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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. ELIDE (verb) : काटना

Pronunciation: uh·lide Meaning: to make less in extent or duration Synonyms: abridge, curtail, shorten Antonyms: elongate, extend, lengthen Sentence: The product presentation was not <u>elided</u>—it's always only 15 minutes long.

2. DILATORY (adj.) : धीमा

Pronunciation: di·luht·uh·ree
Meaning: slow to act.
Synonyms: slow, unhurried, tardy
Antonyms: expeditious, accelerated, hastened
Sentence: The Government has been <u>dilatory</u> in condemning the outrage.

3. FITFUL (adj.) : अस्थिर

Pronunciation: fit ful
Meaning: active or occurring spasmodically or intermittently; not regular or steady.
Synonyms: intermittent, sporadic, spasmodic
Antonyms: constant, continuous, regular
Sentence: It was a cool day with <u>fitful</u> sunshine.

4. WEASEL (adj.) : चालक आदमी

Pronunciation: vee·zl **Meaning:** a deceitful or treacherous person. **Synonyms:** scoundrel, wretch, serpent **Antonyms:** innocent, saint, Kind **Sentence:** He was a double-crossing <u>weasel</u>.

5. IMPRESARIO (noun) : आयोजक

Pronunciation: im·pruh·**saa**·ree·oh **Meaning:** a person who organizes and often finances concerts, plays, or operas. **Synonyms:** organizer, manager, producer **Antonyms:** worker, employee



Sentence: It was the actor's dream to work under the renowned impresario.

6. WHIFF (noun) : एहसास

Pronunciation: vif
Meaning: an almost imperceptible sign of something
Synonyms: flicker, glimmer, hint
Antonyms: permeation, pervasion, saturation
Sentence: Even a whiff of appreciation for everything I've done for her would have been nice.

7. ALIBIS (noun) : बहाना

Pronunciation: a·luh·bize
Meaning: an explanation that frees one from fault or blame
Synonyms: apologies, reasons, excuses
Antonyms: denial, question, request
Sentence: Those students always have a very creative <u>alibi</u> for undone homework.

8. PROPENSITY (noun) : प्रवृत्ति

Pronunciation: pruh·pen·suh·tee
Meaning: an inclination or natural tendency to behave in a particular way.
Synonyms: tendency, ability, inclination
Antonyms: disinclination, dislike, inability
Sentence: Men have a slightly increased propensity towards baldness.

9. SMIDGEN (noun) : थोड़ा

Pronunciation: smi·jn
Meaning: a small amount of something.
Synonyms: ace, bit, driblet
Antonyms: abundance, barrel, boatload
Sentence: Could I have a smidgen more wine?

10. RECRIMINATION (noun) : अभियोग

Pronunciation: ruh·kri·muh·**nay**·shn **Meaning:** an accusation in response to one from someone else. **Synonyms:** incrimination, charge, complaint **Antonyms:** approval, commendation, praise. **Sentence:** Let's not indulge in <u>recrimination</u>.



