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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.DETRITUS (noun): बेकार

**Pronunciation:** duh•trai•tuhs **Meaning:** waste or debris of any kind. **Synonyms:** debris, waste, rubble **Antonyms:** trove, valuable **Sentence:** Streets filled with rubble and <u>detritus</u>

# 2.DEBILITATE (verb) : दुर्बल करना

Pronunciation: duh•bi•luh•tayt
Meaning: make (someone) weak and infirm.
Synonyms: weakening, enfeebling, enervating
Antonyms: energize, invigorate, strengthen
Sentence: The troops were severely <u>debilitated</u> by hunger and disease.

# 3.PROFICIENT (adj.) : प्रवीण

Pronunciation: pruh•fi•shnt
Meaning: competent or skilled in doing or using something.
Synonyms: skilled, skillful, expert
Antonyms: amateur, inexperienced, inexpert
Sentence: With practice, you should become proficient within six months.

# 4.FORTUITOUS (adj.) : आकस्मिक

Pronunciation: faw•tyoo•uh•tuhs
Meaning: happening by accident or chance rather than design.
Synonyms: chance, unexpected, unanticipated
Antonyms: hapless, intentional, planned
Sentence: The similarity between the paintings may not be simply <u>fortuitous</u>.

# 5.EBB (verb) : अवनति

**Pronunciation:** Ebb **Meaning:** (of an emotion or quality) gradually lessen or reduce. **Synonyms:** diminish, dwindle, wane **Antonyms:** ascent, rise, upswing



Sentence: Every tide has its <u>ebb</u>.

#### 6.ULTERIOR (adj.) : गुप्त

Pronunciation: uhl•teeuh•ree•uh Meaning: existing beyond what is obvious or admitted; intentionally hidden. Synonyms: underlying, undisclosed, undivulged Antonyms: visible, exposed Sentence: I want to know what is your <u>ulterior</u> action?

# 7.DECIMATION (noun) : बरबादी

Pronunciation: deh•suh•may•shn
Meaning: the killing or destruction of a large proportion of a group or species.
Synonyms: annihilation, demolishment, demolition
Antonyms: building, construction, protection
Sentence: The virtual decimation of the coastal town was caused by the hurricane.

#### 8.ELATE (verb) : उल्लसित

**Pronunciation:** uh•layt **Meaning:** make (someone) ecstatically happy. **Synonyms:** thrilled, exhilarated, happy **Antonyms:** demoralize, discourage, dishearten **Sentence:** He was greatly <u>elated</u> by success.

# 9.UNFLINCHING (adj.) : बेहिचक

Pronunciation: uhn•flinch•uhng
Meaning: not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or difficulty.
Synonyms: resolute, determined, single-minded
Antonyms: slackening, impotent, invertebrate
Sentence: He has shown unflinching determination throughout the campaign.

# 10.VENGEFUL (adj.) : तामसिक

Pronunciation: venj•ful
Meaning: seeking to harm someone in return for a perceived injury.
Synonyms: vindictive, revengeful, out for revenge
Antonyms: delight, pleasure, calmness
Sentence: He was stabbed to death by his <u>vengeful</u> wife.



