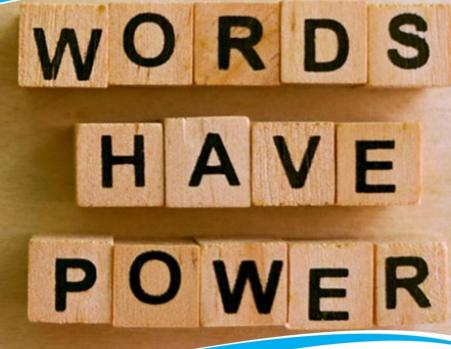






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Exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read the usages to learn how to use them in sentences. After this, take the quiz based on the vocabulary to check how much you learnt. This will really help you boost up your learning.

Happy learning!!!

#### 1. SLEUTH (noun) : जासूस

Pronunciation: slooth
Meaning: a person who investigates crimes; a detective.
Synonyms: private detective, detective, private investigator
Antonyms: ignore, miss, neglect.
Sentence: The trusty Dr. Watson narrates the stories of his adventures with the <u>sleuth</u> of Baker Street.

### 2. SANCTITY (noun) : पवित्रता

Pronunciation: sangk•tuh•tee
Meaning: the state or quality of being holy, sacred or saintly.
Synonyms: holiness, godliness, sacredness
Antonyms: impiety, irreverence, unholiness
Sentence: Abydos was a place of sanctity for the ancient Egyptians.

## 3. AGGRANDIZE (verb) : वृद्धि करना

Pronunciation: ag·gran·dize
Meaning: increase the power, status or wealth of.
Synonyms: deify, dignify, elevate
Antonyms: abate, decrease, diminish
Sentence: The dictator sought to <u>aggrandize</u> himself by new conquests.

### 4. DISSENTIENT (adj.) : भिन्न-मत का

Pronunciation: duh•sen•shnt
Meaning: in opposition to a majority or official opinion.
Synonyms: dissenting, dissident, disagreeing
Antonyms: conforming, conformist
Sentence: The bill passed with one <u>dissentient</u> vote.

## 5. CLANDESTINELY (adv.) : गुप्त रूप से

**Pronunciation:** klan•deh•stuhn•lee **Meaning:** in a secretive and illicit way. **Synonyms:** collusively, covertly, furtively



Antonyms: openly, publicly

**Sentence:** We traveled <u>clandestinely</u> by helicopter one evening and kept strictly to ourselves what we saw there.

#### 6. ASSORTMENT (noun) : वर्गीकरण

Pronunciation: uh•sawt•muhntMeaning: a miscellaneous collection of things or people.Synonyms: mixture, variety, arrayAntonyms: homogeneity, homogeneousness, likenessSentence: This shop has a good <u>assortment</u> of goods to choose from.

## 7. DEMURE (adj.) : संकोची

Pronunciation: duh•myoo•uh
Meaning: reserved, modest, and shy (typically used of a woman).
Synonyms: modest, unassuming, meek
Antonyms: uncoy, extroverted, immodest
Sentence: Hesitant and <u>demure</u>, she hardly spoke a word at the banquet table.

#### 8. EPHEMERAL (adj.) : अल्पकालिक

Pronunciation: uh•feh•muh•ruhlMeaning: lasting for a very short time.Synonyms: brief, deciduous, evanescentAntonyms: endless, enduring, eternalSentence: Her success as a popular singer was <u>ephemeral</u>.

### 9. MUNDANE (adj.) : सांसारिक

Pronunciation: muhn•dayn Meaning: lacking interest or excitement; dull. Synonyms: humdrum, dull, boring Antonyms: lofty, engaging, engrossing Sentence: I found the job very <u>mundane</u>.

### 10. ALLEGIANCE (noun) : निष्ठा

Pronunciation: uh·lee·jns
Meaning: loyalty or commitment of a subordinate to a superior or of an individual to a group or cause.
Synonyms: loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity
Antonyms: disloyalty, faithlessness, falseness
Sentence: FBI demands its employees' absolute <u>allegiance</u> to this bureau.



