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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.AVERT (verb): टालना

Pronunciation: uh•vuhtMeaning: prevent or ward off (an undesirable occurrence).Synonyms: prevent, stop, avoidAntonyms: allow, permitSentence: He managed to <u>avert</u> the closure of the factory.

## 2.OVATION (noun) : वाहवाही

Pronunciation: oh•vay•shn
Meaning: a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation from an audience, especially by means of applause.
Synonyms: applause, handclapping, clapping
Antonyms: booing, hissing, taunt
Sentence: He received the longest ovation of the evening.

# 3.ADDENDUM (noun) : परिशिष्ट

Pronunciation: uh•den•dm
Meaning: an item of additional material, typically omissions, added at the end of a book or other publication.
Synonyms: appendix, codicil, postscript
Antonyms: introduction, preface, prologue
Sentence: I follow this letter with the <u>addendum</u> duly signed for your attention.

#### 4.EXECRABLE (adj.) : भद्दा

Pronunciation: ek•suh•kruh•bl
Meaning: extremely bad or unpleasant.
Synonyms: appalling, awful, dreadful
Antonyms: excellent, fine, wonderful
Sentence: He stood at the desk, laboring in his execrable handwriting.

## 5.DEBAUCHERY (noun) : ऐयाशी

**Pronunciation:** duh•bawch•uh•ree **Meaning:** excessive indulgence in sensual pleasures.



Synonyms: dissipation, dissoluteness, degeneracyAntonyms: abstinence, asceticism, sobrietySentence: These people rolled in wealth and rioted in <u>debauchery</u>.

#### 6.SULLEN (adj.) : उदास

Pronunciation: suh•luhn
Meaning: bad-tempered and sulky; gloomy.
Synonyms: surly, sulky, pouting
Antonyms: cheerful, cheery, gladsome
Sentence: Bill sat in sullen silence and refused to eat his lunch.

#### 7.SOLITUDE (noun) : अकेलापन

Pronunciation: saw•luh•chood
Meaning: the state or situation of being alone.
Synonyms: loneliness, solitariness, remoteness
Antonyms: camaraderie, companionship, company
Sentence: She savored her few hours of freedom and solitude.

#### 8.TROVE (noun) : भंडार

Pronunciation: trove
Meaning: a store of valuable or delightful things.
Synonyms: assortment, treasure, assemblage
Antonyms: ragbag, clutter
Sentence: The dictionary is a vast treasure trove of information.

#### 9.VACILLATE (verb) : संदेह करना

Pronunciation: va•suh•layt
Meaning: alternate or waver between different opinions or actions; be indecisive.
Synonyms: dither, be indecisive, be irresolute
Antonyms: decide, budge
Sentence: We cannot vacillate on the question of the party's leadership.

## 10.PESSIMISM (noun) : निराशावाद

Pronunciation: peh-suhm-i-zm
Meaning: a tendency to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen; a lack of hope or confidence in the future.
Synonyms: defeatism, negativity, cynicism
Antonyms: optimism, cheer, hopefulness

Sentence: The dispute cast an air of deep pessimism over the future of the peace talks.



