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Some exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read their usages to learn how to use them in sentences. This will really help you boost up your learning.

Happy Learning!!!

1. VIRAGO (noun) – कर्कशा झगड़ालू औरत

Pronunciation: vi-rei-go / vi-raa-go
Meaning: a domineering, violent, or bad-tempered woman
Synonyms: harridan, shrew, termagant, vixen, fishwife
Antonyms: belle, beautiful, queen of hearts
Usage: When the little boy dropped his ice cream, the <u>virago</u> grew red with anger and punished the child severely.

2. BOURGEOIS (adjective) – पूंजीपति, संपत्तिजीवी

Pronunciation: bowj-waa

Meaning: belonging to or typical of the middle class (a social group between the rich and the poor) especially in supporting existing customs and values, or in having a strong interest in money and possessions Synonyms: middle-class, property-owning, propertied, conventional, traditional, conservative, conformist, ordinary Antonyms: proletarian, unconventional Usage:

- She came from a respectable <u>bourgeois</u> family. (adjective)
- The princess was excluded from the territory for marrying a <u>bourgeois</u>. (noun)

3. PURVEY (verb) – रसद पह्ँचाना

Pronunciation: puh-vei **Meaning:** provide or supply (food, drink, or other goods) as one's business **Synonyms:** supply, provide, furnish, cater, retail, trade **Usage:** They have two restaurants that <u>purvey</u> dumplings and chicken noodle soup.

4. FALTER (verb) – लड़खड़ाना; हकलाना

Pronunciation: fol-tuhMeaning: lose strength or momentum; speak hesitantlySynonyms: hesitate, delay, drag one's feet, stall, think twice; stammer, stutter, stumbleUsage:

- The economy is beginning to <u>falter</u>.
- His voice began to <u>falter</u>.

5. JILT (verb) - परित्याग करना

Pronunciation: jilt **Meaning:** suddenly reject or abandon (a lover) **Synonyms:** leave, walk out on, throw over, finish with, break up with **Usage:** He <u>jilted</u> her for his best friend's sister.





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6. TEMPERANCE (noun) – आत्मसंयम

Pronunciation: temp(u)r(u)ns
Meaning: control of your own behaviour, such as not drinking or eating too much; the habit of not drinking alcohol because you believe it is dangerous or wrong
Synonyms: abstinence, abstention, sobriety, prohibition
Antonyms: bibulousness, crapulence
Usage: The old man preached temperance to young people.

7. THWART (verb) – नाकाम करना

Pronunciation: thwort
Meaning: oppose (a plan, attempt, or ambition) successfully
Synonyms: foil, frustrate, balk, forestall, scotch, derail
Antonyms: assist, facilitate
Usage: The government had been able to thwart all attempts by opposition leaders to form new parties.

8. VIRILE (adjective) – पुरुष या पुरुषत्व संबंधी

Pronunciation: vi-rail
Meaning: (of a man) having strength and energy
Synonyms: manly, masculine, all-male, gallant, chivalrous, swashbuckling, valiant, valorous
Antonyms: unmanly, effeminate, weak
Usage: He wanted his sons to become strong, <u>virile</u>, and athletic like himself.

9. PURGE (verb) - श्द करना

Pronunciation: puhj

Meaning: free someone or something from an unwanted quality, condition, or feeling; remove (a group of people considered undesirable) from an organization or place in an abrupt or violent way **Synonyms:** cleanse, clear, purify, wash, shrive, absolve; remove, get rid of, expel, exclude

Usage:

- Roman Catholics go to confession to <u>purge</u> themselves of sin.
- Party leaders are going to <u>purge</u> the party of extremists.

10. WILT (verb) – मुरझाना, दुर्बल होना

Pronunciation: wilt

Meaning: (of a plant, leaf, or flower) to become weak and begin to bend towards the ground; (of a person) lose energy, vigour, or confidence

Synonyms: droop, sag, flop, wither; languish, flag **Antonyms:** thrive, flourish; perk up

Usage:

- The plants will <u>wilt</u> in direct sunlight.
- Lady Beresford was beginning to <u>wilt</u> as she greeted the long line of guests.

