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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. EULOGY (noun) - प्रशंसा भाषण, गुणगान

Pronunciation: yoo•luh•jee

Meaning: a speech or piece of writing that praises someone or something highly, especially a tribute to someone who has just died

Synonyms: accolade, citation, commendation, encomium, eulogium, homage, hymn, paean, panegyric, salutation, tribute

Antonyms: censure, condemnation, denunciation, indictment, rebuke, reprimand, admonition, correction, harangue, sermon

Usage: The minister delivered a long eulogy.

2. OBDURATE (adjective) - कठोर, जिद्दी

Pronunciation: ob•joo•ruht

Meaning: stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion or course of action

Synonyms: affectless, callous, case-hardened, cold-blooded, compassionless, desensitized, hard-hearted, heartless, indurate, inhuman, pachydermatous

Antonyms: charitable, compassionate, humane, kindhearted, kindly, merciful, sensitive, softhearted, sympathetic, tender

Usage: He remained <u>obdurate</u>, refusing to alter his decision.

3. DISSONANCE (noun) – बेस्रापन; मतभेद

Pronunciation: di•suh•nuhns

Meaning: lack of harmony among musical notes; lack of agreement or harmony between people or things **Synonyms**: conflict, disaccord, discord, discordance, disharmony, dissidence, disunion, disunity, division, friction, infighting, schism, strife, variance

Antonyms: agreement, concord, concordance, harmony, peace

Usage: There is a great deal of <u>dissonance</u> between what a liar says and does.

4. PREVARICATE (verb) – टालमटोल करना, झूठ बोलना

Pronunciation: pruh•va•ruh•keit **Meaning**: to avoid telling the truth or saying exactly what you think **Synonyms**: fabricate, fib, lie, vacillate, quibble, palter, equivocate, tergiversate **Antonyms**: authenticate, confirm, substantiate, validate, verify **Usage**: British ministers continued to <u>prevaricate</u>.

5. RETICENT (adjective) – कम बोलने वाला

Pronunciation: pruh•va•ruh•keit

Meaning: not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily

Synonyms: closemouthed, dark, secretive, tight-mouthed, uncommunicative, reserved, diffident

Antonyms: communicative, open

Usage: He was extremely reticent about his personal life.



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6. EXTANT (adjective) – मौजूदा, वर्तमान

Pronunciation: ek•stant
Meaning: still in existence; surviving
Synonyms: alive, present, around, living, undestroyed, current
Antonyms: dead, extinct
Usage: This is one of the few <u>extant</u> manuscripts.

7. INCULPATE (verb) – दोषी ठहराना, दोषारोपण करना

Pronunciation: in•kuhl•peit
Meaning: accuse or blame
Synonyms: implicate, involve, incriminate, defame, indict, censure, condemn, denounce
Antonyms: exculpate, free, exonerate
Usage: Evidence was used to inculpate the suspects.

8. ARCANE (adjective) - गुप्त, रहस्यमय

Pronunciation: aa•kein
Meaning: understood by few; mysterious or secret
Synonyms: hidden, concealed, covert, abstruse, recondite, enigmatic, occult
Antonyms: well known, open, obscure, esoteric
Usage: The elderly teacher had an <u>arcane</u> way of teaching mathematics.

9. ASSUAGE (verb) – शांत करना, धीमा करना

Pronunciation: uh•sweij
Meaning: make (an unpleasant feeling) less intense
Synonyms: allay, alleviate, ease, help, mitigate, mollify, palliate, relieve, soothe, dampen, attenuate
Antonyms: aggravate, exacerbate
Usage: The medicine is used to <u>assuage</u> pain.



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10. BURGEON (verb) – फैलना, बढ़ना

Pronunciation: buh•jn
Meaning: begin to grow or increase rapidly; flourish
Synonyms: accumulate, appreciate, balloon, boom, build up, climb, enlarge, escalate, multiply, mushroom, proliferate, spread, swell
Antonyms: contract, decrease, diminish, dwindle, lessen, recede, wane
Usage: Our company's business is <u>burgeoning</u> now.