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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 usages. 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. Entice (verb) – लुभाने

Pronunciation: uhn tise
Meaning: attract or tempt by offering pleasure or advantage.
Synonyms: tempt, allure, lure
Antonyms: alert, caution, forewarn
usage: A show that should <u>entice</u> a new audience into the theatre.

#### 2. Bribery (noun) - रिश्वत

Pronunciation: bribe·uh·ree
Meaning: the giving or offering of a bribe.
Synonyms: corruption, subornation, payola
Antonyms: hindrance, loss, penalty
usage: Ministers have dismissed the rumors of a bribery scandal as nonsense.

#### 3. Protract (verb) – फैलना

Pronunciation: pruh trakt
Meaning: to make longer
Synonyms: prolong, extend, stretch out
Antonyms: abridge, reduce, shorten
usage: Let's not protract the debate any further.

#### 4. Hegemony (noun) – नायकत्व

**Pronunciation:** huh·geh·muh·nee **Meaning:** leadership or dominance, especially by one country or social group over others. **Synonyms:** leadership, dominance, supremacy **Antonyms:** impotency, powerlessness **usage:** Germany was united under Prussian <u>hegemony</u> after 1871.

#### 5.Smirch (verb) – मैला करना

**Pronunciation:** smuhch **Meaning:** make (something) dirty **Synonyms:** contaminate, defile, pollute **Antonyms:** clean, freshen, renew



usage: Their clothes were smirched by dust from the trail.

#### 6. Naive (adj) – अनाड़ी

Pronunciation: nai·eev

Meaning: (of a person or action) showing a lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment.Synonyms: childish, immature, inexperiencedAntonyms: cosmopolitan, experienced, sophisticatedusage: The rather <u>naive</u> young man had been totally misled.

#### 7. Supple (adj) – लचीला

Pronunciation: suh·plMeaning: bending and moving easily and gracefully; flexible.Synonyms: lithe, limber, nimbleAntonyms: inflexible, rigid, stiffusage: The gloves were made of very supple leather.

#### 8. Extricate (verb) - समाधान करना

Pronunciation: ek·struh·kayt
Meaning: free (someone or something) from a constraint or difficulty.
Synonyms: extract, free, release
Antonyms: embroil, entangle
usage: He was trying to <u>extricate</u> himself from official duties.

#### 9. Laggard (noun) - सुस्त

Pronunciation: lag·uhd
Meaning: a person who makes slow progress and falls behind others.
Synonyms: straggler, loiterer, sluggard
Antonyms: expeditious, scrambler
usage: Bhutan has been a laggard in securing alternative energy resources overseas.

#### 10. Hubris (noun) – अभिमान

Pronunciation: hyoo.bruhs
Meaning: excessive pride or self-confidence.
Synonyms: arrogance, conceit, conceitedness
Antonyms: humbleness, humility, modesty
usage: The self-assured <u>hubris</u> among economists was shaken in the late 1980s.



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