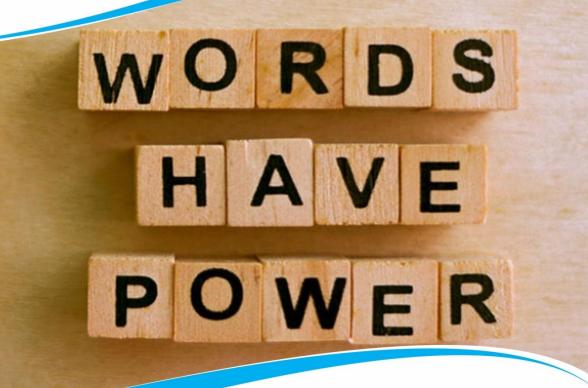






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Some exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read their usages to learn how to use them in sentences. This will really help you boost up your learning.

#### Happy Learning!!!

#### 1. CONCOCT (verb) - समवेत करना

Pronunciation: kun-koktMeaning: make (a dish or meal) by combining various ingredientsSynonyms: prepare, put together, assembleUsage: He <u>concocted</u> the most amazing dish from all sorts of leftover food.

#### 2. SLICK (adjective, noun, verb) – कुशल; चिकना, चमकदार

**Pronunciation:** slik

**Meaning:** done or operating in an impressively smooth and efficient way; (of skin or hair) smooth and glossy; amount of a glossy or oily substance; make (one's hair) flat, smooth, and glossy by applying water, oil, or gel to it **Synonyms:** efficient, polished; shiny, glossy, shining; smooth, sleek, flatten, oil, gel **Antonyms:** amateurish, clumsy, inexpert **Usage:** 

- The dancers gave a very <u>slick</u> performance. (adjective)
- The oil <u>slick</u> seriously threatens marine life around the islands. (noun)
- Rain <u>slicked</u> the roads. (verb)

# 3. REVAMP (verb, noun) - सुधार

**Pronunciation:** ree-vamp

**Meaning:** give new and improved form, structure, or appearance to; an act of improving the form, structure, or appearance of something

**Synonyms:** renovate, redecorate, refurbish, recondition, rehabilitate, rebuild, reconstruct, overhaul, make over **Usage:** 

- The attempt to <u>revamp</u> the museum's image remained successful. (verb)
- The <u>revamp</u> includes replacing the old navy uniform with a crisp blue and white cotton outfit. (noun)

#### 4. PREVARICATE (verb) – टालमटोल करना

#### **Pronunciation:** pri-veri-keit

**Meaning:** to avoid telling the truth or saying exactly what you think **Synonyms:** beat about the bush, hedge, fence, shilly-shally, shuffle **Antonyms:** affirm, asseverate, maintain, reiterate **Usage:** He seemed to <u>prevaricate</u> when journalists asked questions.



# 5. AVARICIOUS (adjective) – लालची

**Pronunciation:** avur-ishus



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Meaning: having or showing an extreme greed for wealth or material gain Synonyms: grasping, acquisitive, covetous, greedy, rapacious, mercenary Antonym: generous Usage: He sacrificed his own career so that his <u>avaricious</u> brother could succeed.

# 6. OBVIATE (verb) - दूर करना

Pronunciation: ob-vi-eitMeaning: remove (a need or difficulty)Synonyms: preclude, prevent, remove, get rid of, do away with, get round, eliminateUsage: The presence of Cellular phones <u>obviated</u> the need for televisions.

### 7. BREATHER (noun) – विश्राम

**Pronunciation:** bree-der **Meaning:** a brief pause for rest **Synonyms:** break, rest, pause, interval, respite **Usage:** The weekend will give me a slight <u>breather</u>.

### 8. AFFIRM (verb) – दृढ़ता से कहना

Pronunciation: ufirm
Meaning: state emphatically or publicly
Synonyms: declare, state, assert, aver, proclaim, pronounce
Antonym: deny
Usage: I can affirm that no one will lose their job.

#### 9. GAFFE (noun) - चूक

**Pronunciation:** gaf **Meaning:** an unintentional act or remark causing embarrassment to its originator **Synonyms:** blunder, mistake, error, slip, indiscretion, impropriety **Usage:** He didn't realize what a <u>gaffe</u> he had made.

# 10. DEVISE (verb) – चिंतन करना, ईजाद करना

**Pronunciation:** di-vaiz **Meaning:** plan or invent (a complex procedure, system, or mechanism) by careful thought **Synonyms:** conceive, think up, work out, formulate **Usage:** You must take time to <u>devise</u> a scheme that suits your own needs.

