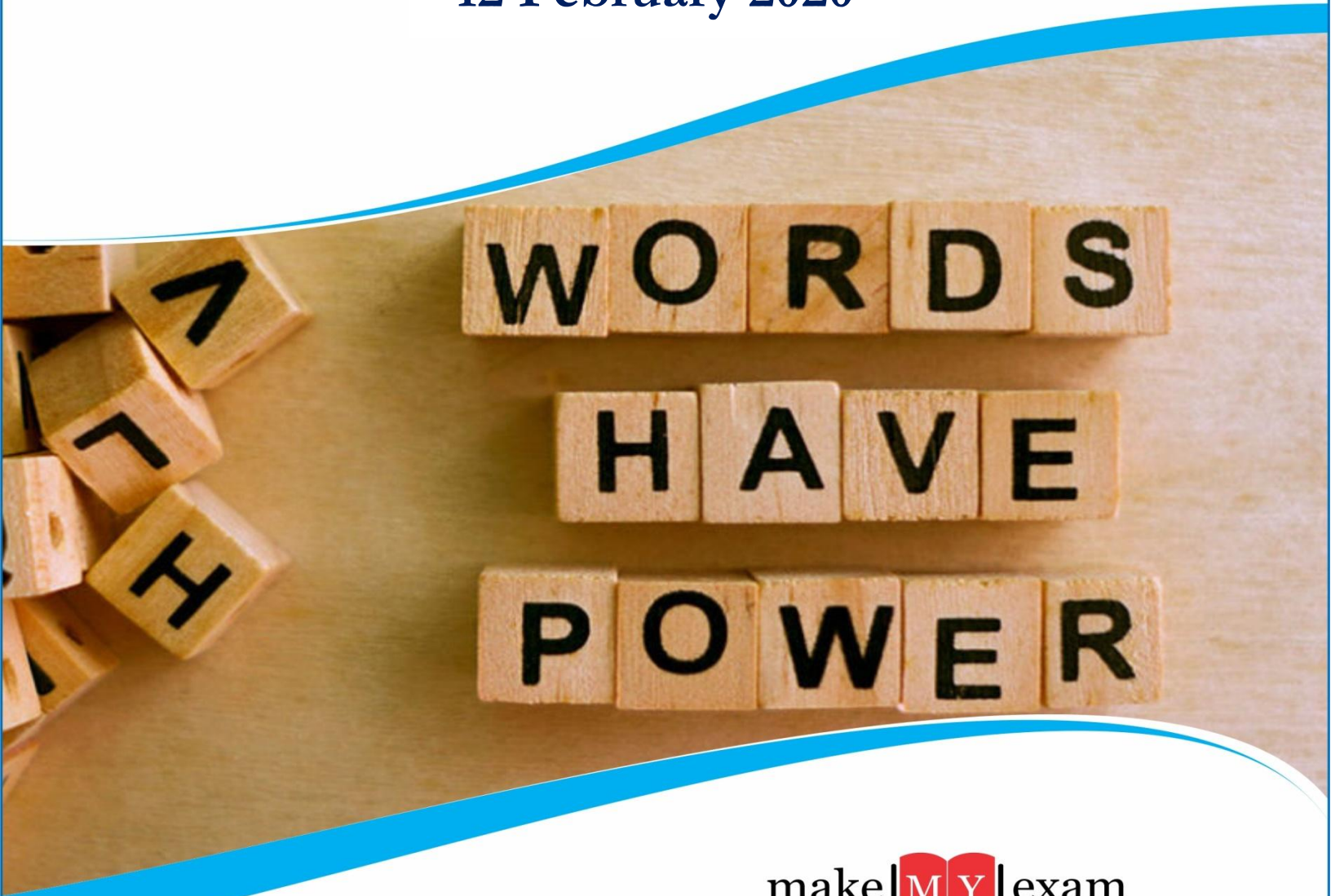


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Some exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read their usages to learn how to use them in sentences. This will really help you boost up your learning.

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1. ACERBIC (adjective) – कटु; खट्टा या कड़वा

Pronunciation: usuh-bik

Meaning: (especially of a comment or style of speaking) sharp and forthright; tasting sour or bitter

Synonyms: sharp, sarcastic, sardonic, satirical, scathing, cutting; sour, acid, acidic, acidulated

Antonyms: mild, kind; sweet

Usage: The letter was written in her usual acerbic style.

2. USHER (noun, verb) – मार्गदर्शक, नेतृत्व करना

Pronunciation: ush-ur

Meaning: the person who guides us to somewhere; show or guide (someone) somewhere

Synonyms: attendant, escort, guide; accompany, help, assist, help

Usage:

- He did a part-time job as an usher in a theatre. (noun)
- As we reached the hotel, the host ushered us into the living room. (verb)

3. STOW (verb) – ठीक से रखना, भरना

Pronunciation: sto

Meaning: pack or store (an object) carefully and neatly in a particular place

Synonyms: pack, load, store

Antonyms: unload, remove

Usage: The passengers are ready to stow their bags and take their seats.

4. BIJOU (adjective) – छोटा और सुरुचिपूर्ण

Pronunciation: bee-joo

Meaning: (especially of a house or flat) small and elegant

Synonyms: small, little, compact, snug, cosy

Antonyms: spacious, roomy, large, wide, open, commodious, capacious, palatial

Usage: It was a bijou residence.

5. DEBAR (verb) – बहिष्कृत या निषेध करना

Pronunciation: di-baa

Meaning: exclude or prohibit (someone) officially from doing something

Synonyms: exclude, ban, bar, disqualify, disentitle

Antonyms: admit, allow

Usage: He was debarred from holding public office.

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6. BAROQUE (adjective) – अत्यधिक सजावट

Pronunciation: bur-ok

Meaning: elaborately or highly decorated

Synonyms: ornate, fancy, over-elaborate, curlicued

Antonym: plain

Usage: The candles were positively baroque.

7. REFURBISH (verb) – नवीनीकरण करना; फिर से सवारना

Pronunciation: ri-fuh-bish

Meaning: renovate and redecorate (something, especially a building)

Synonyms: recondition, rehabilitate, revamp

Antonym: dilapidate

Usage: A developer wants to refurbish the Green Street Hotel.

8. PENSIVE (adjective) – ध्यानपरायण

Pronunciation: pen-siv

Meaning: engaged in, involving, or reflecting deep or serious thought

Synonyms: thoughtful, thinking, reflective, contemplative, musing

Usage: She looked pensive when she heard the news.

9. FLOUNDER (verb) – पानी या कीचड़ में तड़फड़ाना; गंभीर कठिनाई में होना

Pronunciation: flaun-duh

Meaning: struggle or stagger clumsily in mud or water; be in serious difficulty

Synonyms: struggle, thrash, thresh, flail

Antonyms: make good progress; prosper

Usage:

- The new swimmer had to flounder in the deep end until the lifeguard dragged him to safety.
- Her career as an actress is floundering as she is gaining weight day by day.

10. DEVOLUTION (noun) – हस्तांतरण

Pronunciation: dee-vul-oosh(u)n / devul-oosh(u)n

Meaning: the transfer or delegation of power to a lower level; the surrender of powers to local authorities by a central government

Synonyms: decentralization, delegation, dispersal, distribution, transfer, surrender

Antonym: centralization

Usage: The majority of people in the province are in favour of devolution.



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