

Exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here.

Happy learning!!!

1. DISCONCERTING (ADJECTIVE): चिंता

जनक

Pronunciation: dis•kuhn•suht•uhng

Meaning: causing one to feel unsettled.

Synonyms: unsettling, unnerving, discomfiting

Antonyms: calming, comforting, consoling

Sentence: I found some of his personal habits rather disconcerting.

2. BENIGHTED (ADJECTIVE): अनाड़ी

Pronunciation: buh•nite•uhd

Meaning: in a state of pitiful or contemptible intellectual or moral ignorance, typically owing to a lack of opportunity.

Synonyms: unenlightened, uneducated, illiterate

Antonyms: educated, knowledgeable, literate

Sentence: They saw themselves as bringers of culture to poor benighted peoples.

3. CASTIGATING (VERB): निंदा करने वाला

Pronunciation: ka•stuh•gayt•uhng

Meaning: to criticize (someone) severely or angrily especially

Synonyms: reprimand, rebuke, admonish

Antonyms: approving, endorsing, acclaiming

Sentence: The newspaper editorial castigating the city council for approving the project in the first place.

4. HECKLING (VERB): चिल्लाना

Pronunciation: heh•kuhl•uhng

Meaning: interrupt (a public speaker) with derisive or aggressive comments or abuse.

Synonyms: jeer, taunt, disrupt

Antonyms: cheering, applause, acclamation

Sentence: The ceremony was disrupted by unprecedented heckling and slogan-chanting.

5. AFFABILITY (NOUN): नेकी

Pronunciation: a•fuh•bil•uh•tee

Meaning: the quality of having a friendly and good-natured manner.

Synonyms: friendliness, amiability, geniality

Antonyms: disagreeableness, unpleasantness

Sentence: He was beloved by the nation for his affability toward people from all walks of life.

6. RENDEZVOUS (NOUN): मिलन

Pronunciation: rawn•day•voo

Meaning: a meeting at an agreed time and place, typically between two people.

Synonyms: appointment, assignation, date

Antonyms: scatter, disperse, spread.

Sentence: He made a rendezvous with her in Times Square.

7. IMPERCEPTIBLY (ADVERB): अगोचर रूप से

Pronunciation: im•puh•sept•uh•blee

Meaning: in a way that is so slight, gradual, or subtle as not to be perceived.

Synonyms: crecively, gradually, slightly

Antonyms: abruptly, suddenly

Sentence: The disease develops gradually and imperceptibly.

8. LAMBENT (ADJECTIVE): उज्ज्वल

Pronunciation: lam•bent

Meaning: (of light or fire) glowing, gleaming, or flickering with a soft radiance.

Synonyms: beaming, luminous, glowing

Antonyms: dim, dull, dark

Sentence: The lambent flames from our campfire cast a comforting glow.

9. GRANDIOSE (ADJECTIVE): दिखावटी

Pronunciation: gran•dee•ose

Meaning: impressive and imposing in appearance or style, especially pretentiously so.

Synonyms: magnificent, impressive, grand

Antonyms: modest, unpretentious

Sentence: He's always producing grandiose plans that never work.

10. INFER (VERB): तर्क करना

Pronunciation: uhn•fuh

Meaning: deduce or conclude (information) from evidence and reasoning rather than from explicit statements.

Synonyms: deduce, reason, conclude

Antonyms: depicture, suspect, announce

Sentence: What do you infer from her refusal?

11. CEDE (VERB): सौंपना

Pronunciation: seed

Meaning: give up (power or territory)

Synonyms: relinquish, surrender, Hand over

Antonyms: retain, keep, withhold

Sentence: Hong Kong was ceded to Britain after the Opium War.

12. FICKLE (ADJECTIVE): अस्थिर

Pronunciation: fi•kl

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

Synonyms: capricious, changeable, variable

Antonyms: constant, Stable, unchanging

Sentence: The weather is so fickle at this time of year.

13. RUCTION (NOUN): झगडा

Pronunciation: ruck-shun

Meaning: a rough and often noisy fight usually involving several people

Synonyms: Uproar, Disturbance, ruckus

Antonyms: peace, Quiet, tranquility

Sentence: The ruction in the cafeteria started when one student threw a lunch tray at another student.

14. GULE (NOUN): छल

Pronunciation: gile

Meaning: the inclination or practice of misleading others through lies or trickery

Synonyms: deceit, fraud, cunning

Antonyms: sincerity, Honesty, truthfulness

Sentence: With a little guile he might get what he wanted.

15. VIRTUOSITY (NOUN): कलाप्रवीण

Pronunciation: vur-choo-OS-uh-tee

Meaning: great skill in music or another artistic pursuit

Synonyms: mastery, expertise, proficiency

Antonyms: incompetency, unfamiliarity, Inexpertness

Sentence: At that time, his virtuosity on the trumpet had no parallel in jazz.

16. FLAGRANT (ADJECTIVE): खुल्लम-खुल्ला

Pronunciation: flay•gruhnt

Meaning: shocking because of being so bad and so obvious.

Synonyms: blatant, obvious, gross, egregious

Antonyms: underground, concealed, furtive

Sentence: After the basketball player committed a flagrant foul, he was kicked out of the game.

17. SORDID (NOUN): नीच

Pronunciation: saw•duhd

Meaning: involving immoral or dishonorable actions and motives; morally wrong and shocking

Synonyms: Ignoble, Sleazy, Squalid

Antonyms: noble, honorable, respectable

Sentence: The movie described the sordid history of the mafia since 1950.

18. BIZARRE (ADJECTIVE): विचित्र

Pronunciation: bi•zaa

Meaning: very strange and unusual

Synonyms: absurd, insane, odd, crazy

Antonyms: reasonable, realistic, normal, usual

Sentence: Everyone stared at the student who wore the bizarre outfit to school.

19. TRAFFICKING (VERB): तस्करी

Pronunciation: tra•fuhk•uhng

Meaning: deal or trade in something illegal

Synonyms: Smuggling, Bootlegging, Black-marketing

Antonyms: Legalizing, Safeguarding, Preserving

Sentence: The abduction and trafficking of babies has been a problem in China for decades.

20. TESTIMONY (NOUN): गवाही / प्रमाण

Pronunciation: teh•stuh•muh•nee

Meaning: a formal written or spoken statement, especially one given in a court of law
Synonyms: evidence, proof, witness, confirmation
Antonyms: Disproof, Denial, refutation
Sentence: The defendant in court had to give a testimony about where they were the day before so they could prove they did not commit the crime.

21. CHRONIC (ADJECTIVE): चिरकालिक

Pronunciation: kraw•nuhk
Meaning: persisting for a long time or constantly recurring; long-lasting.
Synonyms: persistent, serial, inveterate
Antonyms: occasional, intermittent, unaccustomed
Sentence: Because my aunt has untreatable cancer, she has been dealing with chronic pain for several months.

22. EXHORTATION (NOUN): प्रोत्साहन

Pronunciation: eg•zawt•ay•shn
Meaning: the act of strongly encouraging or trying to persuade someone to do something.
Synonyms: recommendation, suggestion, urging
Antonyms: discouragement, restrain
Sentence: In the 3rd quatrain there is a change of tone, with the speaker making a direct exhortation to his beloved.

23. QUIBBLE (NOUN): आपत्ति

Pronunciation: kvi•bl
Meaning: the action of raising objections about a trivial matter.
Synonyms: criticism, niggle, Complaint
Antonyms: approval, support, Agreement
Sentence: The only quibble about this book is the price.

24. EXPUNGE (VERB): मिटाना

Pronunciation: uhk•spuhnj
Meaning: to rub off or remove information from a piece of writing.
Synonyms: erase, obliterate, Delete
Antonyms: add, allow, construct, insert
Sentence: His name has been expunged from the list of members.

25. OBFUSCATE (NOUN): अस्पष्ट

Pronunciation: awb•fuh•skayt
Meaning: make obscure, unclear, or unintelligible.
Synonyms: Confuse, Obscure, Muddle, Blur
Antonyms: clarify, simplify, illumination
Sentence: She was criticized for using arguments that obfuscated the main issue.

26. UNREMITTING (ADJECTIVE): निरंतर

Pronunciation: uhn•ruh•mit•uhng
Meaning: going on and on without any interruptions.
Synonyms: continuous, relentless, incessant
Antonyms: recurrent, intermittent, discontinuous
Sentence: As long as continuous efforts, and unremitting struggle, there are no things that cannot be conquered.

27. NAY (NOUN): अस्वीकार

Pronunciation: nei
Meaning: a negative answer or vote.
Synonyms: denial, refusal, negation
Antonyms: yes, positive, approval
Sentence: Since only ten percent of the members voted nay, the was passed which was then sent to the president to be signed.

28. CORROBORATE (VERB): पुष्टि करना

Pronunciation: kuh•raw•buh•rayt
Meaning: confirm or give support to (a statement, theory, or finding)
Synonyms: confirm, verify, endorse
Antonyms: refute, disprove, rebut
Sentence: Recent research seems to corroborate his theory.

29. UNFURL (VERB): खोलना

Pronunciation: uhn•fuhl
Meaning: make or become spread out from a rolled or folded state, especially in order to be open to the wind.
Synonyms: unfold, expand, extend, open, outspread
Antonyms: fold, close, reduce, compress

Sentence: During the spring, the sprouting leaves begin to unfurl, and each petal that opens will sprout a colorful bloom.

30. INVERSION (NOUN): उलटा

Pronunciation: uhn•vuh•zhn

Meaning: a situation in which something is changed so that it is the opposite of what it was before, or in which something is turned upside down.

Synonyms: reversal, turning about, turning upside down, Reverse, contrary, antithesis

Antonyms: verticality, erectness, stability

Sentence: Her account of the case was an inversion of the facts.

31. DISCRIMINATION (NOUN): भेदभाव

Pronunciation: di•skri•mi•nay•shn

Meaning: Unfair or prejudiced treatment of individuals or groups based on certain characteristics such as race, gender, age, or other factors; the act of recognizing a distinction or difference.

Synonyms: Bias, prejudice, unfairness, differentiation, injustice

Antonyms: Fairness, equality, impartiality, tolerance

Sentence: Legislation has been enacted to prevent discrimination in the workplace based on gender, race, or age.

32. ARCHAIC (ADJECTIVE): प्राचीन

Pronunciation: aa•kay•uhk

Meaning: Belonging to an earlier time; outdated or no longer in common use; ancient or old-fashioned.

Synonyms: Antiquated, outdated, obsolete, old-fashioned

Antonyms: Modern, current, contemporary, up-to-date

Sentence: The language used in the ancient text is considered archaic and is not commonly spoken today.

33. COARSE (ADJECTIVE): खुरदुरा

Pronunciation: kaws

Meaning: Rough or harsh in texture; lacking refinement or delicacy; crude or unpolished.

Synonyms: Rough, harsh, crude

Antonym: Fine, smooth, refined, delicate

Sentence: The fabric was coarse, causing discomfort when worn against the skin.

34. PATRIARCHAL (ADJECTIVE): पुरुषप्रधान

Pronunciation: pay•tree•aak•uhl

Meaning: Relating to or characteristic of a system of society or government controlled by men; having a male-dominated or male-centered structure.

Synonyms: Male-dominated, male-centric, paternalistic

Antonyms: Matriarchal, egalitarian, gender-neutral, unisex

Sentence: The patriarchal society was marked by traditional gender roles, with men holding positions of power and authority.

35. NOTION (NOUN): धारणा

Pronunciation: noh•shn

Meaning: A general understanding or idea, often a vague or imperfect one.

Synonyms: Concept, idea, belief, perception, thought

Antonyms: Fact, reality, certainty, truth

Sentence: His notion of success was not solely based on wealth but also on personal fulfillment and happiness.

36. ABYSMAL (ADJECTIVE): अत्यंत

Pronunciation: uh•biz•muhl

Meaning: Extremely bad or of very low quality; exceptionally poor or dismal.

Synonyms: Appalling, dreadful, dismal, terrible, atrocious

Antonyms: Excellent, outstanding, exceptional, superb

Sentence: The team's performance in the last match was abysmal, with numerous errors and lack of coordination.

37. DISENTITLEMENT (NOUN): अधिकारहीनता

Pronunciation: dis•en•tit•le.ment

Meaning: The act or state of being deprived of entitlement or rights; the loss or removal of the right to receive certain benefits, privileges, or considerations.

Synonyms: Deprivation, loss of rights, divestment, withdrawal of privileges

Antonyms: Entitlement, privilege, right, eligibility

Sentence: The disentanglement of the employee was a consequence of violating company policies.

38. ENABLER (NOUN): समर्थक

Pronunciation: uhn•ay•buhl•uh

Meaning: A person or thing that facilitates or supports a certain behavior, often in a negative or harmful context; someone who helps another person continue a destructive or unhealthy pattern.

Synonyms: supporter, accomplice, abettor

Antonyms: Deterrent, hinderer, discourager, inhibitor

Sentence: In the context of addiction, an enabler might provide financial support, inadvertently supporting the destructive behavior.

39. OVERTONE (NOUN): सुर का आभास

Pronunciation: oh•vuh•tone

Meaning: A harmonic or additional tone that is produced with the fundamental tone in music.

Synonyms: Undertone, suggestion, implication, nuance. Harmonic, resonance, additional tone

Antonyms: Explicit statement, overt statement. Single tone, fundamental tone

Sentence: The politician's speech had an overtone of optimism, but careful listeners detected hints of caution.

40. UNDERMINE (VERB): कमजोर करना

Pronunciation: uhn•duh•mine

Meaning: To weaken or impair gradually, often by insidious or indirect means.

(To subvert or sabotage, especially someone's efforts, authority, or confidence)

Synonyms: Weaken, subvert, erode, sabotage. Sabotage, subvert, destabilize, thwart

Antonyms: Strengthen, support, reinforce, promote

Sentence: The constant criticism began to undermine her self-confidence over time.

41. CATASTROPHIC (ADJECTIVE):

विनाशकार

Pronunciation: ka•tuh•straw•fuhk

Meaning: causing sudden and very great harm or destruction.

Synonyms: disastrous, fatal, unfortunate, calamitous, destructive, ruinous, fateful, cataclysmic

Antonyms: fortunate, advantageous, beneficial

Sentence: Because of the severe drought, this year has been quite catastrophic for farmers.

42. BEFUDDLED (ADJECTIVE): उलझना

Pronunciation: buh•fuh•dld

Meaning: unable to think clearly; confused or perplexed.

Synonyms: bewildered, confused, dazed

Antonyms: clearheaded, conscious

Sentence: Even with my professor's help, I was still befuddled by the complicated chemistry formula.

43. TRUMPETED (VERB): घोषणा करना

Pronunciation: truhm•puht•uhd

Meaning: to make known openly or publicly.

Synonyms: announced, Declared, proclaimed

Antonyms: Kept secret, suppressed, concealed

Sentence: We trumpeted our triumph all over the college.

44. BACKER (NOUN): समर्थक

Pronunciation: bak•uh

Meaning: someone who gives financial support to something; a person, institution, or country that supports someone or something, especially financially.

Synonyms: supporter, proponent, exponent, promoter, booster

Antonyms: enemy, foe, rival, belittler, critic, faultfinder

Sentence: With no backer to offer financial support, the restaurant was forced to shut down last Friday.

45. SEAMLESS (ADJECTIVE): निरंतरता युक्त

Pronunciation: seem•luhs

Meaning: smooth and continuous, with no apparent gaps or spaces between one part and the next.

Synonyms: perfect, flawless, impeccable, faultless

Antonyms: imperfect, bad, inadequate, defective

Sentence: Although there were some hiccups along the way, the project seemed seamless on the outside.

46. AGOG (ADJECTIVE): उत्सुक

Pronunciation: uh•gawg

Meaning: very eager or curious to hear or see something.

Synonyms: eager, excited, impatient

Antonyms: apathetic, unenthusiastic, incurious

Sentence: I've been agog all afternoon, waiting for the next part of your story.

47. FREEBIE (NOUN): मुफ्त

Pronunciation: free•bee

Meaning: a thing given free of charge.

Synonyms: gift, donation, bonus, reward

Antonyms: Purchase, Payment, Cost

Sentence: The store gives customers a freebie with their purchases.

48. 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.

49. CALLOUS (ADJECTIVE): कठोर

Pronunciation: ka•luhs

Meaning: showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others.

Synonyms: ruthless, heartless, cruel, unfeeling

Antonyms: sympathetic, compassionate, merciful

Sentence: The professor was callous and cold, and no one wanted to remain in the class.

50. STARTLE (VERB): चौंकाना

Pronunciation: staa•tl

Meaning: cause to feel sudden shock or alarm.

Synonyms: shock, stun, astonish, astound, stupefy

Antonyms: assure, soothe, cheer, comfort

Sentence: If the music is too loud, it will startle the sleeping baby.

51. DITHER (VERB): घबराहट

Pronunciation: di•dhuh

Meaning: to be unable to make a decision about doing something; to be very nervous, excited, or confused.

Synonyms: hesitate, falter, panic, fuss

Antonyms: calm, peace, sense, order

Sentence: The politician began to dither and stutter when asked about his stance.

52. ABSTENTION (NOUN): मतदान न करना

Pronunciation: uhb•sten•shn

Meaning: an instance of declining to vote for or against a proposal or motion; restraint in one's consumption.

Synonyms: abnegation, eschewal, avoidance

Antonyms: indulgence, unconstraint, decide

Sentence: I decided to settle on an abstention when the family voted on where we should eat, as personally, I didn't care where we went.

53. DURESS (NOUN): दबाव

Pronunciation: dyoo•res

Meaning: threats, violence, to force someone into doing something against their will.

Synonyms: pressure, constraint, compulsion

Antonyms: freedom, independence, liberation

Sentence: I think Claire was under duress when she signed the agreement; she never would have voluntarily accepted those conditions.

54. CONFRONTATION (NOUN): विरोध

Pronunciation: kawn•fruhnt•ay•shn

Meaning: A fight or an argument.

Synonyms: Conflict, Collision

Antonyms: Calm, Peace

Sentence: Confrontation with parents is a common reaction for adolescents.

55. EBULLIENT (ADJECTIVE): जोश**Pronunciation:** uh•buh•lee•uhnt**Meaning:** cheerful and full of energy**Synonyms:** exuberant, buoyant, Effervescent**Antonyms:** indolent, lazy, sluggish**Sentence:** Jack always felt ebullient after drinking his morning coffee.**56. EXCULPATE (VERB): निर्दोष सिद्ध करना****Pronunciation:** ek•skuhl•payt**Meaning:** show or declare that (someone) is not guilty of wrongdoing.**Synonyms:** absolve, acquit, clear, exonerate**Antonyms:** accuse, Blame, Incriminate**Sentence:** He exculpates himself from stealing the money.**57. VENEER (NOUN): दिखावा****Pronunciation:** vuh•neer**Meaning:** a deceptively attractive external appearance**Synonyms:** facade, gloss**Antonyms:** interior, inside**Sentence:** Marcia wears a veneer of friendliness while trying to backstab everyone in the office.**58. REALM (NOUN): राज्य****Pronunciation:** relm**Meaning:** a kingdom, domain, or a specific field of activity, interest, or knowledge.**Synonyms:** Kingdom, Empire**Antonyms:** Heaven, Void, Exclusion**Sentence:** Her interests are in the realm of practical politics.**59. VAUNT (VERB): 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.**60. HALE AND HEARTY (ADJECTIVE):****स्वस्थ और तंदुरुस्त****Pronunciation:** hayl.and.haat•ee**Meaning:** being in robust good health, strong, and full of energy, especially when describing older people.**Synonyms:** healthy, well, fit**Antonyms:** ill, feeble, sick**Sentence:** She was still hale and hearty in her nineties.