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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.

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### **1. THINGAMABOB (noun) : अज्ञात**

**Pronunciation:** *thingamabob*

**Meaning:** something unspecified whose name is either forgotten or unknown

**Synonyms:** doohickey, thingummy, doodad

**Antonyms:** insulator, conductor, unclog

**Sentence:** Our intern got us one of those thingamabobs which you can use to take selfies.

### **2. HARDHANDED (adj.) : कठोर**

**Pronunciation:** hard-hand•ed

**Meaning:** difficult to endure; as in tough

**Synonyms:** tough, harsh, hard

**Antonyms:** easy, light, soft

**Sentence:** The hardhanded rule of a tyrannical regime.

### **3. RIGGED (verb) : प्रस्तुत**

**Pronunciation:** rigd

**Meaning:** to provide (someone) with what is needed for a task or activity

**Synonyms:** equipped, furnished, supplied

**Antonyms:** stripped, deprived, divested

**Sentence:** Our boat has been rigged up with new sails.

### **4. MERITOCRACY (noun) : प्रतिभा के आधार पर चयन किया सरकार**

**Pronunciation:** meh·ruht·aw·kruh·see

**Meaning:** the government or the holding of power by people selected on the basis of their ability.

**Synonyms:** government, administration, regime

**Antonyms:** prejudice, discrimination, intolerance

**Sentence:** However, in a meritocracy, those at the bottom are clearly inferior.

### **5. SIPHONED (verb) : बाहर निकाला**

**Pronunciation:** sai·fnd

**Meaning:** to remove (liquid) gradually or completely

**Synonyms:** pumped, drained, sucked

**Antonyms:** filled, soaked, watered

**Sentence:** The waste liquid needs to be siphoned off.

## **6. ENCAPSULATE (verb) : संक्षिप्त करना**

**Pronunciation:** uhn·kaps·yool·ayt

**Meaning:** to make into a short statement of the main points (as of a report)

**Synonyms:** summarize, reprise, recapitulate

**Antonyms:** extend, prolong, lengthen

**Sentence:** It was very difficult to encapsulate the story of the revolution in a single one-hour documentary.

## **7. DEVISE (verb) : ईजाद करना**

**Pronunciation:** duh·vize

**Meaning:** to create or think of by clever use of the imagination

**Synonyms:** concoct, invent, conceive

**Antonyms:** replicate, mimic, imitate

**Sentence:** Scientists are working to devise a means of storing this type of power.

## **8. FICKLE (adj.) : अस्थिर**

**Pronunciation:** fi·kl

**Meaning:** changing frequently, especially as regards one's loyalties, interests, or affection.

**Synonyms:** capricious, changeable, variable

**Antonyms:** constant, certain, unchanging

**Sentence:** Fortune is fickle.

## **9. PIQUANT (adj.) : सरस**

**Pronunciation:** pee·knt

**Meaning:** having a pleasantly sharp taste or appetizing flavor.

**Synonyms:** spicy, tangy, spiced

**Antonyms:** tasteless, dull

**Sentence:** Bland vegetables are often served with a piquant sauce.

## **10. GRATIS (adv.) : निःशुल्क**

**Pronunciation:** gra·tuhs

**Meaning:** without charge; free.

**Synonyms:** free, without charge, for nothing

**Antonyms:** paid, costly

**Sentence:** I'll give it to you, gratis!



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