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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.

Happy Learning!!!

1. SHOVE (verb, noun) - धकेलना, धक्का

Pronunciation: shuv

Meaning: push (someone or something) roughly; a strong push Synonyms: push, thrust, propel, impel Usage:

- Help me <u>shove</u> this furniture aside. (verb)
- She gave Gracie a shove towards the house. (noun)

2. THRESHOLD (noun) – दहलीज़; प्रारंभ

Pronunciation: thresh-old / thresh-hold

Meaning: a strip of wood or stone forming the bottom of a doorway and crossed in entering a house or room; a point of entry or beginning

Synonyms: doorstep, sill, doorsill, doorway, entrance, entry; start, starting point, beginning, brink, verge, edge Antonym: end

Usage:

- He stopped at the <u>threshold</u> of the bedroom.
- She was on the <u>threshold</u> of a dazzling career.

3. LISTLESS (adjective) – उदासीन

Pronunciation: list-les
Meaning: (of a person or their manner) lacking energy or enthusiasm
Synonyms: lethargic, enervated, lackadaisical, spiritless, unenergetic, lifeless
Antonyms: energetic, lively
Usage: She was very listless after her illness.

4. ENDEARMENT (noun) – लाड़ प्यार

Pronunciation: in-diuh-m(u)nt / en-diuh-m(u)nt **Meaning:** a word or phrase expressing love or affection; love or affection **Synonyms:** sweet nothings, sweet words, sweet talk, affection, fondness **Usage:** They spoke words of <u>endearment</u> and sweet nothings.



5. RESPLENDENT (adjective) – देदीप्यमान

Pronunciation: ris-plen-d(u)nt **Meaning:** attractive and impressive through being richly colourful or sumptuous



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Synonyms: splendid, magnificent, brilliant, dazzling, glittering, glowing **Usage:** The queen was <u>resplendent</u> with jewels.

6. EQUIPOISE (noun, verb) - साम्यावस्था, समतोलन

Pronunciation: ikwi-poiz / ekwi-poiz

Meaning: balance of forces or interests; balance or counterbalance something

Synonyms: equilibrium, balance, evenness, symmetry, parity, equality, counterweight, counterbalance, counterpoise Antonym: imbalance

Usage:

- The lecturer always tried to keep <u>equipoise</u> between engaging and challenging assignments. (noun)
- Our behaviour must be balanced or <u>equipoised</u> between grief and glee. (verb)

7. DEBILITY (noun) – दुर्बलता

Pronunciation: debi-liti **Meaning:** physical weakness, especially as a result of illness **Synonyms:** frailty, weakness, enervation, lassitude **Usage:** After her operation she suffered from general <u>debility</u>.

8. LACERATION (noun) - विदारण

Pronunciation: lasuh-reish(u)n **Meaning:** a deep cut or tear in skin or flesh **Synonyms:** gashing, slashing, tearing, ripping, mangling **Usage:** He has a <u>laceration</u> on his right arm.

9. LANGUOR (noun) – शिथिलता

Pronunciation: lan-guh **Meaning:** tiredness or inactivity, especially when pleasurable; an oppressive stillness of the air **Synonyms:** lassitude, lethargy, tiredness, torpor, fatigue; stillness, tranquility, calm, calmness **Antonym:** vigour **Usage:**

- They enjoyed the <u>languor</u> brought on by a hot summer afternoon.
- The afternoon was hot, quiet, and heavy with <u>languor</u>.

10. TENDERNESS (noun) – कोमलता, सुकुमारता

Pronunciation: tender-nes Meaning: gentleness and kindness; kindliness Synonyms: affection, fondness, love, devotion, loving-kindness Antonyms: dislike, callousness, toughness Usage: She spoke with loving <u>tenderness</u>.

