

# **DAILY** **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. BLIGHTED (NOUN): हानि पहुंचाना

**Pronunciation:** blite.uhd

**Meaning:** to spoil or damage something, especially by causing a lot of problems.

**Synonyms:** stunted, dormant, sparse

**Antonyms:** lush, rank, lavish

**Sentence:** Rice prices are soaring because drought has blighted the Basmati crop.

### 2. APLOMB (NOUN): अभिमान

**Pronunciation:** uh.plawm

**Meaning:** self-confidence or assurance, especially when in a demanding situation.

**Synonyms:** composure, calmness, poise

**Antonyms:** agitation, concern, care

**Sentence:** Despite the heartache James must be feeling, he's still dancing with aplomb.

### 3. PALTRY (ADJECTIVE): तुच्छ

**Pronunciation:** pawl.tree

**Meaning:** too small to be considered important or useful.

**Synonyms:** pitiful, lame, dirty

**Antonyms:** admirable, noble, honorable

**Sentence:** This paltry bit extra will soon be used up once the council tax bill arrives.

### 4. PARAGON (NOUN): प्रतिद्वंद्वी

**Pronunciation:** pa.ruh.gn

**Meaning:** a perfect person; an ideal example of a particular good quality.

**Synonyms:** model, idea, ideal

**Antonyms:** flaw, worst, imperfection

**Sentence:** she's held up as a paragon of honesty.

**5. CALUMNY (NOUN) : चुगली****Pronunciation:** ka.luhm.nee**Meaning:** a false statement made about somebody in order to damage their reputation**Synonyms:** defaming, slander, abuse**Antonyms:** praise, acclaim, respect**Sentence:** That's her privilege, but I shan't forget the calumny in a hurry.**6. CHIMERA (NOUN) : कल्पना****Pronunciation:** kai.meeuh.ruh**Meaning:** a thing which is hoped for but is illusory or impossible to achieve.**Synonyms:** illusion, dream, vision**Antonyms:** fact, reality, actuality**Sentence:** Professionals invariably dominate such bodies, making consensus a chimera.**7. SACCHARINE (ADJECTIVE): शक्कर संबन्धी****Pronunciation:** sa.kuh.reen**Meaning:** excessively sweet or sentimental.**Synonyms:** sloppy, sappy, wet**Antonyms:** cynical**Sentence:** She has a saccharine smile on her face and her voice is sickly sweet.**8. JOVIAL (ADJECTIVE): उल्लासपूर्ण****Pronunciation:** joh.vee.uhl**Meaning:** (used about a person) happy and friendly.**Synonyms:** jolly, jocular, witty**Antonyms:** sad, unhappy, glum**Sentence:** she was in a jovial mood.**9. ALLEVIATE (VERB) : धीमा करना****Pronunciation:** Uh.lee.vee.ayt**Meaning:** to make something less strong or bad.**Synonyms:** relieve, help, soften**Antonyms:** hurt, impair, injure**Sentence:** measures to alleviate unemployment.

**10. INCOMPATIBLE (ADJECTIVE): असंगत****Pronunciation:** in.kuhm.pa.tuh.bl**Meaning:** very different and therefore not able to live or work happily with somebody or exist with something.**Synonyms:** conflicting, clashing, at odds**Antonyms:** agreeing, concordant, consonant**Sentence:** This consistent approach would by no means be incompatible with the current system.

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