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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. ASTOUND (verb) – हक्का बक्का

Pronunciation: uh•stawnd
Meaning: shock or greatly surprise
Synonyms: amaze, astonish, stagger, surprise, startle, stun, confound, dumbfound, stupefy, daze
Antonyms: refrain, defend, dullness
Usage: The illusionist's show is sure to <u>astound</u> everyone in the audience.

2. IMPOSING (adjective) - भव्य, आलीशान

Pronunciation: uhm•pow•zuhng
Meaning: grand and impressive in appearance
Synonyms: impressive, striking, eye-catching, spectacular, staggering, stunning, awesome, awe-inspiring
Antonyms: unimposing, modest
Usage: The castle is an imposing building.

3. PREMISE (verb, noun) - आधार

Pronunciation: preh•maiz

Meaning: an assertion or proposition which forms the basis for a work or theory; base an argument,

theory, or undertaking on

Synonyms: proposition, assumption, hypothesis, thesis, presupposition, postulation, conjecture, posit, theorize

Antonyms: append, infer, supplement, subjoin Usage:

- Let me premise my argument with a bit of history. (verb)
- The research project is based on the <u>premise</u> stated earlier. (noun)

4. RENOUNCE (verb) – त्याग

Pronunciation: ruh•nawns

Meaning: formally declare one's abandonment of a claim, right, or possession

Synonyms: reject, repudiate, give up, relinquish, abandon, resign

Antonyms: accept, assert, reassert

Usage: If the prince chooses to renounce his throne, he will not be king when his father dies.

5. VIGOROUS (adjective) – फुरतीला, ज़ोरदार

Pronunciation: vi•guh•ruhs



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Meaning: strong, healthy, and full of energy Synonyms: robust, healthy, energetic, lively, active, spry, enthusiastic, unrestrained Antonyms: frail, weak, feeble Usage: Robert was a very <u>vigorous</u> sort of person.

6. BIZZARE (adjective) – विचित्र

Pronunciation: buh•zaa
Meaning: very strange or unusual
Synonyms: strange, peculiar, odd, unconventional, unexpected, unfamiliar, abnormal, atypical, unusual
Antonyms: ordinary, normal
Usage: They saw a <u>bizarre</u> animal in the lake.

7. FRENETIC (adjective) – उत्तेजित, प्रचंड

Pronunciation: fruh•neh•tuhk
Meaning: fast and energetic in a rather wild and uncontrolled way
Synonyms: manic, hyperactive, energetic, fast and furious, excited, turbulent
Antonyms: peaceful, calm
Usage: After the concert, the <u>frenetic</u> crowd surged through the exit doors and began to dance in the street.

8. ABERRATION (noun) – असामान्यता

Pronunciation: a•buh•rei•shn
Meaning: a departure from what is normal, usual, or expected, typically an unwelcome one
Synonyms: anomaly, deviation, divergence, abnormality, irregularity, variation, rogue, rarity
Antonyms: normality, usualness
Usage: Janice has a medical <u>aberration</u> which causes her to blink constantly.

9. PRETENTIOUS (adjective) – छली, मिथ्याभिमानी

Pronunciation: pruh•ten•shuhs
Meaning: attempting to impress by affecting greater importance or merit than is actually possessed.
Synonyms: showy, flashy, artificial, flatulent, pseudo, hyperventilated
Antonyms: natural, unaffected
Usage: Mary prefers the simple things in life and is not pretentious by any means.

10. UNSCRUPULOUS (adjective) – बेशरम, बेईमान

Pronunciation: uhn•skroo•pyoo•luhs
Meaning: having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair
Synonyms: unprincipled, unethical, immoral, shameless, exploitative, corrupt, dishonest
Antonyms: ethical, honest
Usage: In his desire for power, he has become thoroughly <u>unscrupulous</u>.



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