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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.INCURSION (noun): आक्रमण

Pronunciation: in cur sion **Meaning:** an invasion or attack, especially a sudden or brief one. **Synonyms:** attack on, assault on, raid on **Antonyms:** withdraw, retreat, draw back **Sentence:** There were <u>incursions</u> from the border every summer.

2.RUSH (verb) : जल्दबाज़ी करना

Pronunciation: rushMeaning: move with urgent haste.Synonyms: hurry, dash, runAntonyms: dawdleSentence: I rushed outside and hailed a taxi.

3.ELUCIDATIVE (adj.) : स्पष्ट

Pronunciation: elu·ci·date
Meaning: serving to explain
Synonyms: exegetical, explanative, explanatory
Antonyms: cloud, complicate, confuse
Sentence: Most editions of Shakespeare's plays now have <u>elucidative</u> footnotes to help the modern reader.

4.HALF-WIT (noun) : मूर्ख

Pronunciation: half·wit Meaning: a foolish or stupid person. Synonyms: fool, idiot, blockhead Antonyms: wise, genius Sentence: John was prone to laughing aimlessly, which led many to consider him a <u>half-wit</u>.

5.PORTENTOUS (adj.) : अमंगल

Pronunciation: paw-tent-uhs **Meaning:** of or like a portent.



Synonyms: ominous, warning, foreshadowing **Antonyms:** unthreatening, auspicious **Sentence:** There was nothing <u>portentous</u> or solemn about him.

6.DECIMATION (noun) : बरबादी

Pronunciation: deh·suh·may·shn
Meaning: the state or fact of being rendered non-existent
Synonyms: annihilation, demolishment, demolition
Antonyms: building, construction, protection
Sentence: The virtual <u>decimation</u> of the coastal town was caused by the hurricane.

7.ADDENDUM (noun) : परिशिष्ट

Pronunciation: uh·den·dm
Meaning: an item of additional material, typically omissions, added at the end of a book or other publication.
Synonyms: appendix, codicil, postscript
Antonyms: introduction, preface, prologue
Sentence: I follow this letter with the addendum duly signed for your attention.

8.PUNY (adj.) : छोटा

Pronunciation: pyoo.nee **Meaning:** small and weak. **Synonyms:** diminutive, dinky, dwarfish **Antonyms:** large, massive, big **Sentence:** What a <u>puny</u> little creature!

9.VAINGLORIOUS (adj.) : गुमानी

Pronunciation: vayn·glaw·ree·uhs
Meaning: excessively proud of oneself or one's achievements; overly vain.
Synonyms: vain, biggety, complacent
Antonyms: egoless, humble, modest
Sentence: The <u>vainglorious</u> trainer spent more flexing his muscles than he did helping build his client's.

10.CAGEY (adj.) : गुप्त

Pronunciation: kay jee **Meaning:** reluctant to give information owing to caution or suspicion. **Synonyms:** secretive, guarded, noncommittal **Antonyms:** frank, open



Sentence: Manufacturers are <u>cagey</u> about the recipes they use to create a wine.

