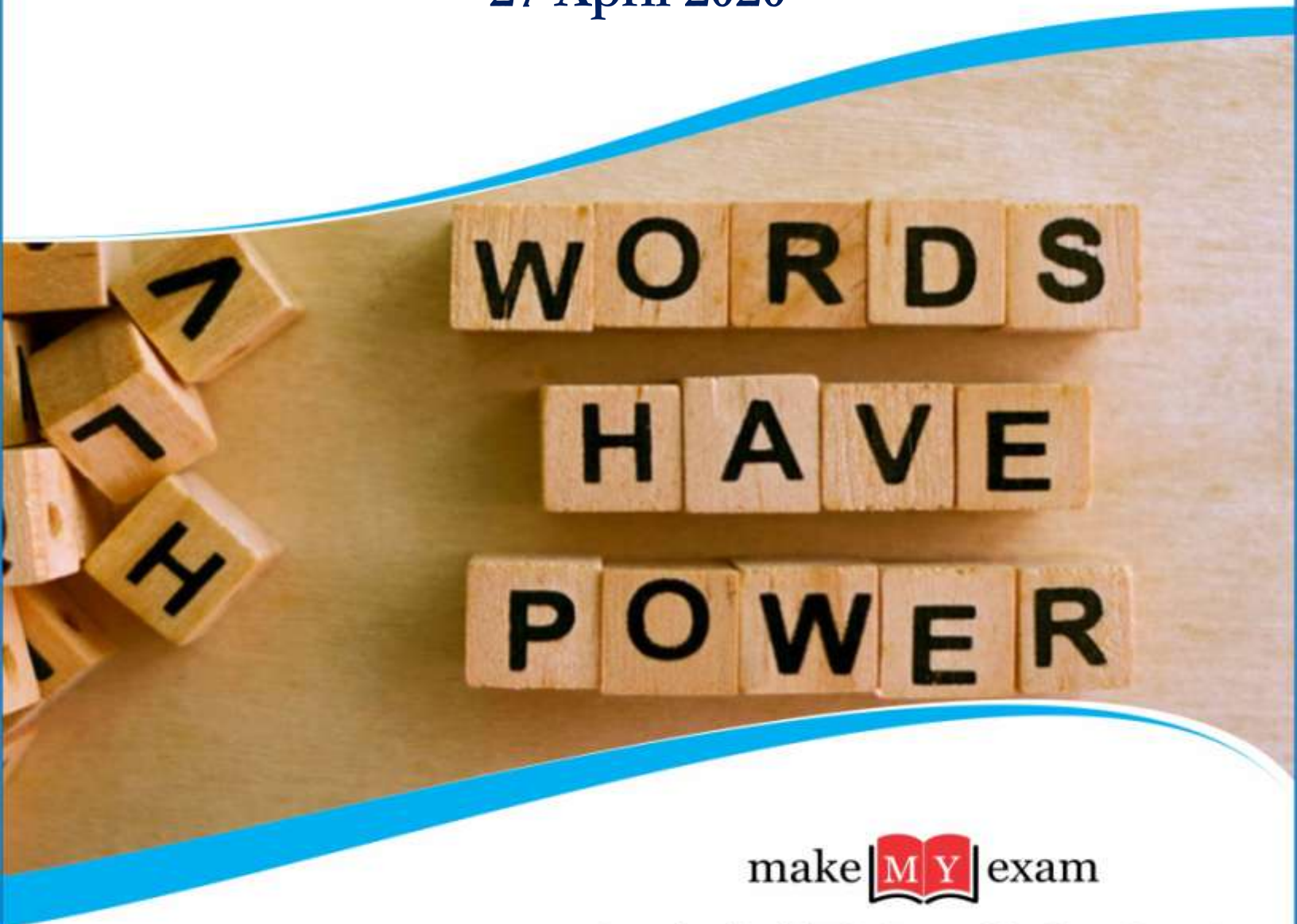


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Here some exceptional English words from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are given with their synonyms/antonyms and usage. Hopefully, this will help you improve your vocabulary.

Happy Learning!!!

1. STICKYBEAK (noun, verb) – कुतूहली; पूछताछ करना

Pronunciation: stiki-beek

Meaning: having an interest in learning things; curious about the affairs of others; inquire too closely into a person's private affairs

Synonyms: curious, intrigued, interested, agog, over-curious, nosy parker; scrutinize, probe

Antonym: uninterested

Usage:

- Guests were invited to have a good stickybeak around. (noun)
- I don't want to stickybeak, but when is he going to leave? (verb)

2. NASTINESS (noun) – बहुत बुरा या अप्रिय होना

Pronunciation: naasti-nus

Meaning: the state or quality of being very bad or unpleasant

Synonyms: unpleasant, disagreeable, disgusting, distasteful, awful

Antonyms: niceness, pleasantness, kindness, delightful, lovely

Usage: The nastiness of the cheap hotel room was evidenced by the rat droppings, bed bugs, and filthy carpet.

3. VEGETATE (verb) – उदास या क्रीयाशून्य समय बिताना

Pronunciation: veji-teit

Meaning: live or spend a period of time in a dull, inactive, unchallenging way

Synonyms: do nothing, idle, languish

Usage: In these days of lockdown, children sit in front of the television and vegetate.

4. WASPISH (adjective) – तुनकमिजाज, कर्कश-स्वभाव

Pronunciation: was-pish

Meaning: readily expressing anger or irritation

Synonyms: irritable, touchy, irascible, snappish

Antonyms: calm, easy-going

Usage: She has a waspish attitude.

5. NEWBIE (noun) – नौसिखिया

Pronunciation: nyoo-bi

Meaning: an inexperienced newcomer to a particular activity

Synonyms: newcomer, naïve, inexperienced

Antonym: experienced, expert

Usage: Everyone using the Internet or a computer was a newbie once.

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6. GNASH (verb) – गुस्से में दांत पीसना

Pronunciation: nash

Meaning: grind (one's teeth) together as a sign of anger

Synonyms: grind, grate, rasp, grit

Usage: When her husband began to gnash his teeth, she knew that she had to say sorry.

7. UNSETTLE (verb) – अशांत करना

Pronunciation: un-set(u)l

Meaning: cause to feel anxious or uneasy

Synonyms: discompose, unnerve, upset, disturb, disquiet

Antonyms: hearten, calm, console, placate, pacify

Usage: The corona virus crisis has unsettled financial markets.

8. THRALL (noun) – दासता, दासत्व, गुलामी

Pronunciation: thro-l

Meaning: the state of being in someone's power

Synonyms: power, clutches, hands, control, grip, grasp, yoke, enslavement

Usage: The country's economy is largely in thrall to the big companies.

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9. BOTCH (verb, noun) – ढिलाई से काम करना

Pronunciation: boch

Meaning: carry out a task badly or carelessly; a task that is carried out badly or carelessly

Synonyms: bungle, make a mess of, mismanage, mishandle, angle, fumble; mess, fiasco, debacle, blunder

Antonym: success

Usage:

- He was accused of botching the job. (verb)
- I've just made an awful botch of my translation. (noun)

10. ULULATE (verb) – चीखना, विलाप, आक्रंदन

Pronunciation: yu-lyu-leit

Meaning: cry loud because of pain, fear, anger; make a prolonged high-pitched cry of pain, grief, or anger

Synonyms: cry, yowl, howl, weep, wail

Usage: As the soldier's body was laid out, the grieving widow began to ululate loudly.

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