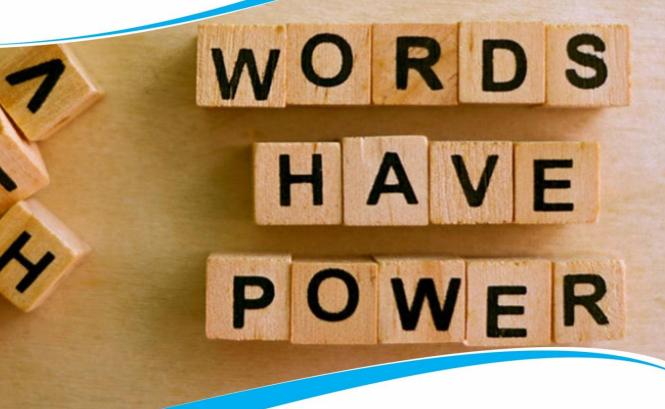






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Here some exceptional English words from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are given with their synonyms/antonyms and Sentence. Hopefully, this will help you improve your vocabulary. **Happy Learning!!**

1. DOUR (adj) – कठोर

Pronunciation: doh•uh Meaning: relentlessly severe, stern, or gloomy in manner or appearance. Synonyms: stern, unsmiling, unfriendly Antonyms: benign, friendly, gentle Sentence: No wonder he looked so dour.

2. REBUFF (noun) – रोक

Pronunciation: ruh•buhf
Meaning: an abrupt or ungracious refusal or rejection of an offer, request, or friendly gesture.
Synonyms: rejection, snub, slight
Antonyms: acceptance, embrace, welcome
Sentence: He received a humiliating rebuff from his manager.

3. DEFT (adj) – निपुण

Pronunciation: deft
Meaning: accomplished with the trained ability
Synonyms: adroit, artful, dexterous
Antonyms: amateur, unprofessional, unskillful
Sentence: He's very deft at handling awkward situations.

4. TREPIDATION (noun) - घबराहट

Pronunciation: treh•puhd•ay•shn **Meaning:** a feeling of fear or agitation about something that may happen. **Synonyms:** fear, apprehension, worry **Antonyms:** boldness, confidence, courage **Sentence:** Shaking with <u>trepidation</u>, I stepped into the old abandoned house.

5. VITRIOLIC (adj) – कटु

Pronunciation: vi•tree•awl•uhk
Meaning: filled with bitter criticism or malice.
Synonyms: acrimonious, rancorous, bitter
Antonyms: encomiastic, respectful, praiseful
Sentence: The newspaper launched a <u>vitriolic</u> attack on the president.



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6. CACOPHONY (noun) - कोलाहल

Pronunciation: kuh•kaw•fuh•nee **Meaning:** a harsh discordant mixture of sounds. **Synonyms:** noise, discord, dissonance **Antonyms:** quiet, silence, hush **Sentence:** All around was bubbling a <u>cacophony</u> of voices.

7. FREEBIE (noun) – मुफ्त

Pronunciation: free•bee
Meaning: a thing given free of charge.
Synonyms: bequest, favor, present
Antonyms: bribe, douceur
Sentence: The journalists were all given a <u>freebie</u> lunch.

8. RUMMAGE (verb) - चप्पा चप्पा छान मारना

Pronunciation: ruh•muhj
Meaning: search unsystematically and untidily through a mass or receptacle.
Synonyms: search (through), hunt through, scrabble around in
Antonyms: hide, neglect, lose
Sentence: He <u>rummaged</u> through the desk drawer trying to find the spare keys.

9. FALTER (verb) – लड़खड़ाना

Pronunciation: fawl•tuhMeaning: start to lose strength or momentum.Synonyms: hesitate, wobble, waverAntonyms: dive (in), plunge (in)Sentence: The nurse saw him <u>falter</u> and made him lean on her.

10. RAILLERY (noun) - मज़ाक

Pronunciation: rayl•uh•ree
Meaning: good-humored teasing.
Synonyms: teasing, chaff, banter
Antonyms: Flattery, praise, respect, love
Sentence: She was greeted with raillery from her fellow workers.



