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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.Improbable (adj) - असंभव

Pronunciation: im·praw·buh·bl
Meaning: not likely to be true or to happen.
Synonyms: doubtful, dubious, impossible, inconceivable, insane, nonsensical
Antonyms: believable, conceivable, credible, earthly, imaginable
Usage: These new facts make the theory improbable.

### 2.Vermin (noun) - दरिंदा

Pronunciation: vuh muhn
Meaning: people perceived as despicable and as causing problems for the rest of society.
Synonyms: beast, bleeder, miscreant, rascal, rogue
Antonyms: hero, heroine, idol, role model, gentleman, lady
Usage: Foxes were traditionally regarded as <u>vermin</u>.

#### 3.Turbulent (adj) - उपद्रवी

**Pronunciation:** tuh·byoo·luhnt **Meaning:** characterized by conflict, disorder, or confusion; not stable or calm. **Synonyms:** barbarous, brutal, savage, vicious, antagonistic, hostile **Antonyms:** calm, halcyon, pacific, serene, tranquil **Usage:** He has had a <u>turbulent</u> political career.

#### 4.Detrimental (adj) - हानिकारक

Pronunciation: deh·truh·ment·uhl
Meaning: tending to cause harm.
Synonyms: adverse, bad, baleful, baneful, damaging, contagious, deadly, infectious
Antonyms: advantageous, beneficial, useful, favorable, good, propitious
Usage: The measures had a <u>detrimental</u> effect.

#### 5.Fractious (adj) - झगड़ालू

**Pronunciation:** fra·kshuhs

Meaning: irritable and quarrelsome.

**Synonyms:** argumentative, contentious, controversial, disputatious, disobedient, froward **Antonyms:** amiable, amicable, benevolent, cordial, cooperative, obliging



Usage: Children become <u>fractious</u> when they are tired.

#### 6.Grouse (noun) - बड़बड़ानेवाला

**Pronunciation:** graws

**Meaning:** to express dissatisfaction, pain, or resentment usually tiresomely **Synonyms:** grouch, growl, grumble, bemoan, bewail, deplore **Antonyms:** accept, bear, countenance, endure, take, tolerate **Usage:** The party had been to the <u>grouse</u> moors that morning.

#### 7.Tariffs (noun) - दाम

**Pronunciation:** ta·ruhfs

**Meaning:** a tax or duty to be paid on a particular class of imports or exports. **Synonyms:** assessments, duties, impositions, imposts, supertaxes, surcharges **Antonyms:** remuneration, resources, subsidize, support **Usage:** The new <u>tariffs</u> have put a stranglehold on trade.

#### 8.Clamour (noun) - कोलाहल

Pronunciation: klam-uh

**Meaning:** a loud and confused noise, especially that of people shouting. **Synonyms:** noise, outcry, roar, tumult, uproar, vociferation **Antonyms:** mumbling, murmur, rumble, calm, hush, lull **Usage:** The <u>clamour</u> for her resignation grew louder.

#### 9.Pertinent (adj) - उचित

**Pronunciation:** puh·ti·nent

**Meaning:** relevant or applicable to a particular matter; apposite. **Synonyms:** applicable, apposite, material, pointed, relative, admissible, allowable **Antonyms:** insignificant, little, minor, negligible, meaningless, purposeless, senseless **Usage:** The information is not <u>pertinent</u> to this study.

#### 10.Benign (adj) - सौम्य

**Pronunciation:** buh · nain

Meaning: gentle and kindly.

**Synonyms:** harmless, hurtless, innocent, sound, trustworthy, gentle, gracious **Antonyms:** poisonous, venomous, menacing, ominous, sinister **Usage:** They enjoyed an especially benign climate

Usage: They enjoyed an especially <u>benign</u> climate.

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