

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. UPHEAVAL (NOUN): उथल-पुथल

Pronunciation: uhp·heev·uhl

Meaning: a violent or sudden change or disruption to something.

Synonyms: disruption, turbulence, disturbance

Antonyms: stability, stagnation, peacefulness

Sentence: The government can no longer control the social ***upheaval*** brought about by the collapse of the country’s economy.

2. DEVIOUS (ADJECTIVE): चालाक

Pronunciation: de·vi·ous

Meaning: showing a skillful use of underhanded tactics to achieve goals.

Synonyms: underhanded, deceitful, dishonest

Antonyms: guileless, ingenuous, innocent

Sentence: His ***devious*** nature was shown in half-lies and small dishonesties.

3. TEMERITY (NOUN): उत्तावला पन

Pronunciation: tuh·meh·ruh·tee

Meaning: excessive confidence or boldness; audacity.

Synonyms: audacity, boldness, audaciousness

Antonyms: bashfulness, diffidence, hesitancy

Sentence: He had the ***temerity*** to ask for higher wages after only a day’s work.

4. CAVIL (VERB): झूठा इलज़ाम

Pronunciation: ka·vl

Meaning: make petty or unnecessary objections.

Synonyms: complain, carp, niggle

Antonyms: applaud, commend, compliment

Sentence: I don’t think this is the time to ***cavil*** at the wording of the report.

5. HAGGLE (VERB): सौदेबाज़ी करना

Pronunciation: ha·gl

Meaning: dispute or bargain persistently, especially over the cost of something.

Synonyms: barter, bargain, negotiate

Antonyms: comply, acquiesce

Sentence: Ella taught her how to *haggle* with used furniture dealers.

6. DREARY (ADJECTIVE): उदास

Pronunciation: dreeuh·ree

Meaning: dull, bleak, and lifeless; depressing.

Synonyms: dull, drab, uninteresting

Antonyms: cheerful, glad, happy

Sentence: The sun beamed through the *dreary* clouds.

7. NONPLUSSED (ADJECTIVE): भौंचक

Pronunciation: nawn·pluhst

Meaning: (of a person) surprised and confused so much that they are unsure how to react.

Synonyms: confused, bewildered, bemused

Antonyms: undaunted, unfazed

Sentence: I was completely *nonplussed* by his sudden appearance.

8. BLUSTER (NOUN): धमकी

Pronunciation: bluh·stuh

Meaning: loud, aggressive, or indignant talk with little effect.

Synonyms: ranting, hectoring, thundering

Antonyms: tranquillity, quietude

Sentence: I believe deeply in persuasion, not *bluster*.

9. POMPOUS (ADJECTIVE): गर्वत

Pronunciation: pawmp·uhs

Meaning: affectedly and irritatingly grand, solemn, or self-important.

Synonyms: self-important, imperious, overbearing

Antonyms: egoless, humble, modest

Sentence: He appears *pompous* but is a good man underneath.

10. INOPPORTUNE (ADJECTIVE): बेवक्त

Pronunciation: i·naw·puh·choon

Meaning: occurring at an inconvenient or inappropriate time.

Synonyms: untimely, ill-timed, badly timed

Antonyms: timely, expected, felicitous

Sentence: They arrived at an *inopportune* moment.

11. ENNOBLE (VERB): उदात बनाना

Pronunciation: uh·noh·bl

Meaning: give (someone) a noble rank or title.

Synonyms: aggrandize, canonize, elevate

Antonyms: abase, degrade, demean

Sentence: The heroic actions of firefighters during the terrorist attack did much to *ennoble* the profession of fire fighting in the public mind.

12. MASCULINITY (NOUN): बहादुरता

Pronunciation: ma·skyoo·lin·uh·tee

Meaning: qualities or attributes regarded as characteristic of men.

Synonyms: virility, manliness, maleness

Antonyms: muliebriety, effeminacy

Sentence: Handsome, muscled, and driven, he's a prime example of *masculinity*.

13. QUELL (VERB): शांत करना

Pronunciation: kvel

Meaning: put an end to (a rebellion or other disorder), typically by the use of force.

Synonyms: end, finish, get rid of

Antonyms: support, foment, incite

Sentence: Soldiers were sent in to *quell* the riots.

14. BLARNEY (NOUN): चापलूसी

Pronunciation: blaa·nee

Meaning: talk that aims to charm, pleasantly flatter, or persuade.

Synonyms: blandishments, honeyed word, flattery

Antonyms: disparagement, coerce,

Sentence: Only a fool will believe your *blarney*.

15. PENCHANT (NOUN): लगन

Pronunciation: pawn·shaw

Meaning: a strong or habitual liking for something or tendency to do something.

Synonyms: liking, fondness, preference

Antonyms: apathy, dislike, distaste

Sentence: She has a *penchant* for Indian food.

16. FOMENTED (VERB): भड़काना

Pronunciation: fuh·ment·uhd

Meaning: instigate or stir up (an undesirable or violent sentiment or course of action).

Synonyms: instigate, incite, provoke

Antonyms: allay, calm, settle

Sentence: They accused him of *fomenting* political unrest.

17. RAUCOUS (ADJECTIVE): कर्कश

Pronunciation: raw·kuhs

Meaning: making or constituting a disturbingly harsh and loud noise.

Synonyms: harsh, strident, screeching

Antonyms: sedate, sober, quiet

Sentence: I heard the *raucous* call of the crows.

18. SALIENCY (ADJECTIVE): महत्वपूर्ण

Pronunciation: say·lee·uhns·ee

Meaning: the quality of being noticeable or important.

Synonyms: remarkable, prominent, striking

Antonyms: subtle, unremarkable, obscure

Sentence: The *saliency* maps supported findings from other studies.

19. FRUITION (NOUN): सफलता

Pronunciation: froo·i·shn

Meaning: the realization or fulfilment of a plan or project

Synonyms: accomplishment, fulfillment, attainment

Antonyms: failure, inception

Sentence: After much delay, the plan to build the new hospital finally came to *fruition*.

20. INGENIOUS (ADJECTIVE): रचनात्मक

Pronunciation: in·jee·nee·uhs

Meaning: having the skill and imagination to create new things.

Synonyms: inventive, innovative, creative

Antonyms: unoriginal, imitative

Sentence: The idea sounds quite *ingenious*.

21. ENGENDERED (VERB): उत्पन्न

Pronunciation: uhn·jen·duhd

Meaning: to cause something to come into existence.

Synonyms: Provoke, Kindle

Antonyms: Cease, End

Sentence: The restaurant hoped the act of giving out free ice cream would *engender* customer loyalty.

22. OMNIBUS (NOUN): सर्वग्राही कार्यक्रम

Pronunciation: awm·nuh·buhs

Meaning: dealing with numerous objects or items at once.

Synonyms: Panoramic, Comprehensive

Antonyms: Specific, Incomplete

Sentence: In our neighborhood, most of the children ride an *omnibus* to school each day.

23. CONTRACTIONS (NOUN): संक्षेप

Pronunciation: kuhn·trak·shnz

Meaning: the process of becoming smaller.

Synonyms: Recession, Shrinkage

Antonyms: Expansion, Growth

Sentence: The *contraction* of the ship's metal fastenings and consequent snapping of the wood caused cracking sounds during the cold night.

24. DECELERATED (VERB): ग्रावट

Pronunciation: dee·seh·luh·rayt·uhd

Meaning: to reduce the speed or slow down.

Synonyms: Brak, Apprehend

Antonyms: Hasten, Hurry

Sentence: The government has made every effort to *decelerate* inflation.

25. SUBVERSIVE (ADJECTIVE): वनाशक

Pronunciation: suhb·vuhs·uhv

Meaning: disruptive.

Synonyms: inflammatory, insurgent

Antonyms: loyal

Sentence: He is a *subversive* creature.

26. DISCREPANCIES (NOUN): अंतर

Pronunciation: di·skruh·puhn·seez

Meaning: a difference between two things that should be the same.

Synonyms: Disparity, Variance

Antonyms: Similarity, Accord

Sentence: The police were confused by the *discrepancy* between the testimonies of the two witnesses who saw the same event.

27. SAPPING (VERB): कमज़ोर करना

Pronunciation: sap·uhng

Meaning: making someone or something weaker over a period of time.

Synonyms: Deplete, Debilitating

Antonyms: Energized, Active

Sentence: The two cooks who arrived before us are both ill with something that is *sapping* their strength

28. REIN (NOUN): नियंत्रण

Pronunciation: rayn

Meaning: to control or direct.

Synonyms: Curb, Restrict

Antonyms: Continue, Release

Sentence: He returned from that work and came back to his desk and his business, and took up again the *reins* of his many affairs.

29. REBOUND (VERB): पलटाव

Pronunciation: re·bound

Meaning: to return to an earlier and better condition; improve.

Synonyms: Boomerang, Overcome

Antonyms: Ruin, Destroy

Sentence: Older athletes find it harder to *rebound* from injuries.

30. FLAGGED (VERB): कमज़ोर होना

Pronunciation: flagd

Meaning: to become tired or less strong.

Synonyms: Abate, Deteriorate

Antonyms: Enhance, Revive

Sentence: The conversation *flagged*, and the soldiers began settling down to sleep.

31. HANKER (VERB): लालायित होना

Pronunciation: hang·kuh

Meaning: feel a strong desire for or to do something.

Synonyms: yearn, crave, desire

Antonyms: abhor, abominate, despise

Sentence: What did you *hanker* after most when you were in prison?

32. STARTLING (ADJECTIVE): चौंकाने

Pronunciation: staat·ling

Meaning: very surprising, astonishing, or remarkable.

Synonyms: surprising, astonishing, amazing

Antonyms: unsurprising, common, usual

Sentence: Her technical accomplishment on the piano is *startling*.

33. SEDENTARY (ADJECTIVE): निष्क्रिय

Pronunciation: seh·duhn·tree

Meaning: (of a person) tending to spend much time seated; somewhat inactive.

Synonyms: dormant, immobile, inanimate

Antonyms: active, mobile, busy

Sentence: They led a *sedentary* life after retirement, spending their days in front of the television.

34. AUTONOMOUS (ADJECTIVE): स्वायत्तशासी

Pronunciation: aw·taw·nuh·muhs

Meaning: (of a country or region) having the freedom to govern itself or control its own affairs.

Synonyms: independent, self-governed, self-governing

Antonyms: dependent, non-self-governing, subject, unfree

Sentence: They proudly declared themselves part of a new *autonomous* province.

35. MORATORIUM (NOUN): रोक

Pronunciation: maw·ruh·taw·ree·uhm

Meaning: a temporary prohibition of an activity.

Synonyms: stop, ban

Antonyms: continuance, continuation

Sentence: The debt was to be subject to a five-year *moratorium*.

36. FICKLE (ADJECTIVE): चंचल

Pronunciation: fi·kl

Meaning: Likely to change frequently, suddenly, or unexpectedly.

Synonyms: volatile, unpredictable, changeful

Antonyms: constant, certain, stable

Sentence: A *fickle* friendship that was on and off over the years

37. ERRATIC (ADJECTIVE): अनिय मत

Pronunciation: uh·ra·tuhk

Meaning: Lacking a definite plan, purpose, or pattern.

Synonyms: random, scattered, arbitrary

Antonyms: regular, systematic, regular

Sentence: So far, your effort to land a summer job has been very *erratic*.

38. METHODICAL (ADJECTIVE): व्यवस्थित

Pronunciation: muh·thawd·uhk·uhl

Meaning: Following a set method, arrangement, or pattern.

Synonyms: systematic, structured, systematized

Antonyms: haphazard, disorganized, unsystematic

Sentence: A *methodical* study plan that includes a list of points to memorize.

39. THUD (VERB): टकराना

Pronunciation: thuhd

Meaning: To come into usually forceful contact with something.

Synonyms: bump, bang, slam

Antonyms: miss, skirt

Sentence: The snowball *thudded* against the side of my car.

40. AFFIX (VERB): चपकाना

Pronunciation: af·fix

Meaning: To cause (something) to hold to another.

Synonyms: attach, tie, glue

Antonyms: detach, undo, unfasten

Sentence: Complete the form and *affix* four tokens to its back.

41. MAXIM (NOUN): कहावत

Pronunciation: mak·sm

Meaning: a short, pithy statement expressing a general truth or rule of conduct.

Synonyms: saying, adage, aphorism

Antonyms: execution, absurdity, silence

Sentence: A good *maxim* is never out of season.

42. TRAMPLE (VERB): रौंद

Pronunciation: tram·pl

Meaning: tread on and crush.

Synonyms: stomp, walk over, crush

Antonyms: assist, cure, heal

Sentence: Don't *trample* on the flowers!

43. BRAVURA (ADJECTIVE): कुशलता

Pronunciation: bruh·voo·ruh

Meaning: great technical skill and brilliance shown in a performance or activity.

Synonyms: virtuoso, magnificent, outstanding

Antonyms: artless, amateur, amateurish

Sentence: The film is directed with a technical *bravura* and visual splendour.

44. SEVERANCE (NOUN): पृथक्करण

Pronunciation: seh·vuh·ruhns

Meaning: the action of ending a connection or relationship.

Synonyms: sundering, split, separation

Antonyms: union, reconciliation, reunion

Sentence: The hardest thing to cope with was the *severance* from his family.

45. LITTORAL (NOUN): नदी के कनारे

Pronunciation: li·tuh·ruhl

Meaning: relating to or situated on the shore of the sea or a lake.

Synonyms: coastal, offshore, nearshore

Antonyms: Ocean, centre, onshore

Sentence: Muddy coast is widely distributed in *littoral* zone.

46. VICTUAL (NOUN): अन्न

Pronunciation: vi·tl

Meaning: food or provisions.

Synonyms: food, meal, viand

Antonyms: abstain, cease, deny

Sentence: “I can’t bear to see good *victuals* wasted”, said Martha.

47. ENERVATE (VERB): कमज़ोर

Pronunciation: ener·vate

Meaning: cause (someone) to feel drained of energy or vitality; weaken.

Synonyms: exhaust, tire, fatigue

Antonyms: strengthen, fortify, energize

Sentence: The hot sun *enervated* her to the point of collapse.

48. PRIM (ADJECTIVE): नैतिक

Pronunciation: prim

Meaning: stiffly formal and respectable; feeling or showing disapproval of anything regarded as improper.

Synonyms: puritanical, proper, moral

Antonyms: permissive, improper, indecent

Sentence: A very *prim* and proper matron was in charge of the girls’ dorm.

49. VAUNT (VERB): अपनी बड़ाई करना

Pronunciation: vawnt

Meaning: boast about or praise (something), especially excessively.

Synonyms: boast, brag, pride

Antonyms: belittle, underrate

Sentence: Even the noblest of fellows have been known to *vaunt* a bit.

50. UNSCATHED (ADJECTIVE): अहानिकर

Pronunciation: uhn·skaydhd

Meaning: without suffering any injury, damage, or harm.

Synonyms: unharmed, unhurt, uninjured

Antonyms: damaged, injured, hurt

Sentence: He escaped *unscathed* from the accident.

51. REPUGNANT (ADJECTIVE): प्रतिकूल

Pronunciation: ruh·puhg·nuhnt

Meaning: Causing intense displeasure, disgust, or resentment.

Synonyms: awful, disgusting, ugly

Antonyms: acceptable, innocuous, desirable

Sentence: I find his political ideas totally *repugnant*.

52. AGONY (NOUN): व्यथा

Pronunciation: a·guh·nee

Meaning: A situation or state that causes great suffering and unhappiness.

Synonyms: nightmare, misery, torture

Antonyms: heaven, joy, pleasure

Sentence: Mother kissed his *agony* away.

53. TORRID (ADJECTIVE): तेज़ धूप

Pronunciation: taw·ruhd

Meaning: Having a notably high temperature.

Synonyms: searing, boiling, hot

Antonyms: cold, frigid, glacial

Sentence: She was sitting on the rocks in the *torrid* sun.

54. ROLICK (VERB): मौज उड़ाना

Pronunciation: raw·luhk

Meaning: To engage in activity for amusement.

Synonyms: play, frolic, entertain

Antonyms: work, slave, struggle

Sentence: An educator who realized that children need to *rollick* as well as to study and learn.

55. GLUTTONOUS (ADJECTIVE): फूटू

Pronunciation: glut·ton·ous

Meaning: Having a huge appetite.

Synonyms: greedy, ravenous, hungry

Antonyms: full, satisfied, content

Sentence: He eats because he is *gluttonous*, not hungry.

56. APPRISE (VERB): बताना

Pronunciation: ap·prise

Meaning: To give information to.

Synonyms: inform, tell, advise

Antonyms: mislead, misinform

Sentence: The secretary came to *apprise* us that the erection of the monster machine had been successfully completed.

57. BESMIRCH (VERB): गंदा करना

Pronunciation: buh·smuhch

Meaning: To make dirty.

Synonyms: stain, blacken, dirty

Antonyms: laud, clean, extol

Sentence: Inconsiderately *besmirched* the carpet with their dirty feet.

58. COURTEOUS (ADJECTIVE): विनम्र

Pronunciation: kuh·tee·uhhs

Meaning: Showing consideration, courtesy, and good manners.

Synonyms: polite, gracious, civil

Antonyms: discourteous, rude, thoughtless

Sentence: She was unfailingly *courteous* and helpful.

59. FORSAKE (VERB): छोड़ देना

Pronunciation: fuh·sayk

Meaning: To cause to remain behind.

Synonyms: leave, abandon, desert

Antonyms: have, possess, keep

Sentence: Rats leave (or desert or *forsake*) a sinking ship.

60. FLABBERGASTED (ADJECTIVE): चकित

Pronunciation: fla·buh·gaast·uhd

Meaning: Affected with sudden and great wonder or surprise. **Synonyms:** amazed, stunned, shocked

Antonyms: nonchalant, unruffled, casual

Sentence: He was *flabbergasted* when we told him how cheap it was.