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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. MUDDLED (ADJECTIVE): उलझा हुआ

### **Pronunciation: muh·dld**

Meaning: confused or mixed up, not clear or well-organized. Synonyms: Confused, Jumbled, Befuddle Antonyms: Clear, Organized, Orderly Sentence: The <u>muddled</u> instructions made it difficult for the students to complete the assignment correctly.

### 2. RECHRISTEN (VERB ): नामकरण

### **Pronunciation:** re·chris·ten

Meaning: to give a new name to something or someone. Synonyms: Rename, retitle, relabel Antonyms: unknown, unnamed, unsung Sentence: The company decided to <u>rechristen</u> itself to better reflect its expanded services.

# 3. CONNOISSEUR (NOUN): विशेषज्ञ

### Pronunciation:kaw·nuh·suh

Meaning: a person who knows a lot about art, good food, music, etc. Synonyms: Expert, specialist, authority Antonyms: Novice, beginner, lowbrow Sentence: Sarah is a <u>connoisseur</u> of classical music and can discuss the nuances of different composers and their works.

### 4. EXHILARATE (VERB): ख़ुश करना

### Pronunciation: uhg·zi·luh·rayt

Meaning: to make someone feel very happy, animated, or elated; to thrill or excite.Synonyms: Thrill, delight, invigorateAntonyms: Depress, discourage, dampenSentence: The thrilling roller coaster ride <u>exhilarated</u> the children and broughtsmiles to their faces.

# 5. IOTA (NOUN): बिन्दु

Pronunciation: ai·oh·tuh



Meaning: a very small or insignificant amount; a tiny bit.
Synonyms: Bit, trace, smidgen
Antonyms: Abundance, plenty, whole
Sentence: She didn't show an <u>iota</u> of interest in his story and continued to focus on her book.

### 6. POMPOUS (ADJECTIVE) :शोभायमान

### **Pronunciation:** pawmp·uhs

Meaning: showing that you think you are more important than other people. Synonyms: arrogant, smug, uppity Antonyms: Humble, modest, unpretentious Sentence: The CEO's <u>pompous</u> behavior during the meeting annoyed the employees and created a negative atmosphere.

## 7. PENITENT (ADJECTIVE): अनुतापी

### Pronunciation: peh·nuh·tnt

Meaning: feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong; repentant. Synonyms: repentant, remorseful, ashamed Antonyms: impenitent, unrepentant, unapologetic Sentence: "I'm sorry," she said with a <u>penitent</u> smile.

# 8. ENCUMBRANCE (NOUN) : बोझ

### Pronunciation: uhn·kuhm·bruhns

Meaning: something that makes movement or progress difficult. Synonyms: obstacle, hindrance, impediment Antonyms: impetus, aid, assistance Sentence: The high-interest rates on my loan are an <u>encumbrance</u> on my finances.

# 9. ELAPSED(VERB) : व्यतीत होना

Pronunciation: uh·lapst
Meaning: pass, go by.
Synonyms: Ended , Finished, passed
Antonyms: continued, persisted, hung on
Sentence: Thirty minutes <u>elapsed</u> before the performance began.

### 10. STYMIE (VERB.): बाधा डालना

### **Pronunciation: stai·mee**

**Meaning:** to prevent something from happening or someone from achieving a purpose. **Synonyms:** Hinder, obstruct, impede



**Antonyms:** Assist, aid, facilitate, **Sentence:** The lack of funding <u>stymied</u> the progress of the research project.

