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Here some exceptional English words from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are given with their synonyms/antonyms and usage. Hopefully, this will help you improve your vocabulary.

#### Happy Learning!!!

#### 1. UNSWERVING (adjective) - अडिग

**Pronunciation:** un-swuh-ving **Meaning:** not changing or becoming weaker; steady or constant **Synonyms:** unwavering, unfaltering, unhesitating, unflinching, steadfast **Antonyms:** half-hearted, ambiguous, unreliable **Usage:** He had an unswerving devotion to duty.

#### 2. PROWL (verb, noun) - छिपकर जाना; घात लगाना

**Pronunciation:** pra-ul **Meaning:** (of a person or animal) move about restlessly and stealthily, especially in search of prey; an act of prowling

Synonyms: slink, skulk, steal, nose, pussyfoot, sneak

Usage:

• Many wild animals prowl at night looking for something to eat. (verb)

• There was a fox on the prowl near the chickens. (noun)

#### 3. REPROVE (verb) - निंदा करना, धिक्कारना

**Pronunciation:** ri-proov **Meaning:** criticize or scold **Synonyms:** reprimand, rebuke, reproach, admonish **Antonyms:** praise, compliment **Usage:** The teacher reproved him for his coming late again.

#### 4. SCAREMONGER (noun) – तहलका मचानेवाला, आतंक फैलानेवाला

**Pronunciation:** ske-monger **Meaning:** a person who spreads frightening or ominous reports or rumours **Synonyms:** alarmist, doom-monger **Usage:** Some scaremongers say that national GDP will decline soon.

#### 5. ARDENT (adjective) – उत्साही, उत्सुक

Pronunciation: aa-d(u)nt
Meaning: very enthusiastic or passionate
Synonyms: passionate, avid, impassioned, fervent, fervid, zealous
Antonym: half-hearted
Usage: All her life she was an ardent feminist.





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#### 6. COMMODIOUS (adjective) – बड़ा, खुला

Pronunciation: kum-odi-us Meaning: roomy and comfortable Synonyms: capacious, spacious Antonym: cramped Usage: The apartment is not commodious enough for us.

#### 7. FROWZY (adjective) – गन्दा, मैला क्चैला

Pronunciation: frau-ziMeaning: untidy or unkempt in appearanceSynonyms: scruffy, unkempt, untidy, sloppy, messy, dishevelled, slovenlyAntonym: tidyUsage: The frowzy street was disgusting.

#### 8. RIFLE (verb) – ढूंढना, खोजना; चुराना

**Pronunciation:** rai-f(u)l

**Meaning:** search through something in a hurried way in order to find or steal something; steal **Synonyms:** rummage, search, hunt, forage; burgle, rob, loot, raid, plunder, sack, ransack, pillage **Usage:** 

• She rifled through the cassette tapes.

• He rifled the dead man's possessions.

#### 9. HAVEN (noun) - आश्रय, शरण

Pronunciation: hei-v(u)nMeaning: a place of safetySynonyms: refuge, retreat, shelter, sanctuary, asylumUsage: The river banks are a haven for wildlife.

#### 10. BAWL (verb, noun) – चिल्लाना; विलाप करना

**Pronunciation:** bo-1 **Meaning:** shout or call out noisily and unrestrainedly; weep or cry noisily; a loud, unrestrained shout **Synonyms:** shout, call out, cry out, cry, yell, roar, bellow, screech; sob, weep, shed tears **Antonym:** whisper

Usage:

• I began to bawl like a child. (verb)

• A good bawl usually makes her feel better. (noun)

Now, choose any 2 or 3 words and try to use them in your own sentences, this way you can retain the learnt words in your memory for long time. You can share your sentences in the comment section.

