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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.

1. CHAGRIN (noun, verb) – चिढ़

Pronunciation: shag-rin

Meaning: annoyance or distress at having failed or been humiliated; feel distressed or humiliated **Synonyms:** annoyance, irritation, vexation, exasperation; annoyed, irritated, cross, angry, vexed **Antonym:** delight **Usage:**

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- She felt <u>chagrin</u> at being rejected. (noun)
- He was <u>chagrined</u> by his friend. (verb)

2. GRIMACE (noun, verb) – मुख की विरूपता

Pronunciation: gri-mus / gri-meis

Meaning: an ugly, twisted expression on a person's face, typically expressing disgust, pain, or wry amusement; make a grimace **Synonyms:** scowl, frown, sneer, wince

Antonym: smile

Usage:

- He acknowledged his mistake with a grimace. (noun)
- She sipped the whisky and <u>grimaced</u>. (verb)

3. TRACE (verb, noun) - सुराग़

Pronunciation: treis

Meaning: find or discover by investigation; a mark, object, or other indication of the existence or passing of something **Synonyms:** find, discover, detect, unearth, uncover; vestige, sign, mark, indication **Usage:**

- Police are trying to <u>trace</u> a white van seen in the area. (verb)
- The ship had vanished without <u>trace</u>. (noun)



4. BRAZEN (adjective, verb) - बेशर्म

Pronunciation: brei-zun

Meaning: bold and without shame; endure an embarrassing or difficult situation by behaving with apparent confidence and lack of shame

Synonyms: bold, shameless, forward, presumptuous, brash, immodest, unashamed

Antonyms: timid, shy

Usage:

- There were instances of <u>brazen</u> cheating in the exams. (adjective)
- Everyone knew the truth, the only thing to do was to <u>brazen</u> it out. (verb)



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5. WIZENED (adjective) – मुरझाया हुआ, झुर्रियां

Pronunciation: wiz(u)nd **Meaning:** shrivelled or wrinkled with age **Synonyms:** wrinkled, lined, creased, withered **Usage:** He had a bony <u>wizened</u> face.

6. ADORN (verb) – सुंदर बनाना

Pronunciation: ado-n **Meaning:** make more beautiful or attractive **Synonyms:** embellish, decorate, furnish, ornament **Antonyms:** strip, disfigure **Usage:** Mary loves to <u>adorn</u> herself with jewels.

7. CANDOUR (noun) – स्पष्टवादिता

Pronunciation: kan-derMeaning: the quality of being open and honestSynonyms: frankness, openness, honesty, truthfulness, sincerityAntonyms: guardedness, evasiveness, insincerityUsage: You ought to treat these matters with <u>candour</u>.

8. DOUSE (verb) – डालना, बुझाना

Pronunciation: dausMeaning: pour a liquid over; extinguish (a fire or light)Synonyms: drench, soak, souse, saturate; extinguish, put out, quenchUsage:

- He <u>doused</u> the car with petrol and set it on fire.
- Men came with buckets of water and began to <u>douse</u> the flames.

9. CULPABILITY (noun) - दोषी

Pronunciation: kul-pubiliti
Meaning: responsibility for a fault or wrong
Synonyms: guilt, blame, fault, responsibility
Antonym: innocence
Usage: After the accident, the company refused to accept <u>culpability</u>.

10. MISCREANT (noun) - बदमाश

Pronunciation: mis-kri-untMeaning: a person who has done something wrong or unlawfulSynonyms: criminal, culprit, wrongdoer, malefactor, offender, villainUsage: The miscreant will not be able to get out of jail without the assistance of a good attorney.

