



# DAILY VOCAB DOSE

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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.OFFICIOUS (adjective) - परेशान करनेवाला

**Pronunciation:** uh·fi·shuhs

**Meaning:** offensively intrusive or interfering

Synonyms: bumptious, overbearing, overzealous, dictatorial, bossy, domineering,

interfering

**Antonyms:** modest, timid, shy

**Usage:** While the <u>officious</u> sales clerk may have believed he was giving me some helpful

advice, he was just wasting my time.

#### 2.SEVER (verb) – काटकर अलग करना

**Pronunciation:** seh·vuh

**Meaning:** divide by cutting or slicing, especially suddenly and forcibly **Synonyms:** split, divide, separate, part, detach, disconnect, rip, tear

Antonyms: join, attach, connect

Usage: You have to trench around the stump and sever all the roots.

## 3.SQUALID (adjective) – मलिन

Pronunciation: skwo·luhd

Meaning: extremely dirty and unpleasant

Synonyms: dirty, filthy, grubby, grimy, mucky, slummy

Antonyms: clean, pleasant, sterile

Usage: Many prisons, even today, are overcrowded and squalid places.

## 4.INEFFICIENT (adjective) – अकुशल

**Pronunciation:** raw·dee

**Meaning:** not achieving maximum productivity

Synonyms: ineffective, ineffectual, incompetent, inept, incapable, unfit

Antonyms: efficient, productive, effective

Usage: Inefficient airport workers lost my luggage twice within two weeks.

## 5.MOUNTAINOUS (adjective) - पर्वतीय

**Pronunciation:** mawn·tuh·nuhs **Meaning:** having many mountains

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Synonyms: hilly, craggy, rocky, alpine, high, steep, precipitous

**Antonyms:** flat

Usage: A majority of the state is mountainous with a few flat areas scattered amongst the

foothills.

## 6.IMPLY (verb) - संकेत करना

Pronunciation: uhm·plai

**Meaning:** to hint at something without directly stating or presenting **Synonyms:** indicate, implicit, indirect, hinted, suggested, inferred

**Antonyms:** state, direct, express

**Usage:** The letter seems to <u>imply</u> that the minister knew about the business deals.

#### 7.IMPERIOUS (adjective) – आज्ञात्मक

**Pronunciation:** im peeuh ree uhs **Meaning:** arrogant and domineering

**Synonyms:** peremptory, commanding, imperial, overbearing, overweening, domineering,

authoritarian

Antonyms: meek, humble

Usage: In an imperious tone, the police officer ordered the driver to step out of the car.

# 8.CONTAMINATE (verb) – दूषित करना

**Pronunciation:** kuhn·ta·muh·neit

Meaning: to make something dirty, dangerous or impure

Synonyms: pollute, adulterate, defile, debase, corrupt, taint, infect

**Antonyms:** purify, decontaminate

Usage: A sneeze guard covered the buffet line so that people wouldn't contaminate the

food.

### 9.INFERIOR (noun) – निम्न

Pronunciation: uhn·feeuh·ree·uh

**Meaning:** a person lower than another in rank, status, or ability **Synonyms:** subordinate, junior, underling, minion, menial

Antonyms: superior

**Usage:** A captain is <u>inferior</u> to a major.

#### 10.REDUNDANT (adjective) - अनावश्यक

**Pronunciation:** ruh·duhn·dnt **Meaning:** not needed or useful

Synonyms: unnecessary, inessential, unessential, needless, unneeded, dispensable

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Antonyms: necessary, essential, needed

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{Usage:}}$  The programmer deleted the  $\ensuremath{\underline{\textbf{redundant}}}$  line of code that added no value to the software program.



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