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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. What's more, take the test given at the last to check how much you learnt. This will really help you boost up your learning.

Happy learning!!!

1. HACKNEYED (adjective) – घिसा-पिटा

Pronunciation: hak need
Meaning: having been overused
Synonyms: overused, overworked, overdone, worn out, time-worn, vapid, stale
Antonyms: fresh, new
Usage: Eventually, the phrase became so <u>hackneyed</u> that people stopped saying it.

2. IRKSOME (adjective) - दुखदायी

Pronunciation: uhk⋅sm
Meaning: irritating; annoying
Synonyms: irritating, annoying, vexing, vexatious, galling, displeasing, grating
Antonyms: pleasant, agreeable
Usage: Hank's fellow employees try to avoid him because of his <u>irksome</u> behavior.

3. MURKY (adjective) – धुंधला, अंधेरा

Pronunciation: muh⋅kee
Meaning: dark and gloomy, especially due to thick mist
Synonyms: dark, gloomy, grey, leaden, dull, dim, cloudy
Antonyms: bright, sunny
Usage: You will need a flashlight to explore the <u>murky</u> cave.

4. TORTOUS (adjective) – टेढ़ा-मेढ़ा

Pronunciation: taw.choo.uhs
Meaning: full of twists and turns
Synonyms: twisting, winding, curving, curvy, bending, sinuous, undulating
Antonyms: straight, unbending
Usage: We have travelled a tortuous road.

5. DEROGATORY (adjective) – अपमानजनक

Pronunciation: duh·ro·guh·tuh·ree **Meaning**: showing a critical or disrespectful attitude



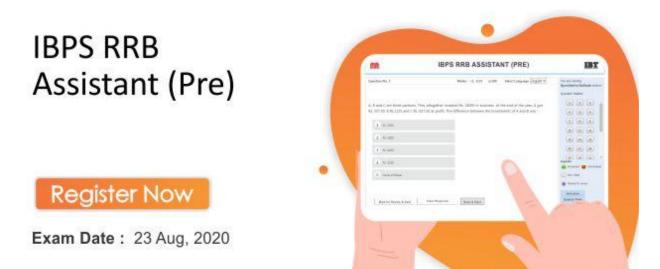
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Synonyms: disparaging, belittling, diminishing, slighting, deprecatory, depreciative, detracting

Antonyms: complimentary, flattering

Usage: He refused to withdraw derogatory remarks made about his boss.

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6. FACILE (adjective) – आसान

Pronunciation: fa·sailMeaning: ignoring the true complexities of an issueSynonyms: simplistic, superficial, oversimplified, schematic, shallow, patAntonyms: thorough, profoundUsage: The recipe is so <u>facile</u> that even a young child can make the dish.

7. BOISTEROUS (adjective) - 3일मी

Pronunciation: boy·stuh·ruhs Meaning: noisy, energetic, and cheerful Synonyms: lively, active, exuberant, spirited, bouncy, frisky, excited Antonyms: quiet, restrained Usage: The children are very <u>boisterous</u> today.

8. FOIBLE (noun) – चरित्र की दुर्बलता

Pronunciation: foy·bl



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Meaning: a minor weakness or eccentricity in someone's character **Synonyms**: weakness, failing, shortcoming, flaw, imperfection, blemish, fault **Antonyms**: strength, power **Usage**: We have to tolerate each other's little foibles.

9. REFRACTORY (adjective) - हठी

Pronunciation: ruh·frak·tuh·ree
Meaning: stubborn or unmanageable
Synonyms: obstinate, stubborn, mulish, obdurate, headstrong, wayward, wilful
Antonyms: obedient, manageable
Usage: The <u>refractory</u> students spend a great deal of time in the detention room.

10. PERILOUS (adjective) - खतरनाक

Pronunciation: peh·ruh·luhs **Meaning**: full of danger or risk **Synonyms**: dangerous, hazardous, risky, unsafe, treacherous, precarious, vulnerable **Antonyms**: safe, secure **Usage**: Putting out wildfires is a very <u>perilous</u> job.

