

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. RADDLED (ADJECTIVE): **उलझा हुआ**

**Pronunciation:** rad·dled

**Meaning:** (of a person or their face) showing signs of age or fatigue.

**Synonyms:** bewildered, dazed, confused

**Antonyms:** conscious, clearheaded

**Sentence:** He’s beginning to look quite raddled.

## 2. CACHET (NOUN): **प्रतिष्ठा**

**Pronunciation:** ka·shay

**Meaning:** the state of being respected or admired; prestige.

**Synonyms:** prestige, stature, status

**Antonyms:** shame, odium, pettiness

**Sentence:** No other brand name has quite the same cachet.

## 3. STEADFAST (ADJECTIVE): **दृढ़**

**Pronunciation:** sted·faast

**Meaning:** firm in one’s allegiance to someone or something.

**Synonyms:** loyal, faithful, devout

**Antonyms:** faithless, treacherous, false

**Sentence:** Her steadfast belief never left her for one moment.

## 4. DENIGRATE (VERB): **निंदा करना**

**Pronunciation:** deh·nuh·grayt

**Meaning:** to express scornfully one’s low opinion of.

**Synonyms:** criticize, disparage, denounce

**Antonyms:** applaud, praise, glorify

**Sentence:** It was unkind to denigrate his achievement.

## 5. MOOT (ADJECTIVE): **बहस के योग्य**

**Pronunciation:** moot

**Meaning:** subject to debate, dispute, or uncertainty.

**Synonyms:** questionable, debatable, disputable

**Antonyms:** sure, unanswerable, certain

**Sentence:** He argued that the issue had become moot since the board had changed its policy.

## 6. SNIVEL (VERB): **बच्चे की तरह रोना**

**Pronunciation:** sni·vl

**Meaning:** to complain or cry in an annoying way.

**Synonyms:** cry, weep, groan

**Antonyms:** laugh, giggle, chuckle

**Sentence:** I’ve warned you. If you fail, don’t come snivelling back to me.

## 7. PAROXYSM (NOUN): आवेग

**Pronunciation:** puh·rawk·suh·zm

**Meaning:** a sudden attack or violent expression of a particular emotion or activity.

**Synonyms:** outburst, agony, gust

**Sentence:** In a sudden paroxysm of jealousy, she threw her clothes out of the window.

## 8. 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.

## 9. DOTARD (NOUN): बूढ़ा

**Pronunciation:** dot·ard

**Meaning:** an old person, especially one who has become physically weak or whose mental faculties have declined.

**Synonyms:** elder, geriatric, senior citizen

**Antonyms:** youngster, youth, adolescent

**Sentence:** You are a real dotard to have forgotten it so easily.

## 10. SMATTERING (NOUN): अल्पज्ञान

**Pronunciation:** sma·tuh·ruhng

**Meaning:** a slight superficial knowledge of a language or subject.

**Synonyms:** erudition, learnedness

**Antonyms:** ignorance, illiteracy

**Sentence:** He only has a smattering of French.

## 11. MACABRE (ADJECTIVE): भयावह

**Pronunciation:** muh·kaa·bruh

**Meaning:** disturbing and horrifying because of involvement with or depiction of death and injury.

**Synonyms:** gruesome, grisly, ghastly

**Antonyms:** comforting, soothing, pleasant

**Sentence:** Even the police were horrified at the macabre nature of the killings.

## 12. 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.

## 13. STINGY (ADJECTIVE): कंजूस

**Pronunciation:** sting·ee

**Meaning:** unwilling to give or spend; ungenerous.

**Synonyms:** parsimonious, niggardly, penny-pinching

**Antonyms:** bounteous, openhanded, munificent

**Sentence:** He's really stingy and never buys the drinks when we go out.

## 14. BUNGLER (NOUN): भूल करने वाला

**Pronunciation:** buhng·guhl·uh

**Meaning:** a person who habitually bungles things; an amateur.

**Synonyms:** blunderer, incompetent, amateur

**Antonyms:** expert, maestro, master

**Sentence:** He's an incompetent bungler.

## 15. HILARITY (NOUN): आनंद

**Pronunciation:** huh·la·ruh·tee

**Meaning:** extreme amusement, especially when expressed by laughter.

**Synonyms:** amusement, mirth, laughter

**Antonyms:** depression, despondence, sorrow

**Sentence:** His incredulous expression was the cause of much hilarity.

## 16. DELIVERANCE (NOUN): मुक्ति

**Pronunciation:** duh·li·vuh·ruhns

**Meaning:** the action of being rescued or set free.

**Synonyms:** liberation, release, freeing

**Sentence:** We pray for deliverance from our sins.

## 17. SPURIOUS (ADJECTIVE): जाली

**Pronunciation:** spyoo·ree·uhs

**Meaning:** not being what it purports to be.

**Synonyms:** false, fake, forged

**Antonyms:** real, genuine, authentic

**Sentence:** He was arrested in 1979 on spurious corruption charges.

## 18. GALVANIZE (VERB): उत्तेजित करना

**Pronunciation:** gal·va·nize

**Meaning:** to cause a pleasurable stimulation of the feelings

**Synonyms:** excite, thrill, inspire

**Antonyms:** bore, weary, discourage

**Sentence:** How can we galvanize the students into taking the responsibility for their own work?

## 19. FULGENT (ADJECTIVE): चमकता हुआ

**Pronunciation:** ful·gent

**Meaning:** giving off or reflecting much light.

**Synonyms:** luminous, shining, glowing

**Antonyms:** dim, dull, dark

**Sentence:** A fulgent sun peeked from behind the clouds.

## 20. PASTICHE (NOUN): मश्र रचना

**Pronunciation:** pa·steesh

**Meaning:** an unorganized collection or mixture of various things.

**Synonyms:** medley, jumble, collage

**Antonyms:** original

**Sentence:** Peter Baker's bathroom is a brilliant pastiche of expensive interior design.

## 21. IMMENSE (ADJECTIVE): अत्यं धक

**Pronunciation:** i·mens

**Meaning:** extremely large or great, especially in scale or degree.

**Synonyms:** vast, massive, enormous

**Antonyms:** tiny, minuscule, little

**Sentence:** The immense pressure causes the rock to fracture.

## 22. VENERATE (VERB): सम्मानित करना

**Pronunciation:** veh·nuh·rayt

**Meaning:** regard with great respect; revere.

**Synonyms:** reverence, honor, admire

**Antonyms:** desecrate, blaspheme, insult

**Sentence:** Mother Teresa is venerated as a saint.

## 23. CAVALIER (ADJECTIVE): अ भमान पूर्ण

**Pronunciation:** ka·vuh·leuh

**Meaning:** having a feeling of superiority that shows itself in an overbearing attitude.

**Synonyms:** arrogant, superior, haughty

**Antonyms:** modest, humble, compliant

**Sentence:** The Editor takes a cavalier attitude to the concept of fact checking.

## 24. LEXICAL (ADJECTIVE): शाब्दिक

**Pronunciation:** lek·suh·kl

**Meaning:** relating to the words or vocabulary of a language.

**Synonyms:** linguistic, verbal, vocabular

**Antonyms:** nonverbal, nonlinguistic

**Sentence:** We chose a few of the commonest lexical items in the languages.

## 25. REQUITE (VERB): लौटाना

**Pronunciation:** ruh·kvite

**Meaning:** make appropriate return for (a favor, service, or wrongdoing).

**Synonyms:** compensate, reimburse, repay

**Antonyms:** Deny, Refuse

**Sentence:** The King requited his services with a knighthood.

## 26. BEATIFIC (ADJECTIVE): सुखी

**Pronunciation:** bee·uh·ti·fuhk

**Meaning:** showing complete happiness

**Synonyms:** cheerful, smiling, joyful

**Antonyms:** mournful, sorrowful, doleful

**Sentence:** The angels in the painting have beatific smiles.

## 27. YESTERYEAR (NOUN): अतीत

**Pronunciation:** yeh·stuh·euh

**Meaning:** the events or experience of former times.

**Synonyms:** past, history

**Antonyms:** future, tomorrow

**Sentence:** The magnificent big boats of yesteryear have virtually vanished.

## 28. SUMPTUOUS (ADJECTIVE): वैभवशाली

**Pronunciation:** suhmp·tyoo·uh

**Meaning:** splendid and expensive-looking.

**Synonyms:** lavish, luxurious, deluxe

**Antonyms:** humble, austere, ascetic

**Sentence:** The interior is decorated in sumptuous reds and golds.

## 29. RESTIVE (ADJECTIVE): अशांत

**Pronunciation:** rest·uhv

**Meaning:** (of a person) unable to keep still or silent and becoming increasingly difficult to control, especially because of impatience, dissatisfaction, or boredom.

**Synonyms:** rebellious, defiant, stubborn

**Antonyms:** docile, obedient, submissive

**Sentence:** The crowd was growing increasingly restive.

## 30. DESULTORY (ADJECTIVE): बेतरतीब

**Pronunciation:** deh·suhl·tree

**Meaning:** lacking a plan, purpose, or enthusiasm.

**Synonyms:** random, scattered, arbitrary

**Antonyms:** systematic, regular, methodical

**Sentence:** They talked briefly in a desultory manner.

## 31. BRAVADO (NOUN): वाहवाही

**Pronunciation:** bruh·vaa·doh

**Meaning:** a bold manner or a show of boldness intended to impress or intimidate.

**Synonyms:** boldness, bold manner, swagger

**Antonyms:** bashfulness, demureness, self-distrust

**Sentence:** Their behavior was just sheer bravado.

## 32. EXEMPLARY (ADJECTIVE): अनुकरणीय

**Pronunciation:** uhg·zem·pluh·ree

**Meaning:** serving as a desirable model; representing the best of its kind.

**Synonyms:** perfect, ideal, excellent

**Antonyms:** unsatisfactory, bad, substandard

**Sentence:** His citation says he showed outstanding and exemplary courage.

## 33. TANTALIZE (VERB): उत्तेजित

**Pronunciation:** tan-tuhl-ize

**Meaning:** to cause (someone) to feel interest or excitement about something that is very attractive, appealing, etc.

**Synonyms:** intrigue, excite, thrill

**Antonyms:** bore, weary, pall

**Sentence:** She was tantalized by the possibility of earning a lot of money quickly.

## 34. LOGY (ADJECTIVE): थका हुआ

**Pronunciation:** lo·gy

**Meaning:** depleted in strength, energy, or freshness.

**Synonyms:** tired, exhausted, weary

**Antonyms:** fresh, relaxed, active

**Sentence:** The next morning, I was feeling logy, having stayed up half the night.

## 35. PERNICIOUS (ADJECTIVE): हानिकारक

**Pronunciation:** puh·ni·shuhs

**Meaning:** having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way.

**Synonyms:** harmful, damaging, destructive

**Antonyms:** anodyne, benign, harmless

**Sentence:** The business may be troublesome, but idleness is pernicious.

## 36. FEISTY (ADJECTIVE): लड़ाकू

**Pronunciation:** fai·stee

**Meaning:** feeling or displaying eagerness to fight.

**Synonyms:** aggressive, agonistic, argumentative

**Antonyms:** nonaggressive, nonbelligerent, pacific

**Sentence:** He's a pretty feisty kid, isn't he?

## 37. ERUDITION (NOUN): पां डत्य

**Pronunciation:** eh·ru·di·shn

**Meaning:** the quality of having or showing great knowledge or learning; scholarship.

**Synonyms:** learning, scholarship, knowledge

**Antonyms:** ignorance, illiteracy, illiterateness

**Sentence:** His erudition was apparently endless.

## 38. ASSEVERATION (NOUN): दृढ़वचन

**Pronunciation:** uh·seh·vuh·ray·shn

**Meaning:** the solemn or emphatic declaration or statement of something.

**Synonyms:** affirmation, assertion, avouchment

**Antonyms:** disavowal, contradiction, denial

**Sentence:** You can forget the asseveration of past but want to remember own of sincerely.

## 39. COMMENSURATE (ADJECTIVE): अनुरूप

**Pronunciation:** kuh·men·suh·ruht

**Meaning:** corresponding in size or degree; in proportion.

**Synonyms:** equivalent, equal, corresponding

**Antonyms:** disproportionate

**Sentence:** Six yards is commensurate with eighteen feet.

## 40. HERETOFORE (ADVERB): पहले

**Pronunciation:** heeu·tu·faw

**Meaning:** before now.

**Synonyms:** hitherto, theretofore, yet

**Antonyms:** henceforth, henceforward, hereafter

**Sentence:** Diseases that heretofore were usually confined to rural areas.

## 41. MUNIFICENCE (NOUN): उदारता

**Pronunciation:** myoo·ni·fuh·sns

**Meaning:** the quality or action of being lavishly generous; great generosity.

**Synonyms:** generosity, bountifulness, magnanimity

**Antonyms:** mercilessness, pitilessness, ruthlessness

**Sentence:** I thanked them for their munificence.

## 42. PESTERED (VERB): सताया

**Pronunciation:** peh·stuhd

**Meaning:** trouble or annoy (someone) with frequent or persistent requests or interruptions.

**Synonyms:** badger, hound, annoy

**Antonyms:** delighted, pleased, happy

**Sentence:** He'd been pestered by reporters for days.

## 43. DISCOMFITURE (NOUN): पराभव

**Pronunciation:** duh·skuhm·fuh·chuh

**Meaning:** a feeling of unease or embarrassment; awkwardness.

**Synonyms:** embarrassment, unease, uneasiness

**Antonyms:** assurance, composure, confidence

**Sentence:** Without experiencing discomfiture and setbacks, one can never find truth.

## 44. FORGERY (NOUN): जालसाजी

**Pronunciation:** fawj·uh·ree

**Meaning:** the action of forging or producing a copy of a document, signature, banknote, or work of art.

**Synonyms:** counterfeiting, fraudulent copying, fraudulent imitation

**Antonyms:** original, reality, truth

**Sentence:** He spent 5 years in prison for forgery.

## 45. MALFEASANCE (NOUN): दुराचार

**Pronunciation:** mal·fea·sance

**Meaning:** wrongdoing, especially by a public official.

**Synonyms:** misdoing, wrongdoing, crime

**Antonyms:** behavior, manners, obedience

**Sentence:** In almost every section of his speech, malfeasance or illegal practices were mentioned.

## 46. DISCRETIONARY (ADJECTIVE): वैकल्पिक

**Pronunciation:** duh·skri·shuh·nuh·ree

**Meaning:** available for use at the discretion of the user.

**Synonyms:** optional, non-compulsory, voluntary

**Antonyms:** compulsory, mandatory, nonelective

**Sentence:** The company used to give discretionary bonus payments.

## 47. RELEGATE (VERB): बाहर निकाल देना

**Pronunciation:** reh·luh·gayt

**Meaning:** consign or dismiss to an inferior rank or position.

**Synonyms:** downgrade, lower in rank, put down

**Antonyms:** ascent, rise, upswing

**Sentence:** They aim to prevent women from being relegated to a secondary role.

## 48. TURNOAT (NOUN): विश्वासघाती

**Pronunciation:** tuhn·kote

**Meaning:** a person who deserts one party or cause in order to join an opposing one.

**Synonyms:** traitor, apostate, backstabber

**Antonyms:** adherent, supporter, defender

**Sentence:** He was publicly criticized as a turncoat and a traitor.

## 49. ADHERENT (NOUN): समर्थक

**Pronunciation:** uhd·heeuh·ruhnt

**Meaning:** someone who supports a particular party, person, or set of ideas.

**Synonyms:** supporter, upholder, votary

**Antonyms:** coryphaeus, leader, opponent

**Sentence:** She has long been an adherent of the Communist Party.

## 50. GLIMMER (VERB): जगमगाना

**Pronunciation:** gli·muh

**Meaning:** shine faintly with a wavering light.

**Synonyms:** gleam, shine, glint

**Antonyms:** plenty, abundance, loads

**Sentence:** A glimmer of amusement showed in her eyes.