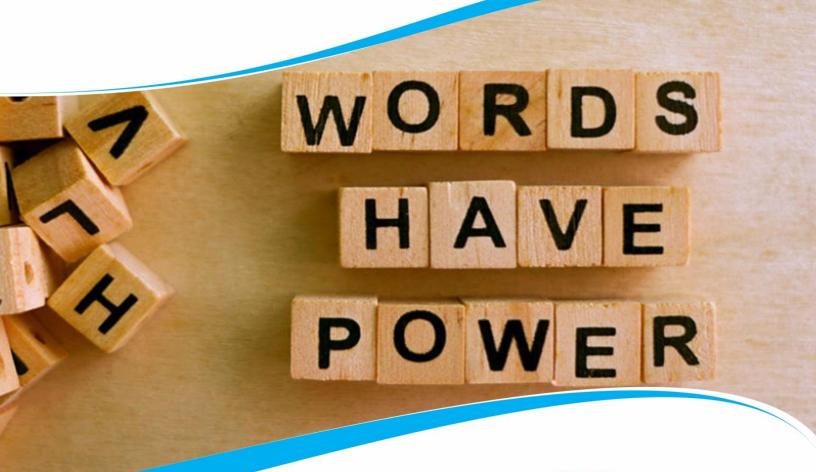




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Some exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read their usages to learn how to use them in sentences. This will really help you boost up your learning.

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1. EDIFY (verb) - उपदेश या शिक्षा देना

Pronunciation: edi-fai

Meaning: instruct or improve (someone) morally or intellectually

Synonyms: educate, instruct, teach, school

Usage: The teacher hoped her speech about good citizenship would edify her students and encourage them to contribute to their

communities.

2. REGRESS (verb, noun) - प्रत्यावर्तन

Pronunciation: ri-gres

Meaning: to return to a previous and less advanced or worse state, condition, or way of behaving

Synonyms: revert, retrogress, relapse, lapse, backslide

Antonyms: progress, improve

Usage: When I saw my teenage son starting to regress to toddler behavior, I took him to see a therapist.

3. COCKY (adjective) - अहंकारी

Pronunciation: koki

Meaning: arrogant or confident in a bold way

Synonyms: arrogant, conceited, overconfident, overweening, cocksure

Antonyms: modest, diffident

Usage: I don't like our class monitor; he is too cocky.

4. MOCKERY (noun) – उपहास

Pronunciation: mok-uri

Meaning: teasing language or behaviour directed at a particular person or thing **Synonyms:** ridicule, derision, jeering, sneering, contempt, scorn, scoffing

Usage: There was a tone of mockery in his voice.

5. ABSURD (adjective) – बेतुका

Pronunciation: ub-sird

Meaning: wildly unreasonable, illogical, or inappropriate

Synonyms: preposterous, ridiculous, ludicrous, farcical, laughable

Antonyms: reasonable, sensible

Usage: It is ridiculously absurd to believe that the number 13 is unlucky.

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6. CABAL (noun) – गुप्तदल, गुट

Pronunciation: kuh-bal

Meaning: a small secret political close-knit group which does not readily allow others to join them

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Synonyms: clique, faction, coterie, group

Usage: I read in a children story book that the world is being secretly ruled by a cabal from inside a secret room.

7. RATIFY (verb) – पुष्टि करना

Pronunciation: rati-fai

Meaning: give formal approval to (a treaty, contract, or agreement), making it officially valid

Synonyms: confirm, approve, sanction, endorse, agree to, accept

Antonyms: reject, revoke

Usage: Today the governor will <u>ratify</u> the bill by signing it during a press conference.

8. IMMURE (verb) – क़ैद करना

Pronunciation: im-yo

Meaning: enclose someone against his will

Synonyms: confine, intern, lock up, incarcerate, imprison

Antonyms: liberate, free, release

Usage: He was immured in a dark room.

9. DUBIOUS (adjective) – संदिग्ध

Pronunciation: dyoo-bi-us **Meaning:** hesitating or doubting

Synonyms: doubtful, uncertain, unsure, hesitant, undecided

Antonyms: certain, definite

Usage: These claims are dubious and not scientifically proven.

10. DIGRESS (verb) – विषयान्तर करना

Pronunciation: di-gres

Meaning: leave the main subject temporarily in speech or writing

Synonyms: deviate, diverge **Antonym:** stick to the point

Usage: Don't digress when you deliver a lecture.



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