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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.PROCLIVITY (noun):- झुकाव

Pronunciation: pruh•kli•vuh•tee
Meaning: a tendency to choose or do something regularly; an inclination or predisposition toward a particular thing.
Synonyms: tendency, leaning, propensity
Antonyms: aversion, disfavor, disinclination
Sentence: The child showed no proclivity towards aggression.

#### 2.SPRUCE (verb) :- सजाना

Pronunciation: sproosMeaning: make a person or place smarter or tidier.Synonyms: smarten up, make smarter, tidy upAntonyms: dirty, filthy, untidySentence: The fund will be used to <u>spruce</u> up historic buildings.

## 3.HIDEOUS (adj.) :- कुरूप

Pronunciation: hi•dee•uhs
Meaning: ugly or disgusting to look at.
Synonyms: ugly, unsightly, repulsive
Antonyms: attractive, good-looking, impressive
Sentence: His smile made him look more <u>hideous</u> than ever.

## 4.CONTAGIOUS (adj.) :- संक्रामक

Pronunciation: kuhn•tay•juhs
Meaning: (of a disease) spread from one person or organism to another by direct or indirect contact.
Synonyms: infectious, communicable, transmittable
Antonyms: noncommunicable, noninfectious
Sentence: It's a highly <u>contagious</u> infection.

## 5.PONDEROUS (adj.) :- भारी-भरकम

**Pronunciation:** pawn•duh•ruhs **Meaning:** slow and clumsy because of great weight. **Synonyms:** clumsy, slow, heavy **Antonyms:** lightweight, fluffy



Sentence: Her footsteps were heavy and ponderous.

## 6.PEEVISH (adj.) :- चिड़चिड़ा

**Pronunciation:** peev•uhsh **Meaning:** easily irritated, especially by unimportant things **Synonyms:** irritable, irascible, fractious **Antonyms:** affable, companionable, cordial **Sentence:** Sebastian was a sickly, <u>peevish</u> child.

#### 7.MISOGYNIST (noun) :- स्री जाति से द्वेष करनेवाला

Pronunciation: mi•saw•juh•nuhst
Meaning: a person who dislikes, despises, or is strongly prejudiced against women.
Synonyms: woman-hater, anti-feminist, male chauvinist
Antonyms: feminist, optimist, idealist
Sentence: She felt she was struggling against thinly disguised <u>misogyny</u>.

#### 8.OVERT (adj.) :- अपरोक्ष

Pronunciation: oh•vuht
Meaning: done or shown openly; plainly or readily apparent, not secret or hidden.
Synonyms: undisguised, unconcealed, clear
Antonyms: unapparent, unclarified, unclear
Sentence: His opponent's intention is quite <u>overt</u>.

#### 9.STAID (adj.) :- शांत

**Pronunciation:** stayd **Meaning:** sedate, respectable, and unadventurous. **Synonyms:** sedate, respectable, quiet **Antonyms:** joking, kittenish, ludic **Sentence:** He had grown <u>staid</u> and dull.

#### 10.PUTREFY (verb) :- सड़ना

Pronunciation: pyoo•truh•fai
Meaning: (of a body or other organic matter) decay or rot and produce a fetid smell.
Synonyms: decay, rot, decompose
Antonyms: develop, grow, mature
Sentence: The body was beginning to <u>putrefy</u>.





