



# Weekly Vocab Dose

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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. After this, take the quiz based on the vocabulary to check how much you learnt. This will really help you boost up your learning.

**Happy learning!!!**

### 1.TANTAMOUNT (ADJECTIVE) : समान

**Pronunciation:**tan•tuh•mawnt

**Meaning:** Equivalent in value, significance.

**Synonyms:** Commensurate , Identical, similar

**Antonyms:** Different , Opposite, distinct

**Sentence:** His statement was tantamount to an admission of guilt.

### 2.BODE(VERB) : भविष्यव्दाणी

**Pronunciation:**bode

**Meaning:** To be a sign of something good or bad for the future.

**Synonyms:** Augur , Presage, predict

**Antonyms:** Antinode , Break

**Sentence:**They have a very good relationship and it bodes well.

### 3.BRINK(NOUN) : कगार

**Pronunciation:**bringk

**Meaning:** A crucial or critical point.

**Synonyms:** Edge , Verge, margin

**Antonyms:** Inside , Centre, middle

**Sentence:** Mismanagement had brought the company to the brink of bankruptcy.

### 4.SWATHES(VERB) : लपेटना

**Pronunciation:**svaydhz

**Meaning:** to wrap or cover somebody/something in something.

**Synonyms:** Swaddle , Envelop, bind

**Antonyms:** Unlash , Untie, strip

**Sentence:**Her neck was swathed in jewels.

### 5.UNANIMOUS (ADJECTIVE) : एकमत

**Pronunciation:**yoo•na•nuh•muhs

**Meaning:** (used about a decision, etc.) agreed by everyone.

**Synonyms:** like-minded, compatible, united

**Antonyms:** divided, hostile, opposite

**Sentence:** The doctors were unanimous in their diagnoses.

### **6.CATASTROPHIC(ADJECTIVE) : आपत्तिजनक**

**Pronunciation:**ka•tuh•straw•fuhk

**Meaning:** causing sudden and very great harm or destruction.

**Synonyms:** Calamitous , Cataclysmic, fatal

**Antonyms:** Fortunate , Blessed, happy

**Sentence:** His mother's untimely death had a catastrophic effect on him.

### **7.DETERIORATING(VERB) : बिगड़ती**

**Pronunciation:**duh•teeuh•ree•uh•rayt•uhng

**Meaning:** To become worse.

**Synonyms:** Collapse , Degenerate, destroyed

**Antonyms:** Improvement , Heighten, fresh

**Sentence:** The weather conditions are deteriorating.

### **8.ANNEXATION(NOUN) : राज्य.हरण**

**Pronunciation:**a•neks•ay•shn

**Meaning:** To take what originally belonged to someone else.

**Synonyms:** Seizure , Invasion, takeover

**Antonyms:** Detachment , Loss

**Sentence:** Annexations of suburban territory in 1888 and 1890 greatly increased the area of the city.

### **9.AMICABLY(ADVERB) : सौहार्दपूर्ण**

**Pronunciation:**a•muh•kuh•blee

**Meaning:** without arguments, legal action, or unpleasant behavior.

**Synonyms:** Assenting , Pleasantly, happily

**Antonyms:** Unfriendly , Hostile, heavily

**Sentence:** We chatted amicably around the oak table, laughing at each other's stories.

### **10. ALTERCATION (NOUN): तकरार**

**Pronunciation:**awl•tuh•kay•shn

**Meaning:** a noisy argument or disagreement, especially in public.

**Synonyms:** dispute, quarrel, brawl

**Antonyms:** agreement, calm, harmony

**Sentence:** According to witnesses, the altercation between the two men started inside the restaurant.

**11. CEDE (VERB): सौंपना****Pronunciation:** seed**Meaning:** to give land or control of something to another country or person.**Synonyms:** relinquish, surrender, render**Antonyms:** retain, keep, withhold**Sentence:** Hong Kong was ceded to Britain after the Opium War.**12. FICKLE (ADJECTIVE): चंचल****Pronunciation:** fi·kl**Meaning:** changing frequently, especially as regards one's loyalties, interests, or affection.**Synonyms:** capricious, changeable, variable**Antonyms:** constant, certain, unchanging**Sentence:** The weather is so fickle at this time of year.**13. RUCTION (NOUN): झगडा****Pronunciation:** ruc·tion**Meaning:** a rough and often noisy fight usually involving several people.**Synonyms:** brawl, clash, ruckus**Antonyms:** peace, hush, tranquility**Sentence:** The ruction in the cafeteria started when one student threw a lunch tray at another student.**14. GUILF (NOUN): छल****Pronunciation:** gile**Meaning:** the inclination or practice of misleading others through lies or trickery.**Synonyms:** deception, cunning, slyness**Antonyms:** sincerity, guilelessness, ingenuousness**Sentence:** With a little guile he might get what he wanted.**15. VIRTUOSITY (NOUN): कलाप्रवीण****Pronunciation:** vuh·choo·aws·uh·tee**Meaning:** great skill in music or another artistic pursuit.**Synonyms:** mastery, expertise, proficiency**Antonyms:** incompetency, unfamiliarity, illiteracy**Sentence:** At that time, his virtuosity on the trumpet had no parallel in jazz.**16. FLAGRANT (ADJECTIVE): खुला****Pronunciation:** flay·gruhnt

**Meaning:** (used about an action) shocking because it is done in a very obvious way and shows no respect for people, laws, etc.

**Synonyms:** blatant, obvious, gross

**Antonyms:** small, trivial, trifling

**Sentence:** After the basketball player committed a flagrant foul, he was kicked out of the game.

### **17. SORDID (NOUN): घिनौना**

**Pronunciation:** saw·duhd

**Meaning:** involving immoral or dishonorable actions and motives; morally wrong and shocking.

**Synonyms:** filthy, dirty, dusty

**Antonyms:** noble, upright, honorable

**Sentence:** The movie described the sordid history of the mafia since 1950.

### **18. BIZARRE (ADJECTIVE): विचित्र**

**Pronunciation:** bi·zaa

**Meaning:** very strange and unusual.

**Synonyms:** absurd, insane, crazy

**Antonyms:** reasonable, realistic, normal

**Sentence:** Everyone stared at the student who wore the bizarre outfit to school.

### **19. TRAFFICKING (VERB) : तस्करी**

**Pronunciation:** tra·fuhk·uhng

**Meaning:** deal or trade in something illegal.

**Synonyms:** trading, smuggling, selling

**Antonyms:** boycotting, blacking, blackballing

**Sentence:** The abduction and trafficking of babies has been a problem in China for decades.

### **20. TESTIMONY (NOUN): गवाही**

**Pronunciation:** teh·stuh·muh·nee

**Meaning:** a formal written or spoken statement, especially one given in a court of law.

**Synonyms:** evidence, proof, witness

**Antonyms:** rebuttal, refutation, charge

**Sentence:** The defendant in court had to give a testimony about where they were the day before so they could prove they did not commit the crime.

### **21. CHRONIC (ADJECTIVE): दीर्घकालिक**

**Pronunciation:** kraw·nuhk

**Meaning:** (used about a disease or a problem) that continues for a long time.

**Synonyms:** persistent, serial, inveterate

**Antonyms:** occasional, intermittent, unaccustomed

**Sentence:** Because my aunt has untreatable cancer, she has been dealing with chronic pain for several months.

## **22. EXHORTATION (NOUN): प्रोत्साहन**

**Pronunciation:** eg·zawt·ay·shn

**Meaning:** the act of strongly encouraging or trying to persuade someone to do something.

**Synonyms:** recommendation, suggestion, warning

**Antonyms:** discouragement, restrain

**Sentence:** In the 3rd quatrain there is a change of tone, with the speaker making a direct exhortation to his beloved.

## **23. QUIBBLE (NOUN): वक्रोक्ति**

**Pronunciation:** kvi·bl

**Meaning:** the action of raising objections about a trivial matter.

**Synonyms:** criticism, niggle, cavil

**Antonyms:** approval, support, back

**Sentence:** The only quibble about this book is the price

## **24. EXPUNGE (VERB): मिटाना**

**Pronunciation:** uhk·spuhnjd

**Meaning:** to rub off or remove information from a piece of writing.

**Synonyms:** erase, eradicate, abolish

**Antonyms:** add, allow, construct

**Sentence:** His name has been expunged from the list of members.

## **25. OBFUSCATE (NOUN): अंधेरा करना**

**Pronunciation:** awb·fuh·skayt

**Meaning:** to make something unclear and more difficult to understand.

**Synonyms:** confuse, complicate, blur

**Antonyms:** clarify, simplify, illuminate

**Sentence:** She was criticized for using arguments that obfuscated the main issue.

## **26. UNREMITTING (ADJECTIVE): लगातार**

**Pronunciation:** uhn·ruh·mit·uhng

**Meaning:** going on and on without any interruptions.

**Synonyms:** continuous, relentless, incessant

**Antonyms:** recurrent, intermittent, discontinuous

**Sentence:** As long as continuous efforts, and unremitting struggle, there are no things that cannot be conquered.

### **27. NAY (NOUN): इनकार**

**Pronunciation:**nei

**Meaning:** or rather (used to emphasize a more appropriate word than one just used).

**Synonyms:** denial, refusal, negation

**Antonyms:** yes, positive, approval

**Sentence:** Since only ten percent of the members voted nay, the was passed which was then sent to the president to be signed.

### **28. CORROBORATE (VERB): पुष्ट करना**

**Pronunciation:**kuh·raw·buh·rayt

**Meaning:**confirm or give support to (a statement, theory, or finding).

**Synonyms:** confirm, verify, endorse

**Antonyms:** refute, disprove, rebut

**Sentence:** Recent research seems to corroborate his theory.

### **29. UNFURL (VERB): खोलना**

**Pronunciation:**uhn·fuhl

**Meaning:**make or become spread out from a rolled or folded state, especially in order to be open to the wind.

**Synonyms:** unfold, expand, extend

**Antonyms:** fold, close, reduce

**Sentence:** During the spring, the sprouting leaves begin to unfurl, and each petal that opens will sprout a colorful bloom.

### **30. INVERSION (NOUN): उलट देना**

**Pronunciation:**uhn·vuh·zhn

**Meaning:**a situation in which something is changed so that it is the opposite of what it was before, or in which something is turned upside down.

**Synonyms:** reversal, turning about, turning upside down

**Antonyms:** verticality, erectness, stability

**Sentence:** Her account of the case was an inversion of the facts.

### **31. DISCRIMINATION (NOUN): भेदभाव**

**Pronunciation:**di·skri·mi·nay·shn

**Meaning:** treating one person or group worse than others.

**Synonyms:** Bias, prejudice, unfairness

**Antonym:** Fairness, equality, impartiality

**Sentence:** Legislation has been enacted to prevent discrimination in the workplace based on gender, race, or age.

### **32. ARCHAIC (ADJECTIVE): प्राचीन**

**Pronunciation:** aa·kay·uhk

**Meaning:** Belonging to an earlier time; outdated or no longer in common use; ancient or old-fashioned.

**Synonyms:** Antiquated, outdated, obsolete

**Antonym:** Modern, current, contemporary

**Sentence:** The language used in the ancient text is considered archaic and is not commonly spoken today.

### **33. COARSE (ADJECTIVE): खुरदुरा**

**Pronunciation:** kaws

**Meaning:** Rough or harsh in texture; lacking refinement or delicacy; crude or unpolished.

**Synonyms:** Rough, rugged, harsh

**Antonym:** Fine, smooth, refined

**Sentence:** The fabric was coarse, causing discomfort when worn against the skin.

### **34. PATRIARCHAL (ADJECTIVE): कुलपति का**

**Pronunciation:** pay·tree·aak·uhl

**Meaning:** Relating to or characteristic of a system of society or government controlled by men; having a male-dominated or male-centered structure.

**Synonyms:** rabbinical, divine, ecclesiastical

**Antonym:** Matriarchal, egalitarian, gender-neutral

**Sentence:** The patriarchal society was marked by traditional gender roles, with men holding positions of power and authority.

### **35. NOTION (NOUN): धारणा**

**Pronunciation:** noh·shn

**Meaning:** A general understanding or idea, often a vague or imperfect one.

**Synonyms:** Concept, idea, thought

**Antonym:** Fact, reality, certainty

**Sentence:** His notion of success was not solely based on wealth but also on personal fulfillment and happiness.

**36. ABYSMAL (ADJECTIVE): अत्यंत****Pronunciation:**uh·biz·muhl**Meaning:** Extremely bad or of very low quality; exceptionally poor or dismal.**Synonyms:** Appalling, dreadful, dismal**Antonym:** Excellent, outstanding, exceptional**Sentence:** The team's performance in the last match was abysmal, with numerous errors and lack of coordination.**37. DISENTITLEMENT (NOUN): पात्रता****Pronunciation:**dis·en·tit·le·ment**Meaning:** The act or state of being deprived of entitlement or rights; the loss or removal of the right to receive certain benefits, privileges, or considerations.**Synonyms:** Deprivation, loss of rights, divestment**Antonym:** Entitlement, privilege, right, eligibility.**Sentence:** The disentitlement of the employee was a consequence of violating company policies.**38. UNDERMINE (VERB): कमजोर****Pronunciation:**uhn·duh·mine**Meaning:** to make something weaker.**Synonyms:** Weaken, subvert, erode**Antonym:** Strengthen, support, reinforce**Sentence:** The constant criticism began to undermine her self-confidence over time.**39. PUGNACIOUS (ADJECTIVE) : झगड़ालू****Pronunciation:** puhg.nay.shuhs**Meaning:** very eager to start an argument or fight; expressing an opinion very strongly.**Synonyms:**aggressive, militant, hostile**Antonyms:** peaceable, pacific, amiable**Sentence:** He had a walking stick and his whole manner was so pugnacious and focused.**40. GUSTATORY (ADJECTIVE) : स्वाद****Pronunciation:** guh.stay.tuh.ree**Meaning:** concerned with tasting or the sense of taste.**Synonyms:** flavor, savour, tang**Antonyms:** tastelessness, disgust, dislike**Sentence:** Excessive dryness of skin and gustatory sweating were also reported.**41.CATASTROPHIC(ADJECTIVE): आपत्तिजनक**

**Pronunciation:**ka·tuh·straw·fuhk

**Meaning:** causing sudden and very great harm or destruction.

**Synonyms:** disastrous, fatal, unfortunate

**Antonyms:** fortunate, advantageous, anastrophic

**Sentence:** Because of the severe drought, this year has been quite catastrophic for farmers.

#### **42. BEFUDDLED (ADJECTIVE) : स्वयं को मूर्ख बनाना**

**Pronunciation:**buh·fuh·dld

**Meaning:** unable to think clearly; confused or perplexed.

**Synonyms:** bewildered, confused, dazed

**Antonyms:** clearheaded, conscious, alert

**Sentence:** Even with my professor's help, I was still befuddled by the complicated chemistry formula.

#### **43. TRUMPETED (VERB): ढिंढोरा पीटना**

**Pronunciation:**truhm·puht·uhd

**Meaning:** to talk about something publicly in a proud or an enthusiastic way.

**Synonyms:** announced, published, proclaimed

**Antonyms:** withheld, suppressed, concealed

**Sentence:** We trumpeted our triumph all over the college.

#### **44. BACKER (NOUN): सरपरस्त**

**Pronunciation:**bak·uh

**Meaning:** a person, organization or company that gives support to somebody, especially financial support.

**Synonyms:** supporter, proponent, exponent

**Antonyms:** enemy, foe, rival, critic

**Sentence:** With no backer to offer financial support, the restaurant was forced to shut down last Friday.

#### **45. SEAMLESS (ADJECTIVE): निरंतरतायुक्त**

**Pronunciation:**seem·luhs

**Meaning:** smooth and continuous, with no apparent gaps or spaces between one part and the next.

**Synonyms:** perfect, flawless, faultless

**Antonyms:** imperfect, bad, defective

**Sentence:** Although there were some hiccups along the way, the project seemed seamless on the outside.

**46. AGOG (ADJECTIVE): उत्सुक****Pronunciation:**uh·gawg**Meaning:** very eager or curious to hear or see something**Synonyms:** eager, excited, impatient**Antonyms:** apathetic, unenthusiastic, incurious**Sentence:** I've been agog all afternoon, waiting for the next part of your story.**47. FREEBIE (NOUN): मुफ्त****Pronunciation:**free·beez**Meaning:** a thing given free of charge**Synonyms:** gift, donation, bonus**Antonyms:** expensive, extortionate, overpriced**Sentence:** The store gives customers a freebie with their purchases.**48. ANIMADVERSION (NOUN) : निन्दा****Pronunciation:**a·nuh·mad·vuh·shn**Meaning:** criticism or censure**Synonyms:** harsh criticism, disapproval**Antonyms:** extol, laud, praise**Sentence:**He was infuriated by their constant animadversion.**49. CALLOUS (ADJECTIVE) : कठोर****Pronunciation:**ka·luhs**Meaning:** showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others**Synonyms:** ruthless, merciless, heartless**Antonyms:** sympathetic, compassionate, merciful**Sentence:** The professor was callous and cold, and no one wanted to remain in the class.**50. STARTLE (VERB) : डराना****Pronunciation:**staa·tl**Meaning:** to surprise somebody/something in a way that slightly shocks or frightens him/her/it.**Synonyms:** shock, stun, astonish**Antonyms:** assure, soothe, comfort**Sentence:** If the music is too loud, it will startle the sleeping baby.**51.DITHER (VERB): कांपना****Pronunciation:** di·dhuh

**Meaning:** to be unable to make a decision about doing something; to be very nervous, excited, or confused.

**Synonyms:** hesitate, falter, waver

**Antonyms:** calm, peace, sense

**Sentence:** The politician began to dither and stutter when asked about his stance.

## **52. ABSTENTION (NOUN): बचाव**

**Pronunciation:** uhb·sten·shn

**Meaning:** an instance of declining to vote for or against a proposal or motion; restraint in one's consumption.

**Synonyms:** abnegation, eschewal, avoidance

**Antonyms:** indulgence, unconstraint, decide

**Sentence:** I decided to settle on an abstention when the family voted on where we should eat, as personally, I didn't care where we went

## **53. DURESS (NOUN): अवरोध**

**Pronunciation:** dyoo·res

**Meaning:** threats, violence, to force someone into doing something against their will.

**Synonyms:** pressure, constraint, compulsion

**Antonyms:** agreement, permission, consent

**Sentence:** I think Claire was under duress when she signed the agreement; she never would have voluntarily accepted those conditions.

## **54. CONFRONTATION (NOUN): मुकाबला**

**Pronunciation:** kawn·fruhnt·ay·shn

**Meaning:** A fight or an argument.

**Synonyms:** Conflict, Collision, clash

**Antonyms:** Calm, Peace, harmony

**Sentence:** Confrontation with parents is a common reaction for adolescents.

## **55. EBULLIENT (ADJECTIVE): उबलनेवाला**

**Pronunciation:** uh·buh·lee·uhnt

**Meaning:** cheerful and full of energy.

**Synonyms:** exuberant, buoyant, cheerful

**Antonyms:** indolent, lazy, sluggish

**Sentence:** Jack always felt ebullient after drinking his morning coffee.

## **56. EXCULPATE (VERB): सफ़ाई देना**

**Pronunciation:** ek·skuhl·payt

**Meaning:** show or declare that (someone) is not guilty of wrongdoing.

**Synonyms:** absolve, acquit, exonerate

**Antonyms:** accuse, arraign, imprison

**Sentence:** He exculpates himself from stealing the money.

### **57. VENEER (NOUN): दिखावा**

**Pronunciation:** vuh·neer

**Meaning:** a deceptively attractive external appearance.

**Synonyms:** facade, gloss, fluff

**Antonyms:** interior, inside

**Sentence:** Marcia wears a veneer of friendliness while trying to backstab everyone in the office.

### **58. REALM (NOUN): क्षेत्र**

**Pronunciation:** relm

**Meaning:** an area of activity, knowledge or interest.

**Synonyms:** area, domain, field

**Antonyms:** Zenith, Nadir

**Sentence:** Her interests are in the realm of practical politics.

### **59. VAUNT (VERB) : डींग**

**Pronunciation:** vawnt

**Meaning:** boast about or praise (something), especially excessively.

**Synonyms:** boast, brag, pride

**Antonyms:** belittle, underrate, pooh

**Sentence:** Even the noblest of fellows have been known to vaunt a bit.

### **60. HALE AND HEARTY (ADJECTIVE) : स्वस्थ और हृष्ट-पुष्ट**

**Pronunciation:** hayl.and.haat·ee

**Meaning:** (of a person, especially an elderly one) strong and healthy.

**Synonyms:** healthy, well, fit

**Antonyms:** ill, feeble, sick

**Sentence:** She was still hale and hearty in her nineties.

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