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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. ASKANCE (adverb) – संदेहात्मक दृष्टि से**

**Pronunciation:** uh·skaans

**Meaning:** with an attitude or look of suspicion or disapproval

**Synonyms:** suspiciously, skeptically, cynically, dubiously, contemptuously

**Antonyms:** approvingly

**Usage:** As the police officer listened to the woman's crazy story, he could not help but look askance at her.

### **2. POMP (noun) – धूमधाम**

**Pronunciation:** pomp

**Meaning:** ceremony and splendid display

**Synonyms:** ceremony, spectacle, show, splendor, grandeur, magnificence

**Antonyms:** simplicity

**Usage:** There was much pomp to be seen at the celebrity wedding.

### **3. CRABBED (adjective) – अपठनीय**

**Pronunciation:** krabd

**Meaning:** very small and difficult to decipher

**Synonyms:** cramped, bad, shaky, scribbled, illegible, unreadable, indecipherable

**Antonyms:** bold, clear

**Usage:** His crabbed handwriting covered both sides of the page.

### **4. PALLID (adjective) – फीका**

**Pronunciation:** pa·luhd

**Meaning:** pale, typically because of poor health

**Synonyms:** pale, white, pasty, wan, colorless, anemic, bloodless

**Antonyms:** flushed, rosy

**Usage:** Paul looked pallid and sick.

### **5. DEVOLVE (verb) – अवक्रमित होना**

**Pronunciation:** duh·volv

**Meaning:** transfer or delegate power to a lower level

**Synonyms:** delegate, depute, transfer, transmit, commit, assign, consign


**Antonyms:** centralize, retain

**Usage:** A law was passed to devolve some powers of the central government to regional councils.

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## **6. GENTILITY (noun) – शिष्टाचार**

**Pronunciation:** jen·ti·luh·tee

**Meaning:** social superiority as demonstrated by polite and respectable manners, behavior, or appearances

**Synonyms:** respectability, refinement, distinction, ascendancy, couth, politeness

**Antonyms:** vulgarity, indecency

**Usage:** She conveys an aura of elegance and gentility.

## **7. SENTIENT (adjective) – संवेदनशील**

**Pronunciation:** sen·tee·uhnt

**Meaning:** able to perceive or feel things

**Synonyms:** feeling, living, live, conscious, aware, responsive, reactive

**Antonyms:** insentient

**Usage:** Many people believe plants to be sentient and responsive to things such as music and the human voice.

## **8. LUXURIANT (adjective) – प्रचुर**

**Pronunciation:** luhg·zhuor·ree·uhnt

**Meaning:** rich and profuse in growth

**Synonyms:** lush, rich, abundant, superabundant, profuse, exuberant, prolific

**Antonyms:** barren, sparse

**Usage:** In the spring months, thousands of tourists visit the luxuriant gardens near the art museum.

**9. WHITTLE (verb) – घटाना**

**Pronunciation:** wi·tl

**Meaning:** reduce something in size, amount, or extent by a gradual series of steps

**Synonyms:** reduce, diminish, decrease, undermine, weaken, subvert, lessen

**Antonyms:** increase, augment

**Usage:** We need to whittle down the list of guests for the party.

**10. UNDERHAND (adjective) – गुप्त, कपटपूर्ण**

**Pronunciation:** uhn·duh·hand

**Meaning:** done in a secret or dishonest way

**Synonyms:** deceitful, dishonest, unethical, unprincipled, illegal, unlawful, fishy

**Antonyms:** honest, fair, above board

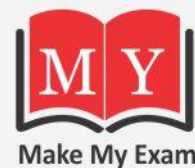
**Usage:** He has been involved in some underhand dealings.

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