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Here some exceptional English words from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are given with their synonyms/antonyms and usage. Hopefully, this will help you improve your vocabulary.

Happy Learning!!!

### 1. SOBERING (adjective) – गंभीर

**Pronunciation:** so-bur-ing

**Meaning:** creating a more serious or sensible mood

**Synonyms:** serious, alerting, severe

**Antonyms:** light-hearted, cheerful, jovial

**Usage:** The news had a sobering effect.

### 2. LOWBROW (adjective) – साधारण

**Pronunciation:** lo-brao

**Meaning:** not highly intellectual or cultured

**Synonyms:** simple, simplistic, uncultured, unsophisticated, unpretentious

**Antonyms:** highbrow, intellectual

**Usage:** I like a lowbrow action movie once in a while.

### 3. TRIFLE (noun, verb) – तुच्छ

**Pronunciation:** trai-f(u)l

**Meaning:** a thing of little value or importance; treat without seriousness or respect

**Synonyms:** triviality, bagatelle, inessential; sneer, mess about/around

**Usage:**

- We needn't trouble the headmaster over such trifles. (noun)
- You should not trifle with someone's affection. (verb)

### 4. GIMCRACK (adjective, noun) – केवल दिखावट का

**Pronunciation:** jim-kra-k

**Meaning:** showy but cheap or badly made; something that looks nice but is of poor quality; a cheap and showy ornament

**Synonyms:** shoddy, jerry-built, flimsy, insubstantial, rickety

**Antonym:** sound

**Usage:**

- If you buy a gimcrack product, you will quickly find that it is nowhere near as functional as it seemingly appears. (adjective)
- I prefer to make sure I am not buying a gimcrack before I spend my money, as I do not want to buy something just because it looks nice if it really is not. (noun)

### 5. FLEDGLING (noun) – अपरिपक्व; अनुभवहीन; अविकसित

**Pronunciation:** flej-ling

**Meaning:** a person or organization that is immature, inexperienced, or underdeveloped

**Synonyms:** emerging, emergent, arising, sunrise, dawning, beginning, developing, in the making

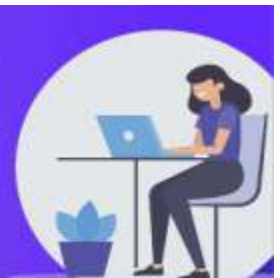
**Antonyms:** declining, mature

**Usage:** The fledgling country just declared its independence a few months ago.

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### 6. AFRESH (adverb) – नए सिरे से

**Pronunciation:** uf-resh

**Meaning:** in a new or different way

**Synonym:** anew

**Usage:** She tore up the letter and started writing afresh.

### 7. EXTORTIONATE (adjective) – अत्यधिक कीमत

**Pronunciation:** iksto-sh(u)nut

**Meaning:** (of a price) much too high

**Synonyms:** exorbitant, sky-high, preposterous, immoderate, unreasonable, inordinate

**Antonym:** reasonable

**Usage:** The prices in this shop are extortionate.

### 8. ASHEN (adjective) – फीका, कमज़ोर

**Pronunciation:** ash(u)n

**Meaning:** (of a person's face) very pale with shock, fear, or illness

**Synonyms:** wan, pasty, grey, leaden, colourless, sallow

**Usage:** His face was ashen.



### 9. GENESIS (noun) – उत्पत्ति

**Pronunciation:** jenisis

**Meaning:** the origin or mode of formation of something

**Synonyms:** source, root, beginning, commencement, start, outset

**Usage:** The project had its genesis two years earlier.

### 10. UPBEAT (adjective) – प्रफुल्ल; आशावादी

**Pronunciation:** up-beet

**Meaning:** cheerful; optimistic

**Synonyms:** cheery, positive, confident, hopeful, sanguine

**Antonyms:** pessimistic, negative, cynical

**Usage:** He was upbeat about the company's future.

Now, choose any 2 or 3 words and try to use them in your own sentences, this way you can retain the learnt words in your memory for long time. You can share your sentences in the comment section

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