







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.PORTEND (VERB): संकेत मिलना

Pronunciation: paw-tend

Meaning: To be a sign that something bad is likely to happen in the future Synonyms: augur , presage, foretell Antonyms: describe, tell, relate Sentence: Having a black cat pass your path is said to <u>portend</u> bad luck.

2.PENETRABLE (ADJECTIVE): समझना

Pronunciation: peh·nuh·truh·bl

Meaning: Allowing things to pass through; permeable. Synonyms: pervious, open, porous Antonyms: impervious, impenetrable, dense Sentence: The flashlights barely penetrated the gloom.

3. GLIMMER (VERB): झिल मिलाना

Pronunciation: gli·muh Meaning: (of light) to shine without strength or not continuously. **Synonyms:** Gleam, Glow, Shine

Antonyms: losing, hiding, pile Sentence: A candle glimmered faintly in the darkened room.

4.INDISCRIMINATE (ADJECTIVE): विवेकहीन

Pronunciation: in·duh·skri·muh·nuht Meaning: Not showing careful thought or planning. Synonyms: Haphazard , Unplanned, Varied Antonyms: Systematic , Definite, Like Sentence: Cancer is completely indiscriminate in whom it strikes.

5. FLIMSY (ADJECTIVE): कमजोर

Pronunciation: flim·zee

Meaning: comparatively light and insubstantial; easily damaged. **Synonyms:** fragile, insubstantial, feeble **Antonyms:** sturdy, substantial, strong



Sentence: The storm flattened the flimsy wooden huts that the villagers lived in.

6. PENITENT (ADJECTIVE): अनुतापी

Pronunciation: peh·nuh·tnt

Meaning: feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong; repentant. Synonyms: repentant, remorseful, ashamed Antonyms: impenitent, unrepentant, unapologetic Sentence: "I'm sorry," she said with penitent smile.

7. FREEBIE (NOUN): मुफ्त

Pronunciation: free·bee
Meaning: a thing given free of charge.
Synonyms: gift, donation, bonus
Antonyms: expensive, extortionate, overpriced
Sentence: The store gives customers a freebie with their purchases.

8. ANIMADVERSION (NOUN) : निन्दा

Pronunciation: a•nuh•mad•vuh•shn Meaning: criticism or censure. Synonyms: harsh criticism, disapproval Antonyms: extol, laud, praise Sentence: He was infuriated by their constant animadversion.

9. SLACK (NOUN/VERB) : सुस्त

Pronunciation: slak
Meaning: having or showing laziness or negligence, decrease or reduce in intensity, quantity, or speed.
Synonyms: careless, lax, negligent
Antonyms: careful, cautious, punctilious
Sentence: Those about him said that he became extraordinarily slack and physically feeble during his stay in that town.

10. QUOTIDIAN (ADJECTIVE): दैनिक

Pronunciation: kvoh·ti·dee·uhn Meaning: of or occurring every day , daily. Synonyms: usual, ubiquitous, ordinary Antonyms: extraordinary, unusual, infrequent Sentence: Television has become part of our quotidian existence.

