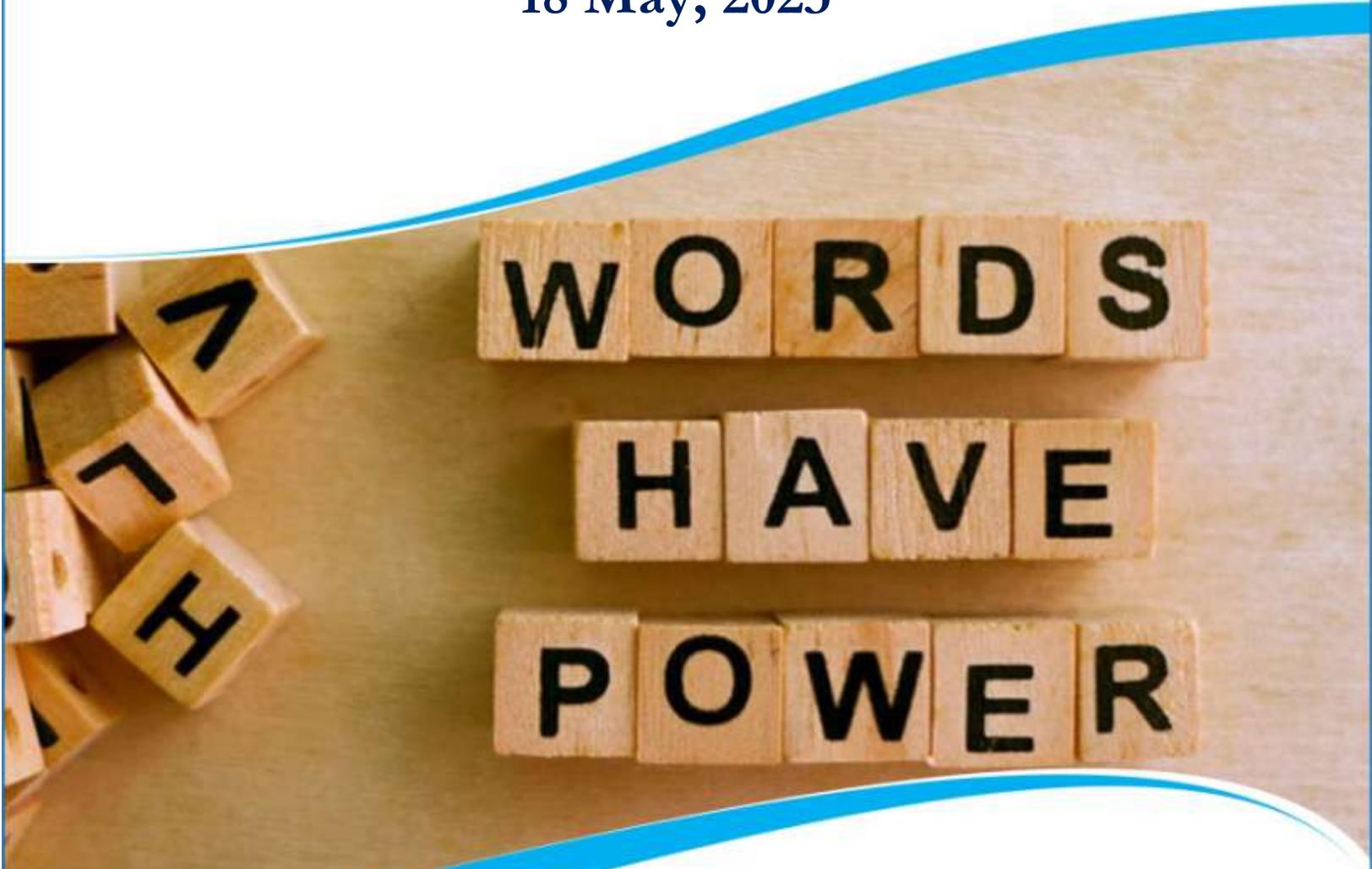


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Exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read the usages to learn how to use them in sentences. After this, take the quiz based on the vocabulary to check how much you learnt. This will really help you boost up your learning.

**Happy learning!!!**

### **1. 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?

### **2. ASCRIBING (verb) : वर्णन करना**

**Pronunciation:** uh·skribe·uhng

**Meaning:** attribute something to (a cause).

**Synonyms:** attribute, assign, put down

**Antonyms:** fail, reject, disapprove

**Sentence:** To what do you ascribe your phenomenal success?

### **3. INDEFENSIBLE (adj.) : असमर्थनीय**

**Pronunciation:** in·duh·fens·uh·bl

**Meaning:** not justifiable by argument.

**Synonyms:** inexcusable, unjustifiable, unjustified

**Antonyms:** defensible, excusable, forgivable

**Sentence:** The war is morally indefensible.

### **4. BURNISH (verb) : चमकना**

**Pronunciation:** buh·nuhsh

**Meaning:** polish (something, especially metal) by rubbing.

**Synonyms:** polish (up), shine, brighten

**Antonyms:** rough (up), roughen, ruffle

**Sentence:** She wished her to dust the furniture, burnish the coal-scuttle, and clean the windows.

### **5. ALLUSION (noun) : संकेत**

**Pronunciation:** uh·loo·zhn

**Meaning:** an expression designed to call something to mind without mentioning it explicitly; an indirect or passing reference.

**Synonyms:** reference to, mention of, comment on

**Antonyms:** ignorance, disregard, ignoring

**Sentence:** The committee made no allusion to the former President in its report.

### **6. MERCURIAL (adj.) : अस्थिर**

**Pronunciation:** muh·kyoo·ree·uhl

**Meaning:** (of a person) subject to sudden or unpredictable changes of mood or mind.

**Synonyms:** volatile, capricious, temperamental

**Antonyms:** certain, changeless, constant

**Sentence:** Advertising is a mercurial business.

### **7. ENCUMBER (verb) : उलझाना**

**Pronunciation:** uhn·kuhm·buh

**Meaning:** restrict or burden (someone or something) in such a way that free action or movement is difficult.

**Synonyms:** hamper, hinder, obstruct

**Antonyms:** aid, assist, facilitate

**Sentence:** I don't want to encumber myself with unnecessary luggage.

### **8. MORIBUND (adj.) : मरणासन्न**

**Pronunciation:** maw·ruh·buhnd

**Meaning:** (of a person) at the point of death.

**Synonyms:** dying, near death, near the end

**Antonyms:** thriving, recovering, alive, animate

**Sentence:** The patient was \_ by the time the doctor arrived.

### **9. GUBERNATORIAL (adj.) : गवर्नर संबंधी**

**Pronunciation:** gyoo·buh·nuh·taw·ree·uhl

**Meaning:** relating to a state governor or the office of the state governor.

**Synonyms:** administrative, dominant, guiding

**Antonyms:** inferior, powerless, subordinate

**Sentence:** Four heavysset men stood in the gubernatorial anteroom.

### **10. MINUTIAE (noun) : सूक्ष्म**

**Pronunciation:** muh·nyoo·shai

**Meaning:** the small, precise, or trivial details of something.

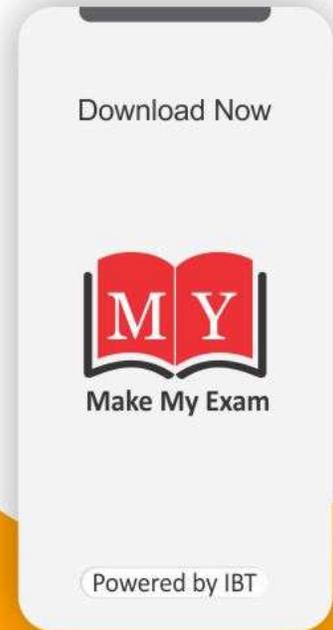
**Synonyms:** details, niceties, subtleties

**Antonym:** big picture

**Sentence:** He had memorized the many minutiae of the legal code.

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