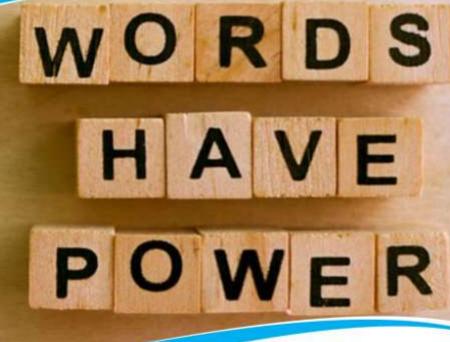






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Exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read the usages to learn how to use them in sentences. What's more, take the test given at the last to check how much you learnt. This will really help you boost up your learning. **Happy learning!!!** 

### 1. COUNTERMAND (verb) – प्रत्यादिष्ट करना

Pronunciation: kawn·tuh·maand
Meaning: revoke or cancel an order
Synonyms: revoke, rescind, reverse, undo, repeal, retract, withdraw
Antonyms: uphold, sustain
Usage: The government's decision to <u>countermand</u> prohibition made alcohol drinkers very happy.

#### 2. EXPLICATE (verb) – समझाना

Pronunciation: ek·spluh·keit
Meaning: analyse and develop in detail
Synonyms: explain, clarify, interpret, elucidate, expound, develop
Antonyms: obscure, conceal
Usage: Jim knows he will have to explicate the events that led to him breaking curfew.

### 3. GREGARIOUS (adjective) – सुसामाजिक

Pronunciation: gruh·geuh·ree·uhs
Meaning: fond of company; sociable
Synonyms: sociable, social, companionable, convivial, clubbable, outgoing, friendly
Antonyms: unsociable, reserved
Usage: Joe, being gregarious, was always the life of the party.

# 4. VIRULENT (adjective) – विषैला

Pronunciation: vi·ru·luhnt
Meaning: extremely severe or harmful in its effects
Synonyms: poisonous, toxic, venomous, noxious, deadly, lethal, fatal
Antonyms: harmless, safe
Usage: The infant did not survive the <u>virulent</u> spider bite.

# 5. EXOTIC (adjective) – विदेशी



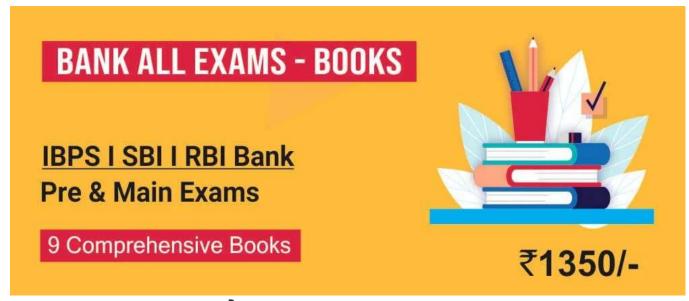
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**Pronunciation:** uhg·zo·tuhk

Meaning: originating in or characteristic of a distant foreign country

**Synonyms:** foreign, tropical, alien, imported, introduced, unnaturalized, faraway **Antonyms:** native, familiar, nearby

Usage: If you would like to buy <u>exotic</u> spices, you need to go to an international market.



### 6. DISSENT (noun) – मतभेद

**Pronunciation:** duh·sent

**Meaning:** the holding or expression of opinions at variance with those commonly or officially held

**Synonyms:** disagreement, argument, dispute, demur, disapproval, objection, protest **Antonym:** agreement, acceptance

Usage: The union is going to <u>dissent</u> with management's offer of a small pay increase.

#### 7. EFFETE (adjective) – अप्रभावी

Pronunciation: uh feet
Meaning: affected, over-refined, and ineffectual
Synonyms: affected, ineffectual, artificial, studied, pretentious, precious
Antonym: unpretentious, unaffected
Usage: Duing the middle ages, Greek civilization declined and became <u>effete</u>.

#### 8. MUNIFICENT (adjective) - उदार

Pronunciation: myoo.ni.fuh.snt



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Meaning: characterized by or displaying great generosity

**Synonyms:** generous, bountiful, magnanimous, philanthropic, princely, charitable **Antonyms:** mean, niggardly, miserly

**Usage:** The munificent woman is a well-known philanthropist who funds many university scholarships.

### 9. APOLOGIST (noun) – पक्षसमर्थक

**Pronunciation:** uh·po·luh·juhst

Meaning: a person who offers an argument in defence of something controversial

Synonyms: defender, supporter, upholder, advocate, proponent, exponent, propagandist, apostle

Antonyms: critic, disparager

**Usage:** An <u>apologist</u> at heart, Stevin will always raise his voice in opposition to anything he sees and unfair or unjust.

### 10. RISIBLE (adjective) – हास्योन्मुख

Pronunciation: ri·zuh·bl
Meaning: provoking laughter through being ludicrous
Synonyms: laughable, ridiculous, absurd, comical, comic, amusing, funny
Antonym: serious, solemn
Usage: The idea that any music scene could exist here seems <u>risible</u>.

