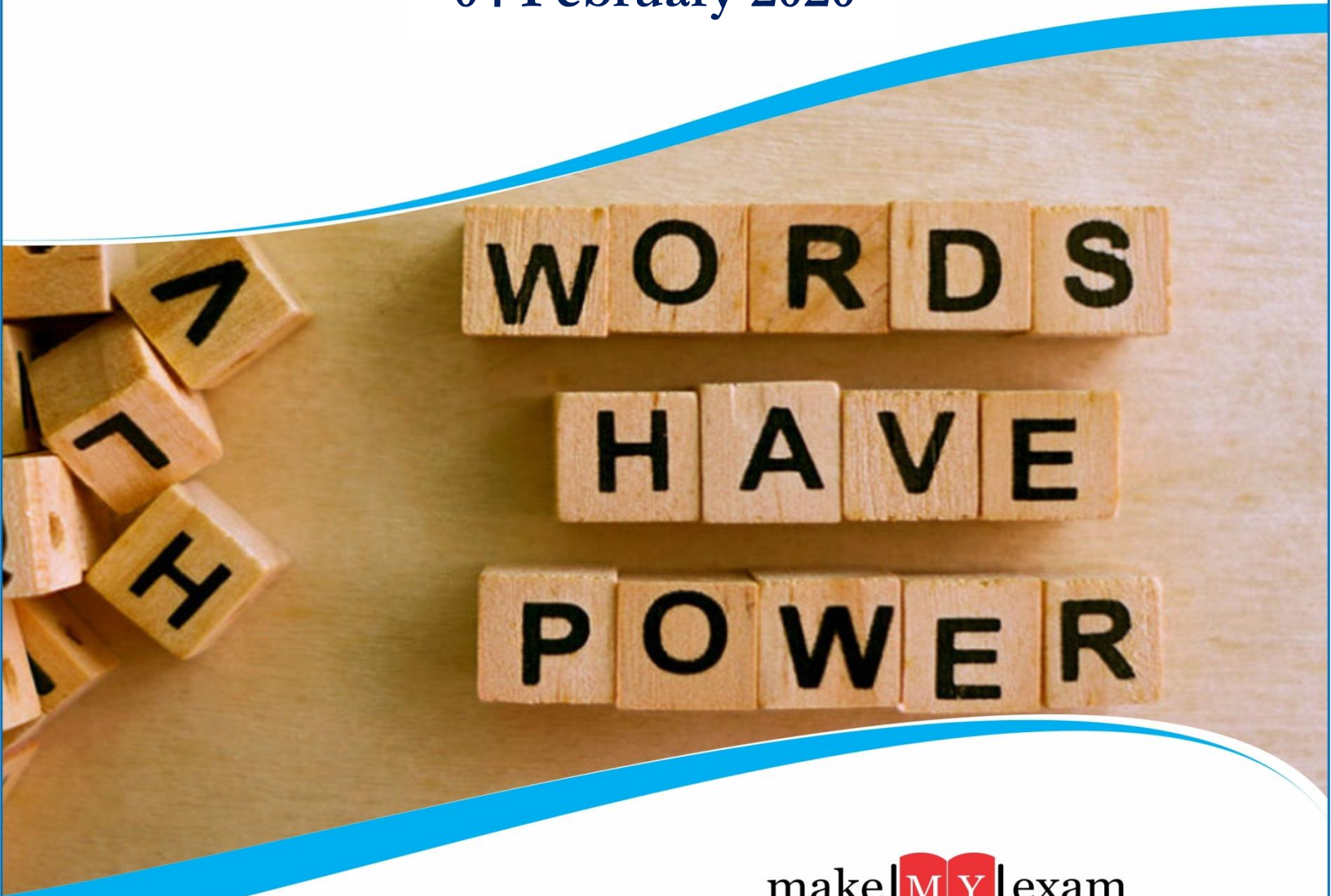


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Some exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read their usages to learn how to use them in sentences. This will really help you boost up your learning.

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1. DOWNTRODDEN (adjective) – रौंद डाला हुआ

Pronunciation: daun-tro-d(u)n

Meaning: oppressed or treated badly by people in power

Synonyms: oppressed, subjugated, persecuted, subdued, repressed

Usage: The majority of the downtrodden are non-white.

2. ECHELON (noun) – सोपानक

Pronunciation: eshulon / eish-lon

Meaning: a level or rank in an organization, a profession, or society

Synonyms: level, rank, grade, step, rung, tier, stratum

Usage: The prominent college ranks among the top echelon of schools in the nation.

3. SPUNK (noun) – साहस, दिलेरी

Pronunciation: spunk

Meaning: courage and determination

Synonyms: courage, bravery, pluck, valour, mettle

Antonyms: cowardice, irresolution, timidity

Usage: Those kids had spunk who hiked through the forest in the dark.

4. PUNY (adjective) – छोटा और दुर्बल

Pronunciation: pyoo-ni

Meaning: small and weak

Synonyms: undersized, underdeveloped, undernourished, underfed, stunted

Antonyms: strong, sturdy, significant, sizeable, substantial

Usage: They laughed at my puny efforts.

5. HOMESPUN (adjective) – सादा और अपरिष्कृत

Pronunciation: hom-spun

Meaning: simple and unsophisticated

Synonyms: unsophisticated, unpolished, unrefined, plain, simple, rustic

Antonym: sophisticated

Usage: The book is simple homespun philosophy.

6. PUNTER (noun) – जुआरी; दाँव लगाने वाला

Pronunciation: pun-tuh

Meaning: a person who gambles, places a bet, or makes a risky investment

Synonyms: gambler, backer, staker, speculator, bettor, plunger

Usage: The political punter bets more with his heart than his head.

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7. SAUNTER (verb, noun) – टहलना

Pronunciation: son-tuh

Meaning: walk in a slow, relaxed manner; a leisurely walk

Synonyms: stroll, amble, wander, meander, drift, maunder

Antonym: run

Usage:

- Adam sauntered into the room. (verb)
- Let's go for a saunter along the river. (noun)

8. TENABLE (adjective) – रक्षणीय, तर्कसंगत

Pronunciation: tenub(u)l

Meaning: able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection

Synonyms: defensible, justifiable, sustainable, arguable

Antonyms: indefensible, untenable

Usage: This argument is simply not tenable.

9. EXECRABLE (adjective) – घृणास्पद

Pronunciation: eksikrub(u)l

Meaning: extremely bad and unpleasant

Synonyms: appalling, awful, dreadful, terrible, frightful, atrocious

Antonyms: good, appreciable

Usage: When news was released of the execrable treatment of refugees in detention centers, there was a public outcry against the government entity in charge.

10. CENSORIOUS (adjective) – दोषान्वेषी

Pronunciation: sen-so-ri-us

Meaning: severely critical of others

Synonyms: hypocritical, overcritical, disapproving, condemnatory, condemning

Antonyms: complimentary, approving

Usage: Be more understanding and less censorious.



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