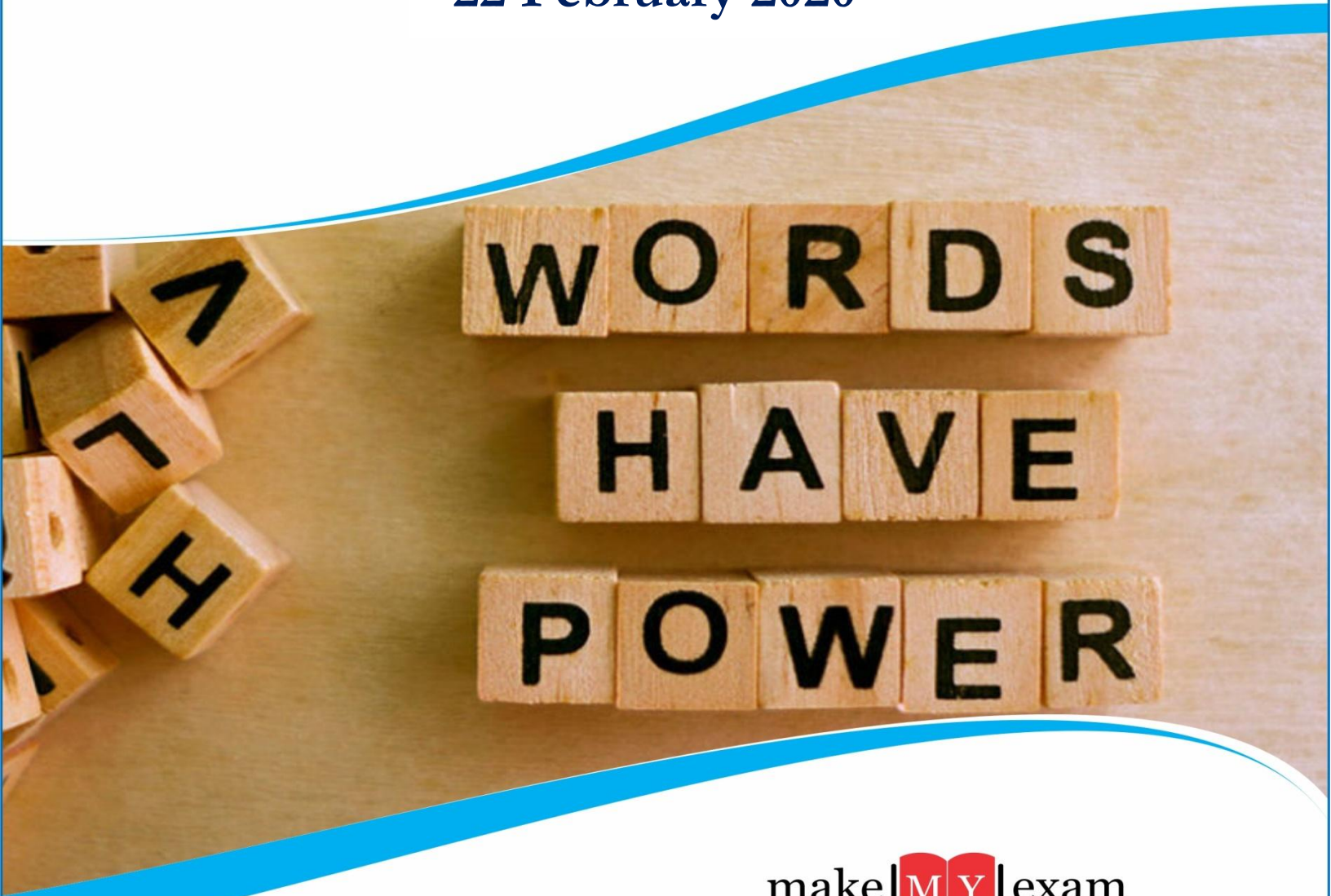


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Some exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read their usages to learn how to use them in sentences. This will really help you boost up your learning.

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### 1. ASCEND (verb) – ऊपर जाना; चढ़ना

**Pronunciation:** usend

**Meaning:** go up or climb

**Synonyms:** arise, mount, scale, conquer

**Antonym:** descend

**Usage:**

- My child stopped crying when I told him his dead puppy would ascend to heaven and live with the puppy angels.
- The divers have begun to ascend to the surface of the water.

### 2. SEDATE (adjective, verb) – गंभीर, शांत

**Pronunciation:** si-deit

**Meaning:** calm, dignified, and unhurried; calm (someone) or make them sleep by administering a sedative drug

**Synonyms:** calm, tranquil, placid, composed, serene; tranquillize, quieten, pacify, soothe, relax

**Antonyms:** exciting, wild, fast; invigorate, energize

**Usage:**

- We spent a sedate evening at home.
- She was heavily sedated.

### 3. GLUM (adjective) – अप्रसन्न, मलिनमुख

**Pronunciation:** glum

**Meaning:** looking or feeling sad and depressed

**Synonyms:** morose, gloomy, downcast, downhearted, dejected, disconsolate

**Antonyms:** cheerful, merry

**Usage:** Finding out that their field trip was cancelled, the students' moods took a glum turn.

### 4. RESPONSIVE (adjective) – अनुक्रियाशील

**Pronunciation:** ris-pon-siv

**Meaning:** reacting quickly and positively

**Synonyms:** reactive, receptive, amenable, flexible, accessible

**Antonyms:** apathetic, insensitive

**Usage:** She is fairly responsive to new ideas.

### 5. ENIGMA (noun) – रहस्य, पेचदार

**Pronunciation:** enig-maa

**Meaning:** a person or thing that is mysterious or difficult to understand

**Synonyms:** mystery, puzzle, riddle, conundrum, paradox, problem

**Usage:** Iran remains an enigma for the outside world.

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### 6. ANTEDATE (verb) – पूर्व दिनांकित करना

**Pronunciation:** anti-deit

**Meaning:** precede in time; come before (something) in date

**Synonyms:** precede, predate

**Antonym:** postdate

**Usage:** The economic troubles antedate the current administration.

### 7. KISMET (noun) – किस्मत, भाग्य

**Pronunciation:** kiz-met

**Meaning:** destiny; fate

**Synonyms:** fortune, providence

**Usage:** Bill believes kismet caused him to miss the plane that crashed into the ocean.

### 8. SENILE (adjective) – जरा-जीर्ण

**Pronunciation:** see-nail

**Meaning:** (of a person) having or showing the weaknesses or diseases of old age, especially a loss of mental faculties

**Synonyms:** doddering, dodder, decrepit, aged

**Usage:** He spent many years caring for his senile mother.

### 9. SLICK (adjective) – धाराप्रवाह पर प्रभावहीन; चिकना

**Pronunciation:** slik

**Meaning:** done or operating in an impressively smooth and efficient way; smooth and superficially impressive but insincere or shallow; (of skin or hair) smooth and glossy; (of a surface) smooth, wet, and slippery

**Synonyms:** efficient, smooth, smooth-running, polished, well organized; glib, smooth, fluent, plausible; shiny, glossy, shining, sleek, smooth, silky, silken; slippery, wet, greasy, oily

**Antonyms:** amateurish, clumsy, inexperienced; profound, thoughtful; dry, rough

**Usage:**

- The dancers gave a very slick performance.
- She's very slick, but I don't believe a word she says.
- His hair dark looked slick after shower.
- The roads were slick with rain.

### 10. PRESCIENT (adjective) – भविष्य ज्ञानी

**Pronunciation:** presi-unt

**Meaning:** having or showing knowledge of events before they take place

**Synonyms:** prophetic, predictive, visionary, psychic, clairvoyant

**Antonym:** undiscerning

**Usage:** Extraordinarily prescient, the 1905 book accurately predicted what is going on in today's times.



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