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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. POLYMATH (noun) : बह्श्रुत

Pronunciation: paw·lee·math
Meaning: a person of wide-ranging knowledge or learning.
Synonyms: polyhistor, Renaissance man, brainier
Antonyms: ignoramus, illiterate, know-nothing
Sentence: Miller is a brilliant polymath and he has trounced his rivals by thinking differently.

# 2. LAUREATE (noun) : पुरस्कार विजेता

Pronunciation: law·ree·uht
Meaning: a person who is honored with an award for outstanding creative or intellectual achievement.
Synonyms: acclaim, applaud, cheer
Antonyms: discredit, disgrace, dishonor
Sentence: John Dryden was appointed the first Poet Laureate.

# 3. ESCALATION (noun) : वृद्धि

Pronunciation: eh·skuh·lay·shn
Meaning: a rapid increase; a rise.
Synonyms: rapid increase, rise, hike
Antonyms: decrease, reduction
Sentence: A further escalation of the crisis now seems inevitable.

## 4. PERVERSION (noun) : आचारभ्रष्टता

Pronunciation: puh·vuh·shn
Meaning: the alteration of something from its original course, meaning, or state to a distortion or corruption of what was first intended.
Synonyms: distortion, misrepresentation, falsification
Antonyms: conformity, normality, regularity
Sentence: His craving for publicity has become almost a perversion.

# 5. CONTEMPLATION (noun) : विचार

 $Pronunciation: kawn \cdot tuhm \cdot play \cdot shn$ 



Meaning: the action of looking thoughtfully at something for a long time.Synonyms: examination, inspection, observationAntonyms: ignorance, avoidance, disdain.Sentence: The road is too busy for leisurely <u>contemplation</u> of the scenery.

## 6. SACKED (verb) : बर्खास्त

Pronunciation: saktMeaning: dismiss from employment.Synonyms: dismiss, throw out, let goAntonyms: hire, take on, recruitedSentence: Any official found to be involved would be sacked on the spot.

#### 7. CINCH (noun) : आसान काम

Pronunciation: sinchMeaning: an extremely easy task.Synonyms: easy, uncomplicated, not difficultAntonyms: challenging, complicated, difficultSentence: This dish is a <u>cinch</u> to make.

#### 8. AGILE (adj.) : चुस्त

Pronunciation: uh·jileMeaning: able to move quickly and easily.Synonyms: lithe, nimble, spryAntonyms: clumsy, gawky, gracelessSentence: She is such an <u>agile</u> dancer!

## 9. HERALD (verb) : सूचना देना

**Pronunciation:** heh ruhld **Meaning:** be a sign that (something) is about to happen. **Synonyms:** signal, indicate, announce **Antonyms:** hide, keep, secret **Sentence:** The speech <u>heralded</u> a change in policy.

#### 10. EPITHET (noun) : विशेषण

**Pronunciation:** eh·puh·thet **Meaning:** an adjective or descriptive phrase expressing a quality characteristic of the person or thing mentioned. **Synonyms:** sobriquet, nickname, byname **Antonyms:** compliment, accolade, commendation



Sentence: Old men are often unfairly awarded the epithet "dirty".

