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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. POTENCY (noun) : शक्ति

Pronunciation: poh•tuhn•seeMeaning: the power of something to influence or make an impression.Synonyms: powerfulness, vigor, strengthAntonyms: weakness, impotence, powerlessnessSentence: Because of its high potency, the herb can make people act in strange ways.

2. PENURY (noun) : दरिद्रता

Pronunciation: peh•nyoo•ree Meaning: extreme poverty Synonyms: pennilessness, impecuniousness, neediness Antonyms: wealth, plenty, sufficiency Sentence: He died in a state of virtual penury.

3. ELAPSE (verb) : बीतना

Pronunciation: uh·laps
Meaning: (of time) pass or go by.
Synonyms: pass, go by/past, proceed
Antonyms: continue, extend, prolong
Sentence: So a week or so may <u>elapse</u> between the first and the last eggs hatching.

4. UNAMBIGUOUS (adj.) : स्पष्ट

Pronunciation: uhn•am•buh•gyoo•uhs **Meaning:** not open to more than one interpretation. **Synonyms:** obvious, plain, apparent **Antonyms:** ambiguous, indefinite, vague **Sentence:** Instructions should be <u>unambiguous</u>.

5. SCREECH (verb) : फटा आवाज़

Pronunciation: skreech **Meaning:** (of a person or animal) give a loud, harsh, piercing cry. **Synonyms:** shriek, squeal, squawk **Antonyms:** murmur, mutter, whisper



Sentence: She hit her brother, causing him to <u>screech</u> with pain.

6. POSTERITY (noun) : भावी पीढ़ी

Pronunciation: paw•steh•ruh•tee
Meaning: all future generations of people.
Synonyms: successors, next generation, the future
Antonyms: ancestor, antecedent, past
Sentence: The victims' names are recorded for posterity.

7. DEFUNCT (adj.) : मृत

Pronunciation: duh•fuhngktMeaning: no longer existing or functioning.Synonyms: non-existent, faded, moribundAntonyms: alive, existent, livingSentence: After being hit by a hurricane, the entire neighborhood was defunct.

8. NOTORIETY (noun) : बदनामी

Pronunciation: noh•tuh•rai•uh•tee
Meaning: the state of being famous or well known for some bad quality or deed.
Synonyms: infamy, bad reputation, disrepute
Antonyms: obscurity, esteem, honor
Sentence: His comment about the President has given him notoriety.

9. SEER (noun) : पैग़ंबर

Pronunciation: 'sir
Meaning: a person who is supposed to be able, through supernatural insight, to see what the future holds.
Synonyms: prophet, prophetess, sibyl
Antonyms: muggle, common, mundane.
Sentence: A seer had foretold that the earl would assume the throne.

10. FUTILE (adj.) : व्यर्थ

Pronunciation: fyoo•tile **Meaning:** incapable of producing any useful result **Synonyms:** pointless, useless, worthless **Antonyms:** productive, profitable, effective **Sentence:** It would be <u>futile</u> to protest.



