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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. DERELICTION (noun) : कर्तव्य का त्याग

Pronunciation: deh·ruh·lik·shn
Meaning: The state of having been abandoned and become dilapidated.
Synonyms: dilapidation, disrepair, decrepitude
Antonyms: reclamation, recoupment, repossession
Sentence: He pleaded guilty to willful dereliction of duty.

## 2. SACROSANCT (adj.) : पुण्यमय

Pronunciation: sa·kroh·sangkt
Meaning: (especially of a principle, place, or routine) regarded as too important or valuable to be interfered with.
Synonyms: sacred, hallowed, respected
Antonyms: unhallowed, deconsecrated, desacralized
Sentence: Freedom of the press is <u>sacrosanct</u>.

### 3. FLOUNDERING (verb) : लड़खड़ाना

Pronunciation: flawn·duh·ruhng
Meaning: struggle or stagger helplessly or clumsily in water or mud.
Synonyms: barging, clumping, flogging
Antonyms: coasting, gliding, sliding
Sentence: People were <u>floundering</u> about in the water, shouting and screaming.

# 4. SUBVERSIVE (adj.) : विनाशक

Pronunciation: suhb·vuhs·uhv
Meaning: seeking or intended to subvert an established system or institution.
Synonyms: disruptive, troublemaking, inflammatory
Antonyms: liberal, progressive
Sentence: A subversive organization determined to unseat a leader who they believed operated outside the law.

# 5. STAUNCH (adj.) : निष्ठावान

**Pronunciation:** stönch **Meaning:** loyal and committed in attitude.



**Synonyms:** stalwart, loyal, faithful **Antonyms:** disloyal, faithless, false **Sentence:** She's a <u>staunch</u> advocate of free trade.

### 6. ENTWINE (verb) : गुथना

**Pronunciation:** uhn tvine **Meaning:** wind or twist together; interweave. **Synonyms:** wind around, twist around, coil around **Antonyms:** disentangle, uncoil, entwine **Sentence:** All these threads, and more, <u>entwine</u> in the lines of longitude.

## 7. GARRULITY (noun) : बातूनीपन

Pronunciation: ga·roo·luh·tee
Meaning: excessive talkativeness, especially on trivial matters.
Synonyms: talkativeness, garrulousness, loquacity
Antonyms: brevity, briefness, compactness
Sentence: In her article, the professor resorts to garrulity in a vain attempt to disguise the fact that she has very little worth saying.

#### 8. MOROSE (adj.) : उदास

Pronunciation: muh·roseMeaning: sullen and ill-tempered.Synonyms: sullen, sulky, gloomyAntonyms: bright, cheerful, mirthfulSentence: Daniel seems very morose and gloomy.

#### 9. MERRIMENT (noun) : आमोद

Pronunciation: meh·ruh·muhnt
Meaning: gaiety and fun.
Synonyms: exuberance, cheerfulness, gaiety
Antonyms: dejection, depression, despondence
Sentence: Their unexpected merriment made him nervously inquire as to the reason for it.

#### 10. KITH (noun) : स्वजन

**Pronunciation:** kith **Meaning:** one's friends, acquaintances and relations. **Synonyms:** family, kin, relations **Antonyms:** stranger, antagonist, offspring **Sentence:** I had a reunion today with all my <u>kith</u> and kin.



