

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. DOPEY (ADJECTIVE): सुस्ती

**Pronunciation:** dope·ee

**Meaning:** Suffering from mental confusion.

**Synonyms:** dazed, stunned, distracted

**Antonyms:** conscious, alert, clearheaded

**Sentence:** The medicine always made him feel *dopey* and unable to concentrate.

### 2. TYRANT (NOUN): तानाशाह

**Pronunciation:** tai·ruhnt

**Meaning:** A person who uses power or authority in a cruel, unjust, or harmful way.

**Synonyms:** dictator, ruler, monarch

**Antonyms:** democrat, commoner, victim

**Sentence:** The people universally feared the *tyrant*, who was notorious for his frequent use of torture.

### 3. INVECTIVE (NOUN): अपशब्द

**Pronunciation:** uhn·vek·tuhv

**Meaning:** Harsh insulting language.

**Synonyms:** abuse, vituperation, insult

**Antonyms:** praise, applause, acclaim

**Sentence:** A woman had hurled racist *invective* at the family.

### 4. DOCILITY (NOUN): विनम्रता

**Pronunciation:** do·cil·i·ty

**Meaning:** A readiness or willingness to yield to the wishes of others.

**Synonyms:** obedience, submissiveness, acquiescence

**Antonyms:** disobedience, defiance, hostility

**Sentence:** At theological college, near Oxford, the *docility* of most of the wives of other students irritated Anna.

### 5. SUAVE (ADJECTIVE): शालीन

**Pronunciation:** swav

**Meaning:** Having or showing very polished and worldly manners.

**Synonyms:** graceful, smooth, civilized

**Antonyms:** clumsy, awkward, classless

**Sentence:** In conversation, he was *suave* and urban.

### 6. LACHRYMOSE (ADJECTIVE): रोना

**Pronunciation:** la·kruh·mose

**Meaning:** Given to expressing strong emotion (as sorrow) by readily shedding tears.

**Synonyms:** emotional, tearful, weeping

**Antonyms:** smiling, laughing, grinning

**Sentence:** The more *lachrymose* mourners at the funeral required a steady supply of tissues.

### 7. LARCENY (NOUN): चोरी

**Pronunciation:** laa·suh·nee

**Meaning:** The unlawful taking and carrying away of property without the consent of its owner.

**Synonyms:** robbery, stealing, theft

**Antonyms:** compensation, charity.

**Sentence:** Issuing a bad check is a form of *larceny*.

### 8. DENOUEMENT (NOUN): अंत

**Pronunciation:** day·noo·mawn

**Meaning:** The final part of something (such as a book, a play, or a series of events).

**Synonyms:** finale, ending, conclusion

**Antonyms:** start, beginning, foundation

**Sentence:** The plot takes us to Paris for the *denouement* of the story.

### 9. AMBROSIAL (ADJECTIVE): मन मोहक

**Pronunciation:** am·bro·sial

**Meaning:** Having a pleasant smell.

**Synonyms:** fragrant, aromatic, scented

**Antonyms:** putrid, malodorous, fetid

**Sentence:** The *ambrosial* aroma of the roast whetted our appetites.

### 10. ADEPT (ADJECTIVE): कुशल

**Pronunciation:** a- ,dept

**Meaning:** Having or showing exceptional knowledge, experience, or skill in a field of endeavor.

**Synonyms:** skilled, proficient, experienced

**Antonyms:** inexperienced, incapable, unskilled

**Sentence:** He's an *adept* pitcher, and the team is lucky to have him.

### 11. CONTRARIES (NOUN): इसके विपरीत

**Pronunciation:** kon-truh-reez

**Meaning:** something that is as different as possible from something else.

**Synonyms:** negatives, opposites, inverses

**Antonyms:** counterparts, copies, duplicates

**Sentence:** She said that dreams go by *contraries*.

### 12. RESILIENCE (NOUN): लचीलापन

**Pronunciation:** reh·zuh·lee·uhns

**Meaning:** the ability of something to return to its original shape after it has been stretched, pressed, bent, etc.

**Synonyms:** flexibility, adaptability, elasticity

**Antonyms:** stiffness, rigidity, inflexibility

**Sentence:** Palm trees have evolved to show strong *resilience* in the face of tropical storms.

### 13. TIZZY (NOUN): घबराहट

**Pronunciation:** ti·zee

**Meaning:** a state of nervous or irritated concern

**Synonyms:** panic, huff, fuss

**Antonyms:** joy, calm, cheer

**Sentence:** All in a *tizzy* because she can't find her car keys.

### 14. HUBRISTIC (ADJECTIVE): अहंकारी

**Pronunciation:** hyoo-briss-tik

**Meaning:** exaggerated pride or self-confidence.

**Synonyms:** egocentric, narcissistic, self-satisfied

**Antonyms:** bashful, lowly, self-doubting

**Sentence:** A *hubristic* belief in his own self-proclaimed genius.

### 15. CURBING (VERB): नियंत्रण करना

**Pronunciation:** kuhb·uhng

**Meaning:** to keep from exceeding a desirable degree or level.

**Synonyms:** regulating, controlling, restraining

**Antonyms:** losing, loosening, liberating

**Sentence:** Police are looking for ways of *curbing* the traffic of guns.

### 16. CHORES (NOUN): काम काज

**Pronunciation:** chawz

**Meaning:** a piece of work that needs to be done regularly.

**Synonyms:** jobs, duties, responsibilities

**Antonyms:** cinch, setup, breeze

**Sentence:** Everyone in this household is expected to do weekly *chores*.

### 17. RECREATIONAL (ADJECTIVE): मनोरंजन

**Pronunciation:** ree·kree·ay·shuhn·uhl

**Meaning:** as in comic.

**Synonyms:** entertaining, humorous, fun

**Antonyms:** uninteresting, boring, pedestrian

**Sentence:** Lucien was never invited to participate in *recreational* activities.

### 18. BASKING (VERB): विश्राम करना

**Pronunciation:** baask·uhng

**Meaning:** as in resting.

**Synonyms:** resting, relaxing, reposing

**Antonyms:** laboring, toiling, struggling

**Sentence:** We blissfully *basked* at the seashore over the long holiday.

### 19. HOARD (VERB): जमा करना

**Pronunciation:** Hawd

**Meaning:** to put (something of future use or value) in a safe or secret place.

**Synonyms:** collect, store, treasure

**Antonyms:** ditch, consume, discard

**Sentence:** They've begun to *hoard* food and gas online and save their money.

### 20. EXPLICITLY (ADJECTIVE): स्पष्ट रूप से

**Pronunciation:** uhk·spli·suht·lee

**Meaning:** so clearly expressed as to leave no doubt about the meaning.

**Synonyms:** unmistakable, specific, unambiguous

**Antonyms:** ambiguous, implied, unspecific

**Sentence:** *Explicit* instructions about what to do in an emergency.

### 21. UNRAVEL (VERB): सुलझाना

**Pronunciation:** uhn·ra·vl

**Meaning:** to separate the various strands of.

**Synonyms:** untangle, disentangle, untwist

**Antonyms:** entangle, tie, knot

**Sentence:** Detectives are still trying to *unravel* the mystery surrounding his death.

### 22. INTENSIFY (VERB): तेज़ करना

**Pronunciation:** uhn·ten·suh·fai

**Meaning:** become or make more intense.

**Synonyms:** deepen, enhance, heighten

**Antonyms:** reduce, decrease, diminish

**Sentence:** Guerrillas have pledged to *intensify* the armed struggle against the new government.

### 23. ENSUING (ADJECTIVE): आगामी

**Pronunciation:** uhn·syoo·uhng

**Meaning:** being the one that comes immediately after another.

**Synonyms:** next, following, succeeding

**Antonyms:** previous, prior, precedent

**Sentence:** Business was slow in the restaurant's first year, but the *ensuing* year saw a much-needed increase.

### 24. FLAK (NOUN): आलोचना

**Pronunciation:** Flak

**Meaning:** strong criticism.

**Synonyms:** criticism, complaint, censure

**Antonyms:** compliment, praise, sanction

**Sentence:** Lilley has taken a lot of *flak* for his views on drugs.

### 25. WITHER (VERB): मुरझाना

**Pronunciation:** vi·dhuh

**Meaning:** to lose liveliness, force, or freshness.

**Synonyms:** dry, fade, wilt

**Antonyms:** revive, flourish, freshen

**Sentence:** Failing some rain, the crops will *wither*.

### 26. SUBSIDE (VERB): कम होना

**Pronunciation:** suhb·side

**Meaning:** to grow less in scope or intensity especially gradually.

**Synonyms:** diminish, decrease, vanish

**Antonyms:** increase, intensify, grow

**Sentence:** As the noise of the siren *subsided*, I was able to fall back to sleep.

### 27. COGNIZANT (ADJECTIVE): परिचित

**Pronunciation:** kawg·nuh·znt

**Meaning:** having specified facts or feelings actively impressed on the mind.

**Synonyms:** aware, conscious, mindful

**Antonyms:** unaware, oblivious, unconscious

**Sentence:** We are *cognizant* of the problem.

### 28. APOSTLE (NOUN): दूत

**Pronunciation:** uh·paw·sl

**Meaning:** a person who actively supports or favors a cause.

**Synonyms:** proponent, advocate, supporter

**Antonyms:** proponent, advocate, supporter

**Sentence:** A fervent *apostle* of universal health care.

### 29. HIRSUTE (ADJECTIVE): बालदार

**Pronunciation:** huhs·yoot

**Meaning:** covered with or as if with hair.

**Synonyms:** hairy, shaggy, silky

**Antonyms:** bald, hairless, glabrous

**Sentence:** Not that Polly's legs had been particularly *hirsute* in the old days.

### 30. ACRIMONY (NOUN): रूखापन

**Pronunciation:** a·kruh·muh·nee

**Meaning:** biting sharpness of feeling or expression.

**Synonyms:** bitterness, hostility, anger

**Antonyms:** civility, politeness, kindness

**Sentence:** She responded with such *acrimony* that he never brought the subject up again.

### 31. COMPLACENT (ADJECTIVE): आत्मसंतुष्ट

**Pronunciation:** kuhm·play·snt

**Meaning:** having or showing a lack of interest or concern.

**Synonyms:** nonchalant, casual, apathetic

**Antonyms:** interested, aware, concerned

**Sentence:** The auditors were taken aback by his *complacent* response to their findings of fraud.

### 32. SEQUESTRATION (NOUN): अलग

**Pronunciation:** see·kvuh·stray·shn

**Meaning:** the state of being alone or kept apart from others.

**Synonyms:** solitude, isolation, privacy

**Antonyms:** society, company, fellowship

**Sentence:** What would you bring for *sequestration* on a desert island?

### 33. RAVAGED (VERB): तबाह

**Pronunciation:** ra·vuhjd

**Meaning:** to bring destruction to (something) through violent action.

**Synonyms:** destroyed, devastated, ruined

**Antonyms:** recovered, restored, redeemed

**Sentence:** The hurricane *ravaged* the state and caused billions of dollars' worth of damage.

### 34. FEUD (NOUN): झगडा

**Pronunciation:** fyood

**Meaning:** a long and angry conflict between two people or two groups.

**Synonyms:** dispute, quarrel, disagreement

**Antonyms:** agreement, calm, harmony

**Sentence:** The workers' *feud* with management concerns health benefits and pay increases.

### 35. COMEUPPANCE (NOUN): सजा मिलना

**Pronunciation:** kuh·muh·pns

**Meaning:** suffering, loss, or hardship imposed in response to a crime or offense.

**Synonyms:** punishment, wrath, penalty

**Antonyms:** forgiveness, release, pardon

**Sentence:** In general, the witch, and the wolf, get their *comeuppance*.

**36. ADJUDICATE (VERB):** निर्णय करना**Pronunciation:** uh·joo·duh·kayt**Meaning:** to give an opinion about**Synonyms:** decide, judge, determine**Antonyms:** hedge, equivocate, pussyfoot**Sentence:** He was asked to *adjudicate* on the dispute.**37. MOTIF (NOUN):** आकृति**Pronunciation:** moh·teef**Meaning:** a major object of interest or concern.**Synonyms:** theme, topic, matter**Antonyms:** aside, tangent, excursion**Sentence:** The *motif* of a mute figure standing in lonely isolation is a recurrent one in the artist's work.**38. COUNTERFEIT (ADJECTIVE):** नकली**Pronunciation:** kawn·tuh·fuht**Meaning:** being such in appearance only and made or manufactured with the intention of committing fraud**Synonyms:** fake, forged, false**Antonyms:** real, genuine, authentic**Sentence:** He admitted to processing and delivering *counterfeit* currency.**39. REMIT (VERB):** छोड़ना**Pronunciation:** re·mit**Meaning:** to dismiss as of little importance.**Synonyms:** ignore, forgive, explain**Antonyms:** note, mind, mark**Sentence:** We must not *remit* our efforts.**40. STARTLING (ADJECTIVE):** चौंकाने**Pronunciation:** staat·ling**Meaning:** causing a strong emotional reaction because of unexpectedness**Synonyms:** surprising, amazing, shocking**Antonyms:** unsurprising, common, ordinary**Sentence:** The *startling* news that my sister will be having a baby.**41. HACKNEYED (ADJECTIVE):** साधारण**Pronunciation:** hak·need**Meaning:** (of a phrase or idea) lacking significance through having been overused; unoriginal and trite.**Synonyms:** cliché, stereotyped, overused**Antonyms:** original, new, fresh**Sentence:** The plot of the film is just a *hackneyed* boy-meets-girl scenario.**42. INIMITABLE (ADJECTIVE):** अनोखी**Pronunciation:** uhn·i·muh·tuh·bl**Meaning:** so good or unusual as to be impossible to copy; unique.**Synonyms:** unique, distinctive, individual**Antonyms:** usual, familiar, common**Sentence:** He entertained us in his own *inimitable* style.**43. OPINE (VERB):** विचारना

**Pronunciation:** uh·pine

**Meaning:** to make a statement of one's opinion.

**Synonyms:** comment, remark, note

**Sentence:** The headmistress *opined* that the trip would make a nice change.

#### 44. DISPUTATIOUS (ADJECTIVE): क्रोधी

**Pronunciation:** di·spyoot·ay·shuhs

**Meaning:** feeling or displaying eagerness to fight.

**Synonyms:** aggressive, contentious, quarrelsome

**Antonyms:** peaceable, nonaggressive, amiable

**Sentence:** A long history of little wars waged by the *disputatious* countries occupying that European peninsula.

#### 45. PRESAGE (NOUN): आभास

**Pronunciation:** preh·suhj

**Meaning:** a feeling that something bad will happen

**Synonyms:** presentiment, suspicion, foreboding

**Antonyms:** doom, contraindicate, sureness.

**Sentence:** Those black clouds *presage* a storm.

#### 46. CANARD (NOUN): बेबुनियाद बात

**Pronunciation:** ka·naad

**Meaning:** an unfounded rumor or story.

**Synonyms:** tale, story, whisper

**Antonyms:** fact, verity, truth

**Sentence:** It's a popular *canard* that the actress died under scandalous circumstances.

#### 47. GET-GO (NOUN): शुरुआत से

**Pronunciation:** get-go

**Meaning:** the point at which something begins.

**Synonyms:** beginning, start, outset

**Antonyms:** end, conclusion, completion

**Sentence:** Harry's been involved in the project from the *get-go*.

#### 48. RECREATIONAL (ADJECTIVE): मनोरंजन

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**Sentence:** Lucien was never invited to participate in *recreational* activities.

#### 49. INEFFABLE (ADJECTIVE): अवर्णनीय

**Pronunciation:** uh·neh·fuh·bl

**Meaning:** too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words.

**Synonyms:** inexpressible, indescribable, beyond words

**Antonyms:** definable, expressible, conceivable

**Sentence:** The beauty of a sunset is *ineffable*.

#### 50. PERSPICACIOUS (ADJECTIVE): कुशाग्र बुद्धि

**Pronunciation:** puh·spuh·kay·shuhs

**Meaning:** having a ready insight into and understanding of things.

**Synonyms:** shrewd, wise, astute

**Antonyms:** foolish, feeble-minded, silly

**Sentence:** He was *perspicacious* enough to realize that things were soon going to change.

### 51. PENCHANT (NOUN): लगन

**Pronunciation:** pawn·shawn

**Meaning:** a strong or habitual liking for something or tendency to do something.

**Synonyms:** fondness, preference, passion

**Antonyms:** aversion, distaste, dislike

**Sentence:** He has a *penchant* for adopting stray dogs.

### 52. COMITY (NOUN): शिष्टाचार

**Pronunciation:** kaw·muh·tee

**Meaning:** courtesy and considerate behavior toward others.

**Synonyms:** courtesy, manners, etiquette

**Antonyms:** conflict, variance, discord

**Sentence:** The basic feature of positive *comity* is its voluntariness.

### 53. SKULDUGGERY (NOUN): छल

**Pronunciation:** skuhl·duh·guh·ree

**Meaning:** underhanded or unscrupulous behavior; trickery.

**Synonyms:** trickery, swindling, fraudulence

**Antonyms:** artlessness, sincerity, candidness

**Sentence:** He is serving a prison sentence for financial *skulduggery*.

### 54. UNWITTINGLY (ADVERB): अनजाने में

**Pronunciation:** uhn·vit·uhng·lee

**Meaning:** without being aware; unintentionally.

**Synonyms:** accidentally, fortuitously, inadvertently,

**Antonyms:** meticulously, orderly, intentionally

**Sentence:** If I offended you it was *unwittingly*.

### 55. SLIPSHOD (ADJECTIVE): लापरवाह

**Pronunciation:** slip·shawd

**Meaning:** characterized by a lack of care, thought, or organization.

**Synonyms:** careless, lackadaisical, slapdash

**Antonyms:** attentive, careful, conscientious

**Sentence:** He'd caused many problems with his *slipshod* management.

### 56. DIATRIBE (NOUN): अभियोगात्मक भाषण

**Pronunciation:** dai·uh·tribe

**Meaning:** a forceful and bitter verbal attack against someone or something.

**Synonyms:** tirade, harague, verbal onslaught

**Antonyms:** encomium, eulogy, panegyric

**Sentence:** The book is a *diatribe* against the academic left.

### 57. OBSTINATE (ADJECTIVE): जिद्दी

**Pronunciation:** awb·stuh·nuht

**Meaning:** stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or chosen course of action, **despite** attempts to persuade one to do so.

**Synonyms:** stubborn, headstrong, intransigent

**Antonyms:** acquiescent, agreeable, amenable

**Sentence:** He was the most *obstinate* man I've ever met.

**58. DIAPHANOUS (ADJECTIVE):** पारदर्शक

**Pronunciation:** dai·a·fuh·nuhs

**Meaning:** (especially of fabric) light, delicate, and translucent.

**Synonyms:** sheer, fine, ultra-fine

**Antonyms:** opaque, cloudy, foggy

**Sentence:** The little light fades the immense and *diaphanous* shadows.

**59. MANUMITTED (VERB):** रिहा करना

**Pronunciation:** ma·nyoo·mit·uhd

**Meaning:** release from slavery; set free.

**Synonyms:** freed, liberated, released

**Antonyms:** enslaved, fettered, unfree

**Sentence:** Old Angus had never *manumitted* a single slave.

**60. BUSTLING (ADJECTIVE):** हलचल

**Pronunciation:** buh·suhl·uhng

**Meaning:** (of a place) full of activity.

**Synonyms:** busy, crowded, swarming

**Antonyms:** idle, inactive, unbusy

**Sentence:** The sidewalks are *bustling* with people.