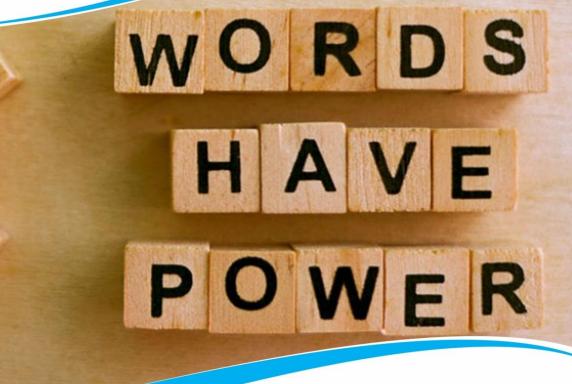






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Exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read the usages to learn how to use them in sentences. After this, take the quiz based on the vocabulary to check how much you learnt. This will really help you boost up your learning.

Happy learning!!!

1. PUNITIVE (adj.): दंडात्मक

Pronunciation: pyoo•nuh•tuhvMeaning: inflicting or intended as punishment.Synonyms: penal, disciplinary, correctiveAntonyms: acquitting, exculpating, nonpunitiveSentence: The UN has imposed <u>punitive</u> sanctions on the invading country.

2. INSURGENT (noun): विद्रोही

Pronunciation: uhn•sur•jnt
Meaning: a rebel or revolutionary.
Synonyms: mutineer, agitator, rebel
Antonyms: loyalist, patriot, supporter
Sentence: The soldiers were trained to shoot any enemy <u>insurgent</u> on sight.

3. DUBIOUS (adj.): संदेहपूर्ण

Pronunciation: doo•bee•uhs **Meaning:** hesitating or doubting. **Synonyms:** doubtful, uncertain, unsure **Antonyms:** undoubted, unproblematic, unquestionable **Sentence:** I remain <u>dubious</u> about her motives.

4. REEK (verb): बदबू देना

Pronunciation: reekMeaning: smell strongly and unpleasantlySynonyms: stink, smell, disgustingAntonyms: aroma, fragrance, perfumeSentence: The kitchen began to reek because he neglected to take out the garbage.

5. AWNING (noun): शामियाना

Pronunciation: aa•nuhng

Meaning: a sheet of canvas or other material stretched on a frame and used to keep the sun or rain off a storefront, window, doorway, or deck. **Synonyms:** canopy, shade, sunshade

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Antonyms: building, bottom.

Sentence: They dashed under an <u>awning</u> to escape the sudden downpour.

6. PLUNGE (verb): ग़ोता लगाना

Pronunciation: pluhnjMeaning: jump or dive quickly and energetically.Synonyms: jump, dive, hurl oneselfAntonyms: arise, ascend, liftSentence: A young boy <u>plunged</u> into the lake from the cliffs.

7. CONFER (verb): प्रदान करना

Pronunciation: kuhn•fur
Meaning: grant or bestow (a title, degree, benefit, or right).
Synonyms: grant to, award to, honor with
Antonyms: call off, take back, withdraw
Sentence: Nelson Mandela and his wife Graca Machel recently had honorary degrees conferred on them by Ryerson University in Toronto.

8. PUMMEL (verb): क्टना

Pronunciation: puh•muhl Meaning: strike repeatedly with the fists. Synonyms: batter, pound, drub Antonyms: lose, fail Sentence: During the championship, the fighter began to <u>pummel</u> his opponent after distracting him.

9. SHEEN (noun): चमक

Pronunciation: sheenMeaning: a soft luster on a surface.Synonyms: shine, luster, gleamAntonyms: dirtiness, drabness, dullnessSentence: The conditioner gives the hair a beautiful soft sheen.

10. SLUMBER (verb): नींद

Pronunciation: sluhm•br

Meaning: fall into a deep peaceful sleep Synonyms: doze, nap, snooze Antonyms: wakefulness, awakening, consciousness Sentence: She fell into a deep and peaceful <u>slumber</u>.



