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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. ILK (noun) : श्रेणी

Pronunciation: Ilk
Meaning: a number of persons or things that are grouped together because they have something in common
Synonyms: class, category, group
Antonyms: alien, dissimilar, inappropriate
Sentence: I can't tolerate people of his ilk.

### 2. OBSCENITY (noun) : अभद्रता

Pronunciation: awb·see·nuh·tee
Meaning: the state or quality of being obscene; obscene behavior, language, or images.
Synonyms: indecency, immorality, impropriety
Antonyms: priggery, prudery, decency
Sentence: Existing laws on obscenity are to be tightened.

#### 3. RECHRISTENED (verb) : नामकरण

Pronunciation: *rechristened*Meaning: give a new name to.
Synonyms: renamed, relabelled, called
Antonyms: anonymous, conf., faceless.
Sentence: He <u>rechristened</u> Zaire the Democratic Republic of Congo.

### 4. ADJUNCT (noun) : सहायक

Pronunciation: a juhngkt
Meaning: a person who helps a more skilled person
Synonyms: adjutant, apprentice, assistant
Antonyms: enemy, foe, detriment
Sentence: He serves as an <u>adjunct</u> to the congressional delegation on its fact-finding mission.

## 5. HOWBEIT (adv.) : परन्तु

**Pronunciation:** hau·**bee**·uht **Meaning:** nevertheless; however.



**Synonyms:** even so, however, nevertheless Antonyms: all the same **Sentence:** I've never written a poem before; <u>howbeit</u>, I feel my first attempt is quite good

# 6. SYCOPHANCY (noun) : हाँ में हाँ मिलाना

**Pronunciation:** si ·kuh ·fan ·see **Meaning:** obsequious behavior toward someone important in order to gain advantage. **Synonyms:** fawning, flattery, obsequiousness **Antonyms:** bad-mouthing, belittlement **Sentence:** <u>Sycophancy</u> was the device of the least trustworthy.

## 7. CALIGINOUS (adj.) : अंधेरा

Pronunciation: CALIGINOUS
Meaning: being without light or without much light
Synonyms: black, dark, darkened
Antonyms: bright, brightened, illuminated
Sentence: Without a flashlight, there was no way to tell what kind of creatures lurked in the <u>caliginous</u> cave.

### 8. METTLESOME (adj.) : साहसी

Pronunciation: meh·tuhl·sm
Meaning: (of a person or animal) full of spirit and courage.
Synonyms: active, energetic, frisky
Antonyms: inactive, inanimate, lackadaisical
Sentence: The actor was considered a mettlesome dramatic performer.

### 9. SUBJUGATED (verb) : अधीन करना

Pronunciation: suhb · ju · gayt · uhd
Meaning: bring under domination or control, especially by conquest.
Synonyms: conquer, vanquish, overpower
Antonyms: discharged, emancipated, enfranchised
Antonyms: free, release, let out
Sentence: The invaders soon subjugated most of the native population.

### 10. DISPOSITION (noun) : स्वभाव

**Pronunciation:** di·spuh·zi·shn **Meaning:** a person's inherent qualities of mind and character. **Synonyms:** nature, character, mentality **Antonyms:** disinclination, dislike, hate



Sentence: Your sunny disposition has a way of rubbing off on those around you.

