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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. PRESCIENT (adj) – पूर्वज्ञान रखनेवाला

Pronunciation: preh•shee•uhnt
Meaning: having or showing knowledge of events before they take place.
Synonyms: prophetic, predictive, visionary
Antonyms: careless, heedless, incautious
Sentence: The psychic's predictions were uncannily <u>prescient</u> and ended up proving true a few weeks later.

## 2. OMINOUS (adj) – अमंगल

Pronunciation: aa•muh•nuhs
Meaning: giving the impression that something bad or unpleasant is going to happen; threatening; inauspicious.
Synonyms: threatening, menacing, baleful
Antonyms: unthreatening, auspicious, benign
Sentence: There was an <u>ominous</u> silence at the other end of the phone.

## 3. COUNSELED (verb) – सलाह दी

Pronunciation: kown•sld
Meaning: give advice to (someone).
Synonyms: advised, confabbed, confabulated
Antonyms: heedlessness, ignorance, neglect.
Sentence: He was <u>counseled</u> by his supporters to return to Germany.

# 4. FASTIDIOUS (adj) - दुराराध्य

Pronunciation: fa•sti•dee•uhs
Meaning: very attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail.
Synonyms: scrupulous, punctilious, assiduous
Antonyms: undemanding, unfastidious, unfussy
Sentence: Everything was planned in <u>fastidious</u> detail.

#### 5. SKEDADDLE (verb) – भागना

**Pronunciation:** skuh•da•dl **Meaning:** depart quickly or hurriedly; run away.



**Synonyms:** run away, flee, run off **Antonyms:** beard, brave, confront **Sentence:** When he saw us, he <u>skedaddled</u>.

# 6. LAXITY (noun) – बेपरवाही

Pronunciation: lak•suh•tee
Meaning: lack of strictness or care.
Synonyms: carelessness, heedlessness, inadvertence
Antonyms: tightness, compliance, care
Sentence: The newspapers accused local police of <u>laxity</u> in dealing with gamblers.

## 7. PROVISOS (noun) – प्रावधानों

Pronunciation: pruh•vai•zowz
Meaning: a condition attached to an agreement.
Antonyms: fullness, wetness, unsoundness.
Synonyms: condition, stipulation, provision
Sentence: He left his unborn grandchild a trust fund with the proviso that he be named after the old man.

#### 8. ADORATION (adj) - आराधना

Pronunciation: a•dr•ay•shn
Meaning: deep love and respect.
Synonyms: love, devotion, worship
Antonyms: condemnation, disapproval, disdain
Sentence: He gazed at her with pure <u>adoration</u>.

#### 9. STYMIE (verb) – रोकना

Pronunciation: stai•mee
Meaning: create difficulties for (someone or something), resulting in delay or obstruction.
Synonyms: impede, interfere with, hamper
Antonyms: aid, assist, facilitate
Sentence: Financial difficulties have stymied the company's growth.

## 10. REBUTS (verb) – खंडन

Pronunciation: ruh•buhts
Meaning: claim or prove that (evidence or an accusation) is false.
Synonyms: deny, negate, deflate
Antonyms: allow, agree, abet
Sentence: He had to rebut charges of acting for the convenience of his political friends.



