insincere, feigned, pretendedUsage: He showed <u>unfeigned</u> satisfaction at his friend's success.

# 10. DRAWL (verb) – धीरा उच्चारण

Pronunciation: drawl
Meaning: speak in a slow, lazy way with prolonged vowel sounds
Synonyms: drag, lag, drone, say slowly, speak slowly
Antonym: gabble
Usage: The children laughed at the way the man's sluggish <u>drawl</u> caused him to pronounce words.



