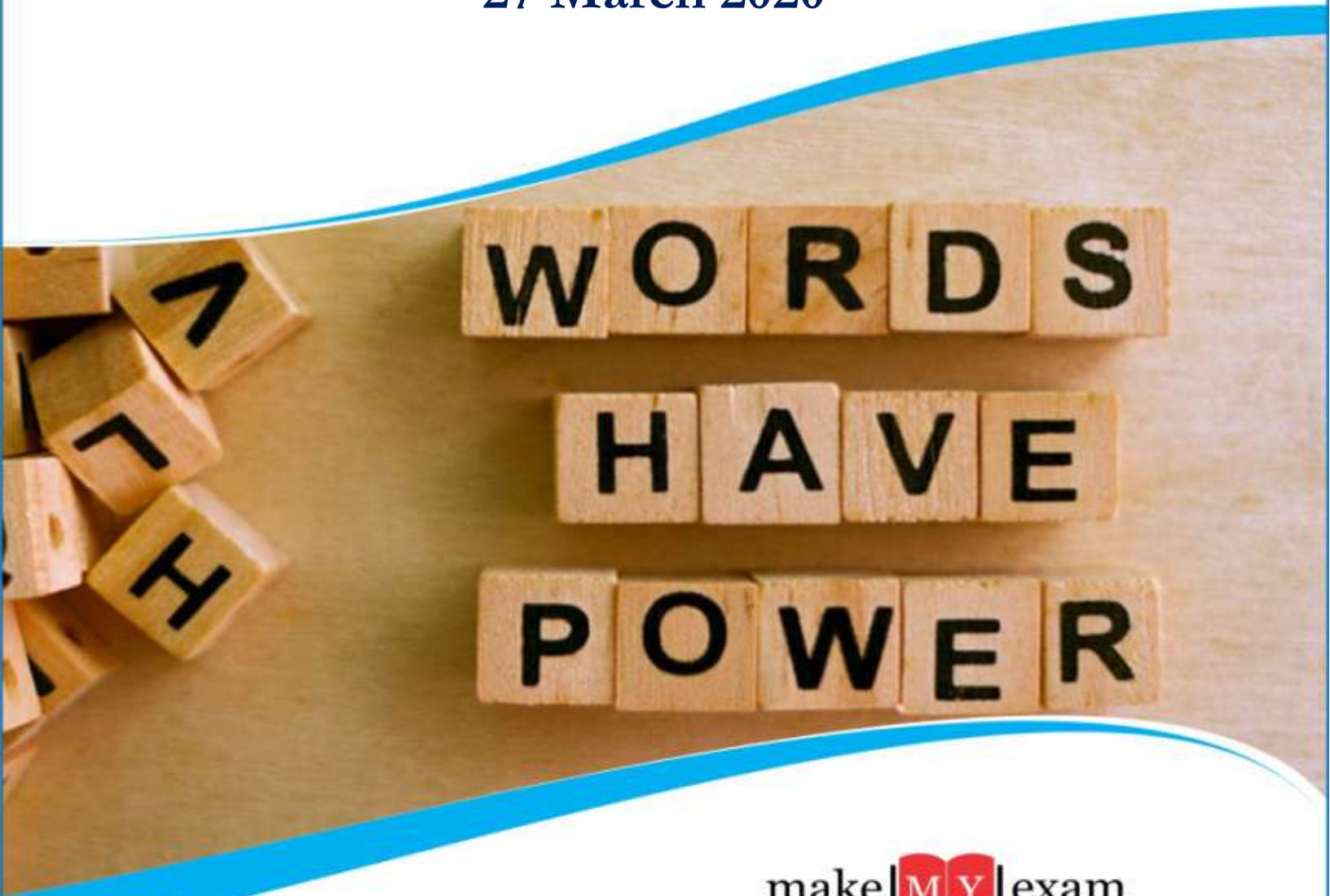


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Here some exceptional English words from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are given with their synonyms/antonyms and usage. Hopefully, this will help you improve your vocabulary. Happy Learning!!!

1. KNOCKOUT (noun) – अत्यंत आकर्षक या प्रभावशाली

Pronunciation: nok-aut

Meaning: an extremely attractive or impressive person or thing

Synonyms: beauty, vision, picture, sensation

Antonyms: failure, flop

Usage: He must have been a knockout when he was young.

2. ASCENDANCY (noun) – प्रभुत्व, प्रधानता

Pronunciation: usen-d(u)nsi

Meaning: occupation of a position of dominant power or influence

Synonyms: dominance, domination, supremacy, superiority, predominance

Antonym: subordination

Usage: He slowly gained ascendancy in the group.

3. WORKADAY (adjective) – साधारण; मामूली; रसहीन

Pronunciation: wuhk-a-dei

Meaning: not special; usual; uninteresting

Synonyms: ordinary, average, mainstream, conventional, unremarkable, unexceptional

Antonyms: extraordinary, exceptional, unusual, unconventional, interesting

Usage: This is a workaday newspaper.

4. SIMPLETON (noun) – अनाड़ी, मूर्ख

Pronunciation: simp(u)lt(u)n

Meaning: a fool; a person without the usual ability to use reason and understand

Synonyms: nincompoop, dunce, dullard, ignoramus, idiot, imbecile

Usage: He looked at me as if I were a simpleton.

5. DROOL (verb, noun) – लार टपकना; लार

Pronunciation: droop

Meaning: drop saliva uncontrollably from the mouth; saliva falling from the mouth

Synonyms: salivate, dribble, slaver, slobber, drivel

Usage:

The baby began to drool. (verb)

Drool dripped from his chin to the floor. (noun)

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6. FOOLPROOF (adjective) – अचूक; विश्वसनीय

Pronunciation: fool-proof

Meaning: incapable of going wrong or being misused

Synonyms: infallible, never failing, unfailing, unerring, reliable, trustworthy

Antonym: flawed

Usage: A pasta book is a foolproof gift for anyone who cooks.

7. TRICKLE (verb, noun) – बूंद-बूंद कर बहना, टपकना

Pronunciation: tri-k(u)l

Meaning: (of a liquid) flow in a small stream; a small flow of liquid

Synonyms: drip, dribble, drizzle, flow, run, spill, ooze, leak

Antonyms: pour, gush

Usage:

Trickle some oil over the salad. (verb)

There was a trickle of blood at the corner of his mouth. (noun)

8. CRAVEN (adjective, noun) – डरपोक

Pronunciation: kreiv(u)n

Meaning: extremely cowardly

Synonyms: cowardly, lily-livered, faint-hearted, chicken-hearted, pigeon-hearted, spiritless, spineless, timid, timorous, fearful

Antonym: brave

Usage:

No man wants to be considered a craven person. (adjective)

Don't react like a craven. (noun)

9. SPRINKLING (adjective) – बहुत काम मात्रा में उपस्थित होना

Pronunciation: sprinkling

Meaning: a small thinly distributed amount of something

Synonyms: scattering, dash

Usage: I can notice a sprinkling of grey in your hair.

10. PUGILIST (noun) – मुक्केबाज

Pronunciation: pyoo-jilist

Meaning: a boxer, especially a professional one

Synonyms: fighter, prize fighter, sparring partner, bruiser, pug

Usage: Mr. Smith, the famous pugilist, is in a very hard condition.

Now, choose any 2 or 3 words and try to use them in your own sentences, this way you can retain the learnt words in your memory for long time. You can share your sentences in the comment section.




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