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Some exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read their usages to learn how to use them in sentences. This will really help you boost up your learning.

#### Happy Learning!!!

#### 1. ADROITNESS (noun) – चतुराई

Pronunciation: ud-ro-it-nis Meaning: cleverness Synonyms: skill, prowess, expertise, nimbleness, dexterity Antonyms: clumsiness, incompetence Usage: He lacks political <u>adroitness</u>.

#### 2. CRINGE (verb) - चापलूसी, दण्डवत

**Pronunciation:** krinj **Meaning:** bend one's head and body in fear or apprehension or in a servile manner; experience embarrassment or disgust **Synonyms:** cower, shrink, pull back, recoil; wince, squirm, blush, flush **Usage:** 

- He <u>cringed</u> away from the blow.
- I <u>cringed</u> at the fellow's stupidity.

#### 3. DESPOTIC (adjective) - तानाशाही

Pronunciation: dis-pot-ik
Meaning: exercising power in a cruel way
Synonyms: autocratic, dictatorial, totalitarian, authoritarian, absolute
Antonyms: democratic, accountable
Usage: People are fed up of the <u>despotic</u> regime.

#### 4. BESPEAK (verb) - संकेत करना

Pronunciation: bi-speek Meaning: be evidence of Synonyms: indicate, reflect, demonstrate, show, manifest Antonym: belie Usage: Today's events <u>bespeak</u> future tragedy.

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#### 5. DESPERADO (noun) - बदमाश

**Pronunciation:** des-pur-aado **Meaning:** a desperate or reckless person, especially a criminal **Synonyms:** bandit, criminal, outlaw, renegade, marauder, raider, robber **Usage:** Shockingly, the clergyman's son was a <u>desperado</u>.



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#### 6. WASPISH (adjective) – त्नकमिजाज

**Pronunciation:** wos-pish **Meaning:** readily expressing anger or irritation **Synonyms:** irritable, touchy, testy, irascible, cross, snappish **Antonym:** good-natured **Usage:** She sounded <u>waspish</u> and impatient.

#### 7. HEW (verb) - कुल्हाड़ी से काटना; तराशना

Pronunciation: hyoo
Meaning: chop or cut (something, especially wood or coal) with an axe, pick, or other tool; make or shape by cutting a hard material such as wood
Synonyms: chop, hack, cut down, fell, lop, axe, cleave
Antonyms: form, carve, engrave, sculpture, levigate
Usage: Master carpenters would <u>hew</u> the logs with an axe.

#### 8. CHATTER (verb, noun) - गपशप करना

**Pronunciation:** ch-at-ur **Meaning:** talk informally about unimportant matters; informal talk **Synonyms:** chat, talk, gossip, chitter-chatter, converse, chit-chat **Usage:** Their constant <u>chatter</u> was annoying me.

#### 9. MORASS (noun) - क्लिष्ट स्थिति, उलझन

Pronunciation: mur-asMeaning: a complicated or confused situationSynonyms: confusion, chaos, muddle, tangle, entanglement, imbroglioUsage: We're trying to drag the country out of its economic morass.

#### 10. LOUSY (adjective) - घटिया

**Pronunciation:** lau-zi **Meaning:** very poor and bad **Synonyms:** awful, terrible, appalling, abysmal **Antonyms:** good, competent **Usage:** Their home delivery service is usually <u>lousy</u>.

