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Here some exceptional English words from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are given with their synonyms/antonyms and usage. Hopefully, this will help you improve your vocabulary.

Happy Learning!!!

1. ENLIVEN (verb) – जान डालना

Pronunciation: in-laiv(u)n Meaning: make (something) more entertaining, interesting, or appealing; make (someone) more cheerful or animated Synonyms: improve, enhance, season, leaven; uplift, gladden Antonyms: detract from, subdue Usage: How can we <u>enliven</u> this party? The visit had clearly enlivened my mother.

2. CONSUMMATE (adjective) - अन्करणीय, त्रुटिरहित

Pronunciation: kons-yumut / kun-sum(u)t **Meaning**: showing great skill **Synonyms**: perfect, exemplary, supreme, ultimate, faultless, quintessential **Usage**: She was a <u>consummate</u> performer.

3. SCION (noun) – वंशज, वारिस

Pronunciation: sai-un Meaning: a young member of a rich and famous family Synonyms: descendant, offshoot, heir, successor Antonym: predecessor, ancestor Usage: Nabokov was the <u>scion</u> of an aristocratic family.

4. PEART (adjective) - फुर्तीला; प्रफुल्ल, उल्लसित

Pronunciation: pi-ut
Meaning: full of life and energy; active; cheerful
Synonyms: energetic, animated, vigorous, outgoing, spirited, vivacious, vibrant; jolly, merry, bright, glad, joyful, joyous, light-hearted
Antonyms: listless, lifeless, apathetic; sad
Usage: This morning he doesn't look so peart as he was last morning.

5. AFICIONADO (noun) - गुणज्ञ, विशेषज्ञ, माहिर

Pronunciation: ufis-yuh-naado / ufish-yuh-naado **Meaning**: a person who is very knowledgeable and enthusiastic about an activity, subject, or pastime **Synonyms**: connoisseur, expert, authority, specialist, cognoscente **Usage**: You are a video game <u>aficionado</u>.





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6. ANODYNE (adjective, noun) - अक्लेंशिद पीड़ानाशक

Pronunciation: anuh-dain

Meaning: not likely to cause offence or disagreement; a painkilling drug or medicine **Synonyms**: bland, inoffensive, innocuous, neutral, unobjectionable; painkiller, analgesic, palliative **Usage**:

I was asked a series of <u>anodyne</u> questions about Bush and his life in White House. (adjective) He took some <u>anodyne</u> to relieve the pain. (noun)

7. THRENODY (noun) – विलाप-गीत

Pronunciation: thre-nudi
Meaning: an ode, song, or speech to express grief or sorrow
Synonyms: lament, dirge, requiem, elegy
Antonym: hymn
Usage: They sang a <u>threnody</u> for the dead person.

8. SHREW (noun) - झगड़ालू स्त्री, लड़ाकिन

Pronunciation: shroo **Meaning**: a bad-tempered or aggressively assertive woman **Synonyms**: virago, termagant, vixen, fishwife, witch **Antonyms**: deity, goddess, divinity **Usage**: The <u>shrew</u> stands at the door and keeps shouting abuse.

9. VICISSITUDE (noun) – भाग्य -परिवर्तज़हेरफेर

Pronunciation: vi-sisi-tyood / vai-sisi-tyood **Meaning**: a change of circumstances or fortune, typically one that is unwelcome or unpleasant **Synonyms**: alteration, alternation, transformation, metamorphosis, transmutation **Usage**: He experienced several great social <u>vicissitudes</u> in his life.

10. CERTITUDE (noun) – यक़ीन

Pronunciation: suh-ti-tyood **Meaning**: absolute certainty or conviction that something is the case **Synonyms**: certainty, confidence, conviction, reliability, assurance **Antonym**: doubt **Usage**: The question could never be answered with certitude.

Now, choose any 2 or 3 words and try to use them in your own sentences, this way you can retain the learnt words in your memory for long time. You can share your sentences in the comment section.



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