# Vocabulary

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Exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here.
**Happy learning!!!**

### 1. EMINENCE (NOUN): श्रेष्ठता

**Pronunciation**: eh•muh•nuhns
**Meaning**: fame or recognized superiority, especially within a particular sphere or profession.
**Synonyms**: renown, pre-eminence, notability
**Antonyms**: inferiority, mediocrity, obscureness
**Sentence**: Beveridge was a man of great eminence.

### 2. DESOLATE (VERB): अकेला

**Pronunciation**: des•o•late
**Meaning**: make (a place) bleakly and depressingly empty or bare.
**Synonyms**: devastate, ravage, ruin
**Antonyms**: bright, cheerful, cheering
Sentence: The house stands desolate and empty.

### 3. BUSTLING (ADJECTIVE): हलचल

**Pronunciation**: buh•suhl•uhng
**Meaning**: (of a place) full of activity.
**Synonyms**: busy, crowded, swarming
**Antonyms**: idle, inactive, unbusy
**Sentence**: The sidewalks are bustling with people.

### 4. ABSTENTION (NOUN): बचाव

**Pronunciation**: uhb•sten•shn
**Meaning**: the fact or practice of restraining oneself from indulging in something; abstinence.
**Synonyms**: teetotalism, temperance, sobriety
**Antonyms**: immoderacy, immoderateness, intemperance
**Sentence**: Abstention from drinking and smoking is the only way to improve your poor health.

### 5. UNFETTERED (ADJECTIVE): निरंकुश

**Pronunciation**: uhn•feh•tuhd
**Meaning**: unrestrained or uninhibited.
**Synonyms**: unrestrained, unrestricted, unconstrained
**Antonyms**: bound, confined, restrained
**Sentence**: Unfettered by the bounds of reality, my imagination flourished.

### 6. RIVETING (ADJECTIVE): दिलचस्प

**Pronunciation**: ri•vuh•tuhng
**Meaning**: completely engrossing; compelling.
**Synonyms**: enthralling, fascinating, gripping
**Antonyms**: boring, drab, dull
**Sentence**: His story makes riveting listening.

### 7. DEBUNKING (VERB): असली रूप दिखाने

**Pronunciation**: dee•buhngk•uhng
**Meaning**: expose the falseness or hollowness of (a myth, idea, or belief).
**Synonyms**: explode, deflate, puncture
**Antonyms**: camouflaging, cloaking, disguising
**Sentence**: The investigative reporter easily debunked the charlatan's claims of clairvoyance.

### 8. CATTINESS (NOUN): कुटिलता

**Pronunciation**: kat-ee-nes
**Meaning**: biting sharpness of feeling or expression.
**Synonyms**: asperity, bile, bitterness
**Antonyms**: civility, cordiality, courtesy
**Sentence**: The cattiness of the commentary for the televised awards was neither nice nor necessary.

### 9. ACUITY (NOUN): तीक्ष्णता

**Pronunciation**: uh•kyoo•uh•tee
**Meaning**: sharpness or keenness of thought, vision, or hearing.
**Synonyms**: acuteness, delicacy, keenness
**Antonyms**: insensitivity, obtuseness, vagueness
**Sentence**: A motorist needs good visual acuity.

### 10. SOMNOLENT (ADJECTIVE): निद्रालु

**Pronunciation**: sawm•nuh•luhnt
**Meaning**: desiring or needing sleep.
**Synonyms**: sleepy, sleeping, resting
**Antonyms**: conscious, awake, wakeful
**Sentence**: He lay quiet, somnolent after the day's exertions.

### 11. SOLICIT (VERB): मांगना

**Pronunciation**: saw•li•sit
**Meaning**: to ask for or seek earnestly or eagerly, to make a request .
**Synonyms**: Request, ask for, seek, appeal

**Antonyms**: Refuse, decline, reject
**Sentence**: She decided to solicit donations for the charity event by reaching out to potential sponsors and asking for their support.

### 12. GARNER (VERB): संचित करना

**Pronunciation**: gaa•nuhr
**Meaning**: to gather or collect, to acquire or obtain.
**Synonyms**: Collect, gather, accumulate, amass
**Antonyms**: Disperse, scatter, Waste
**Sentence**: The team worked hard to garner support for their project, reaching out to various stakeholders and gathering endorsements from influential figures in the industry.

### 13. IMPINGE (VERB): प्रभावित करना

**Pronunciation**: im•pinj
**Meaning**: to have an effect on something, often causing problems by limiting it in some way.
**Synonyms**: Affect, influence, Infringe
**Antonyms**: Avoid, Evade, Dodge
**Sentence**: The noise from the construction site impinged on their peaceful afternoon, making it difficult to concentrate or relax.

### 14. FRAUGHT (ADJECTIVE): भरपूर

**Pronunciation**: frawt
**Meaning**: filled with or likely to result in (something undesirable); full of tension or anxiety.
**Synonyms**: Filled, charged, tense, anxious
**Antonyms**: Empty, vacant, relaxed, calm
**Sentence**: The atmosphere in the room was fraught with tension as the two leaders engaged in a heated argument.

### 15. TABOO (ADJECTIVE): प्रतिषेधित

**Pronunciation**: ta•boo
**Meaning**: a social or cultural prohibition or restriction, something that is forbidden or prohibited by custom or society.
**Synonyms**: Prohibition, restriction, ban, forbidden, banned
**Antonyms**: Allowed, permissible, acceptable, permitted
**Sentence**: It is a taboo in their culture to speak the name of the deceased.

### 16. FRIVOLOUS (ADJ.): फ़ालतू ,लापरवाह

**Pronunciation**: fri•vuh•luhs
**Meaning**: not having any serious purpose or value, lacking in seriousness or importance, trivial or silly.
**Synonyms**: Trivial, petty, insignificant, unimportant, shallow
**Antonyms**: Serious, significant, important, substantial
**Sentence**: We need to focus on important issues rather than wasting time on frivolous matters.

### 17. TROVE (NOUN): ख़जाना, ढेर

**Pronunciation**: trove
**Meaning**: a collection or store of valuable or delightful things, a treasure trove.
**Synonyms**: Treasure, collection, haul, repository
**Antonyms**: Scarcity, dearth, lack, deficiency
**Sentence**: The library is a trove of knowledge and resources for students.

### 18. SCUFFLE (VERB): झगड़ा करना, लड़ना

**Pronunciation**: skuh•fl
**Meaning**: to engage in a short, confused fight or struggle.
**Synonyms**: Fight, wrestle, grapple, brawl
**Antonyms**: Cooperate, reconcile, collaborate
**Sentence**: The siblings scuffled over the last piece of cake.

### 19. ASININE (ADJECTIVE): बुद्धिहीन

**Pronunciation**: a•suh•nine
**Meaning**: extremely stupid or foolish.
**Synonyms**: absurd, silly, idiotic, crazy, insane, mad
**Antonyms**: sensible, wise, Smart ,prudent
**Sentence**: It was asinine to run into the street like that.

### 20. EGALITARIAN (ADJ.): समानाधिकारवादी

**Pronunciation**: uh•ga•luh•teuh•ree•uhn
**Meaning**: relating to or believing in the principle that all people are equal and deserve equal rights and opportunities.
**Synonyms**: democratic, modest, unpretentious
**Antonyms**: disparate, unequal, biased

**Sentence**: The law was written to impose the egalitarian principle that men and women should be treated as equals.

### 21. BUOYED (VERB): प्रसन्न रखना

**Pronunciation**: boyd
**Meaning**: to sustain or encourage.
**Synonyms**: Cheered, Uplifted, Encouraged
**Antonyms**: Dejected, Saddened, Discouraged
**Sentence**: Celina greeted her with an approving smile that buoyed her.

### 22. BLIGHT (NOUN): नाश

**Pronunciation**: blite
**Meaning**: affliction
**Synonyms**: scourge, bane, Curse
**Antonyms**: blessing, Boon, Godsend
**Sentence**: The vacant properties are a blight on the neighbourhood.

### 23. ASSERTIVE (ADJECTIVE): मुखर

**Pronunciation**: uh•suh•tiv
**Meaning**: confident.
**Synonyms**: forceful, self-confident
**Antonyms**: retiring , Passive, Submissive
**Sentence**: The job may call for assertive behavior.

### 24. QUAGMIRE (NOUN): दलदल

**Pronunciation**: kvag•mai•uh
**Meaning**: A soft, boggy area of land that gives way underfoot; a difficult, complex, or precarious situation.
**Synonyms**: marsh, mire, predicament, quandary
**Antonyms**: Firm ground, solid footing, straightforward situation, easy task
**Sentence**: The company found itself in a quagmire of debt after a series of bad investments, and it took years to recover.

### 25. ALACRITY (NOUN): तत्परता, उत्साह

**Pronunciation**: uh•la•kruh•tee
**Meaning**: brisk and cheerful readiness; eagerness or willingness to do something quickly and with enthusiasm.
**Synonyms**: Willingness, enthusiasm, eagerness
**Antonyms**: Apathy, reluctance, unwillingness
**Sentence**: The employees responded to the boss's request with alacrity, and they finished the project ahead of schedule.

### 26. CONTENTIOUS (ADJECTIVE): विवादपूर्ण

**Pronunciation**: kuhn•ten•shuhs
**Meaning**: causing or likely to cause an argument; controversial or disputed.
**Synonyms**: Controversial, Disputable, argumentative, quarrelsome
**Antonyms**: Agreeable, Peaceable, harmonious
**Sentence**: The issue of climate change is a contentious topic that often leads to heated debates and conflicting opinions.

### 27. JURISDICTION (NOUN : क्षेत्राधिकार

**Pronunciation**: joo•ruhs•di•kshn
**Meaning**: the official power to make legal decisions and judgments; the extent or range of authority or control.
**Synonyms**: Authority, power, governance, rule, command
**Antonyms**: powerlessness, Incapacity, Impotence
**Sentence**: The case was not within the jurisdiction of the local court, so it had to be transferred to a higher court with broader authority.

### 28. INTRANSIGENCE (NOUN) :हठ, अड़ियलता

**Pronunciation**: uhn•tran•zuh•jns
**Meaning**: refusal to change one's views or to agree about something; stubbornness or inflexibility.
**Synonyms**: Stubbornness, inflexibility, rigidity
**Antonyms**: Flexibility, openness, compromise
**Sentence**: The intransigence of the political leaders prevented them from reaching a compromise and resolving the crisis.

### 29. GARNER (VERB): इकट्ठा करना

**Pronunciation**: gaa•nuhr
**Meaning**: to gather or collect something, especially information or Support.
**Synonyms**: collect, gather, amass, accumulate
**Antonyms**: disperse, scatter, distribute
**Sentence**: She was able to garner enough support to win the election.

### 30. EUPHEMISM (NOUN): प्रियोक्ति

**Pronunciation**: yoo•fuh•mi•zm
**Meaning**: a word or phrase used to avoid saying an unpleasant or offensive word.
**Synonyms**: polite term, Softening, understatement
**Antonyms**: directness, straightforwardness
**Sentence**: "Senior citizen" is a euphemism for "old person".

### 31. OBFUSCATE (VERB): अस्पष्ट करना

**Pronunciation**: awb•fuh•skayt
**Meaning**: to make something less clear and harder to understand, especially intentionally.
**Synonyms**: obscure, confuse, complicate
**Antonyms**: clarify, clear (up), simplify
**Sentence**: She was criticized for using arguments that obfuscated the main issue.

### 32. DURESS (NOUN): दबाव

**Pronunciation**: dyoo•res
**Meaning**: threats, violence, to force someone into doing something against their will.
**Synonyms**: pressure, compulsion, intimidation
**Antonyms**: freedom, independence, liberation
**Sentence**: I think Claire was under duress when she signed the agreement; she never would have voluntarily accepted those conditions.

### 33. CEREBRATION (NOUN): बुद्धिविवेक

**Pronunciation**: seh•ruh•bray•shn
**Meaning**: the process of thinking, using the brain to consider something.
**Synonyms**: contemplation, pondering, thinking
**Antonyms**: thoughtlessness, negligence
**Sentence**: His intense cerebration and focus made him a successful scientist.

### 34. PERFIDIOUS (ADJ.): धोखेबाज़, बेईमान

**Pronunciation**: puh•fi•dee•uhs
**Meaning**: deceitful and untrustworthy.
**Synonyms**: Treacherous, Deceitful, Disloyal
**Antonyms**: Loyal, honest, true, trustworthy
**Sentence**: Because the police were waiting for him to try and sell the diamond, the jewel thief had no idea his perfidious behavior had been discovered.

### 35. CONTRAVENE (VERB): उल्लंघन करना

**Pronunciation**: kawn•truh•veen
**Meaning**: to do something that a law or rule does not allow, or to break a law or rule.
**Synonyms**: Breach, Violate, Infringe
**Antonyms**: uphold, Follow, Obey
**Sentence**: Because your actions contravene the policy, you're being suspended for ten days.

### 36. SMEAR (VERB): बदनाम करना

**Pronunciation**: smeeuh
**Meaning**: damage the reputation of (someone) by false accusations.
**Synonyms**: Blacken, slander, defame
**Antonyms**: honor, Praise, glorify
**Sentence**: The politician's opponents launched a smear campaign to tarnish his reputation.

### 37. SPILLOVER (NOUN): छलकन

**Pronunciation**: spil•oh•vuh
**Meaning**: a quantity of something overflow.
**Synonyms**: Overflow, Spillage, Outflow
**Antonyms**: Absorption, Deficit, Shortage
**Sentence**: She felt her own tears spill over at the depth of his pain.

### 38. PERTINENT (ADJECTIVE): संगत

**Pronunciation**: puh•ti•nent
**Meaning**: applicable to a particular matter
**Synonyms**: Connected, Apposite, Appropriate
**Antonyms**: Improper, Unfitting, Irrelevant
**Sentence**: He asked me a lot of very pertinent questions .

### 39. THRESHOLD (NOUN): चौखट

**Pronunciation**:thresh•holed
**Meaning**: a limit at which an arrangement changes.
**Synonyms**: Commencement, Baseline
**Antonyms**: Conclusion, Closure, Ending
**Sentence**: You know when you cross that threshold, there's no going back.

### 40. UPEND (VERB): उलट-पुलट कर देना

**Pronunciation**: uhp•end

**Meaning**: To turn something upside down or completely change an existing situation.
**Synonyms**: Subvert, Overturn, Overthrow
**Antonyms**: Preserve, Uphold, Maintain, Restore
**Sentence**: I upended the bucket to use as a stool.

### 41. PUERILE (ADJECTIVE): बचकाना

**Pronunciation**: pyu•rile
**Meaning**: having or showing the annoying qualities (as silliness) associated with children.
**Synonyms**: childish, immature, infantile
**Antonyms**: adult, experienced, mature
**Sentence**: I find his sense of humor rather puerile.

### 42. DEPORTATION (NOUN): निर्वासन

**Pronunciation**: dee•pawt•ay•shn
**Meaning**: the action of deporting a foreigner from a country.
**Synonyms**: expulsion, expelling, banishment
**Antonyms**: repatriation, return, immigration
**Sentence**: Several of the asylum seekers now face deportation.

### 43. DISTRAUGHT (ADJECTIVE): व्याकुल

**Pronunciation**: duh•strawt
**Meaning**: deeply upset and agitated.
**Synonyms**: worried, upset, distressed
**Antonyms**: calm, peaceful, placid
**Sentence**: Her distraught mother had spent all night waiting by the phone.

### 44.RECALCITRANT(ADJ.):आज्ञा न मानने वाला

**Pronunciation**: ruh•kal•suh•truhnt
**Meaning**: having an obstinately uncooperative attitude toward authority or discipline.
**Synonyms**: uncooperative, obstinately
**Antonyms**: amenable, biddable, compliant
**Sentence**: The University suspended the most recalcitrant students.

### 45. CAVALIER (ADJECTIVE): अभिमानी

**Pronunciation**: ka•vuh•leeuh
**Meaning**: showing a lack of proper concern
**Synonyms**: arrogant, assumptive, bumptious
**Antonyms**: humble, lowly, modest
**Sentence**: The club's owner showed a cavalier attitude to the licensing laws.

### 46. DEARTH (NOUN): कमी

**Pronunciation**: duhth
**Meaning**: a scarcity or lack of something.
**Synonyms**: lack, scarcity, shortage
**Antonyms**: abundance, adequacy, opulence
**Sentence**: There seems to be a dearth of good young players at the moment.

### 47. THROES (NOUN): पीड़ा

**Pronunciation**: throze
**Meaning**: intense or violent pain and struggle, especially accompanying birth, death
**Synonyms**: agony, pain, paroxysm
**Antonyms**: comfort, peace
**Sentence**: The country is presently in the throes of the worst recession since the second world war.

### 48. SLIPSHOD (ADJECTIVE): असावधानी पूर्ण

**Pronunciation**: slip•shawd
**Meaning**: (typically of a person or method of work) characterized by a lack of care, thought
**Synonyms**: careless, lackadaisical, slapdash
**Antonyms**: attentive, careful, conscientious
**Sentence**: He'd caused many problems with his slipshod management.

### 49. UNDERMINE (VERB): कमजोर करना

**Pronunciation**: uhn•duh•mine
**Meaning**: To weaken or impair gradually, often by insidious or indirect means.
(To subvert or sabotage, especially someone's efforts, authority, or confidence)
**Synonyms**: Weaken, erode, Sabotage, subvert
**Antonyms**: Strengthen, support, reinforce
**Sentence**: The constant criticism began to undermine her self-confidence over time.

### 50. FILLIP (NOUN): प्रोत्साहन

**Pronunciation**: fi•luhp
**Meaning**: something which acts as a stimulus
**Synonyms**: boost, encouragement, incitement
**Antonyms**: Dampener, deterrent, discouragement
**Sentence**: The news gave stock market a big fillip.

### 51. BUTTRESS (VERB): समर्थन करना

**Pronunciation**: buh•truhs
**Meaning**: give support or strengthen something.
**Synonyms**: support, reinforce, strengthen
**Antonyms**: undermine, weaken
**Sentence**: The new evidence served to buttress his argument for the defendant's innocence.

### 52. RELINQUISH (VERB): त्यागना

**Pronunciation**: ruh•ling•kvuhsh
**Meaning**: voluntarily cease to keep or claim
**Synonyms**: surrender, render, abandon
**Antonyms**: retain, keep, withhold
**Sentence**: He had to relinquish his position as CEO due to his healthissues.

### 53. CRYPTIC (ADJECTIVE): गुप्त

**Pronuciation**: kript•uhk
**Meaning**: having a meaning that is mysterious
**Synonyms**: mysterious, hard to understand
**Antonyms**: understandable, clear, plain
**Sentence**: The message was written in cryptic code that only a few people could decipher.

### 54. GRASSROOTS (NOUN): आधार

**Pronunciation**: graa•sroots
**Meaning**: basic level of activity or organization.
**Synonyms**: Common people, Base / Basis
**Antonyms**: Leadership, Top management, Elite
**Sentence**: He pointed out that grassroots local government gave communities the power to improve their lives materially in practical ways.

### 55. WATCHDOG (NOUN): चौकीदार

**Pronunciation**: vawch•dawg
**Meaning**: a person or organization that acts as a guardian or protector, especially in monitoring and ensuring accountability of others.
**Synonyms**: Guard, custodian, Protector,Vigilante
**Antonyms**: Attacker, Traitor, Neglecter
**Sentence**: The media serves as a watchdog to hold the government accountable for its actions.

### 56. FRACAS(NOUN): कोलाहल

**Pronunciation**: fra•cas
**Meaning**: a noisy disturbance or quarrel.
**Synonyms**: quarrel, scuffle, brawl
**Antonyms**: Peace, Harmony, Quiet
**Sentence**: Eight people were injured in the fracas.

### 57. JAMBOREE (NOUN): उत्सव

**Pronunciation**: jam•buh•ree
**Meaning**: a large celebration or party, typically a lavish and boisterous one.
**Synonyms**: Gathering, Merrymaking, Carnival
**Antonyms**: gloom, misery , Sadness
**Sentence**: The film industry's annual jamboree was in Cannes.

### 58. GRAPPLE (VERB): लड़ना, संघर्ष करना

**Pronunciation**: gra•pl
**Meaning**: To struggle or wrestle with something or someone, to engage in a close fight or struggle without weapons.
**Synonyms**: Wrestle, fight, struggle, combat
**Antonyms**: Surrender, give up, Yield
**Sentence**: The athlete had to grapple with his opponent for nearly ten minutes before finally winning the wrestling match.

### 59. KUDOS (NOUN): सम्मान, प्रशंसा

**Pronunciation**: kyoo•daws
**Meaning**: Praise and recognition for an achievement or accomplishment.
**Synonyms**: Acclaim, applause, Plaudits, Praise
**Antonyms**: Criticism, condemnation, disapproval
**Sentence**: The singer received kudos from the audience for his outstanding performance at the concert.

### 60. COVENANT (NOUN): अनुबंध

**Pronunciation**: kuh•vuh•nuhnt
**Meaning**: a formal and binding agreement or contract between two or more parties.
**Synonyms**: agreement, contract, treaty, pact, deal
**Antonyms**: disagreement, Dispute, denial
**Sentence**: They signed a covenant agreeing to share the profits equally