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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. IMPERVIOUS (adj) - प्रबल

**Pronunciation:** uhm·puh·vee·uhs **Meaning:** not allowing fluid to pass through. **Synonyms:** impermeable, impenetrable, waterproof, watertight **Antonyms:** penetrable, permeable, pervious **Usage:** Rubber boots are <u>impervious</u> to water.

#### 2. OBSOLETE (adj) - पुराना

Pronunciation: awb·suh·leet
Meaning: out of date.
Synonyms: outdated, obsolete, ancient
Antonyms: new, up-to-date, modern
Usage: Many people believe the Internet has made the postal service obsolete.

#### 3. SONOROUS (adj) - मधुर

Pronunciation: saw·nuh·ruhs
Meaning: imposingly deep and full.
Synonyms: resonant, rich, ringing, booming
Antonyms: powerless, mute, soft weak
Usage: He read aloud with a <u>sonorous</u> and musical voice.

#### 4. PROPENSITY (noun) – प्रवृत्ति

**Pronunciation:** pruh·pen·suh·tee **Meaning:** an inclination or natural tendency to behave in a particular way. **Synonyms:** tendency, ability, inclination **Antonyms:** disinclination, dislike, inability **Usage:** Men have a slightly increased propensity towards baldness.

#### 5. HECTIC (adj) – अतिव्यस्त

**Pronunciation:** hek·tuhk **Meaning:** full of incessant or frantic activity. **Synonyms:** lively, brisk, frenetic, very active **Antonyms:** calm, quiet, peaceful



Usage: I've found the past few weeks rather hectic.

#### 6. NUDGE (verb) - खिसकाने

Pronunciation: nuhj
Meaning: prod (someone) gently, typically with one's elbow, in order to draw their attention to something.
Synonyms: poke, dig, push
Antonyms: pull, repress, discourage
Usage: People were <u>nudging</u> each other and pointing at me.

#### 7. COMMENSURATE (adj) – अनुरूप

Pronunciation: kuh·men·suh·ruht
Meaning: corresponding in size or degree; in proportion..
Synonyms: commensurable, proportional, proportionate
Antonyms: disproportionate, unacceptable, incommensurate
Usage: His job is <u>commensurate</u> with his qualifications, leadership & interpersonal skills.

#### 8. DISASTROUS (adj) – विनाशकारी

Pronunciation: di·zaa·struhs
Meaning: causing great damage.
Synonyms: unfavorable, unfortunate, unlucky
Antonyms: lucky, favorable, fortunate
Usage: A <u>disastrous</u> fire swept through the museum.

#### 9. SHEATHE (verb) – ढांकना

Pronunciation: sheedhMeaning: put (a weapon such as a knife or a sword) into a sheath.Synonyms: wrap, cover, encloseAntonyms: unwrap, uncover, releaseUsage: Lan draws and sheathes the sword a few times, just to get a feel for it.

#### 10. DISCERNIBLE (adj) - नमूदार

Pronunciation: duh·suhn·uh·bl
Meaning: able to be discerned; perceptible.
Synonyms: noticeable, perceptible, observable
Antonyms: impalpable, imperceptible, indistinguishable
Usage: Her face was barely <u>discernible</u> in the gloom.



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