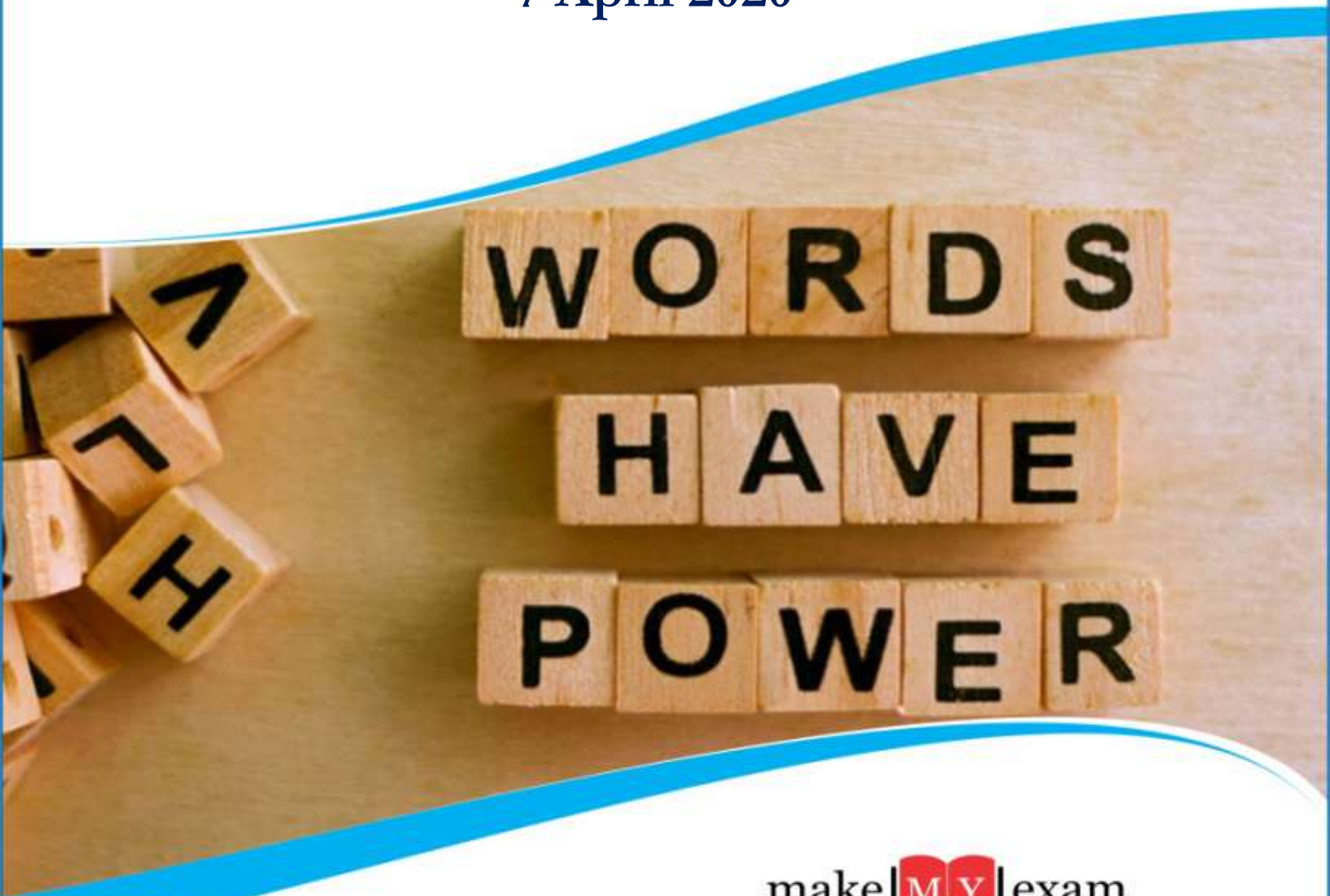


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Here some exceptional English words from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are given with their synonyms/antonyms and usage. Hopefully, this will help you improve your vocabulary.

Happy Learning!!!

### 1. RAVAGE (verb, noun) – नाश करना; बरबादी

**Pronunciation:** rav-ij

**Meaning:** cause severe and extensive damage; the destructive effects of something; acts of destruction

**Synonyms:** devastate, ruin, destroy; destruction, damage, devastation

**Usage:**

The hurricane will ravage the city. (verb)

Her looks had not survived the ravages of time. (noun)

The ravages of the fire showed in the splintered woodwork and blistered paint of the houses. (noun)

### 2. DESPAIR (noun, verb) – आशाहीनता; नाउम्मीद हो जाना

**Pronunciation:** di-spe

**Meaning:** the complete loss or absence of hope; lose or be without hope

**Synonyms:** hopelessness, desperation, distress, anguish, pain; give up, lose heart, quit, surrender

**Antonyms:** hope, joy; cheerful, optimistic

**Usage:**

The book describes a spiritual journey from despair to happiness. (noun)

We should not despair. (verb)

### 3. TUG (verb, noun) – बल से खींचना; खिंचाव

**Pronunciation:** tug

**Meaning:** pull something hard or suddenly; a hard or sudden pull

**Synonyms:** pull, pluck, tweak, twitch, jerk

**Usage:**

Tug the drawer and it will open. (verb)

She removed the bandage with a sharp tug. (noun)

### 4. SPATE (noun) – अनुक्रमण, सिलसिला; बाढ़

**Pronunciation:** speit

**Meaning:** a large number of similar things coming in quick succession; a sudden flood in a river

**Synonyms:** series, succession, outbreak; inundation, swamping, deluge, torrent

**Usage:**

There has been a spate of robberies in the area recently.

After heavy rain, the river was in spate.

### 5. PATRON (noun) – धन लगाने वाला, प्रतिपालक, समर्थक; नियमित ग्राहक

**Pronunciation:** peit-run

**Meaning:** a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or cause; a customer of a shop, restaurant, etc., especially a regular one

**Synonyms:** sponsor, backer, financier, underwriter, guarantor; customer, client, frequenter, shopper, buyer, purchaser

**Usage:**

The Princess Sophia is a well-known patron of several charities.

I have a regular patron who eats meatloaf at the same time every day

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### 6. HECKLE (verb, noun) – उपहास; घृणा सूचक शब्द बोलना

**Pronunciation:** hek(u)l

**Meaning:** interrupt a public speaker with aggressive comments or abuse, a heckling comment

**Synonyms:** jeer, taunt, boo, disrupt, interrupt

**Antonym:** cheer

**Usage:**

The reporter wanted to heckle the candidate with those embarrassing questions. (verb)

The offending comment was in fact a heckle from an audience member. (noun)

### 7. MEDDLESOME (adjective) – हस्तक्षेपी

**Pronunciation:** med(u)ls(u)m

**Meaning:** fond of interfering

**Synonyms:** interfering, meddling, intrusive, prying, inquisitive, officious

**Usage:** These children are meddlesome when they're together.

### 8. LARK (noun, verb) – शरारत या साहस भरा काम

**Pronunciation:** laak

**Meaning:** something done for fun, especially something mischievous or daring; an amusing adventure; enjoy oneself by behaving in a playful and mischievous way

**Synonyms:** fun, amusement; cavort, caper, romp, frolic, skylark

**Usage:**

The kids hid their teacher's bike for a lark. (noun)

He is always joking and larking about in the office. (verb)

### 9. NECROMANCY (noun) – प्रेत-विधा, काला जादू

**Pronunciation:** nek-ro-mansi

**Meaning:** the supposed practice of communicating with the dead; black magic

**Synonyms:** sorcery, witchcraft, wizardry, voodoo, hoodoo

**Usage:** My grandmother was able to converse with her dead brother through  necromancy.

### 10. FICKLE (verb) – चंचल, अस्थिर, अधीर

**Pronunciation:** fik(u)l

**Meaning:** changing frequently, especially as regards one's loyalties or affections

**Synonyms:** capricious, changeable, variable, volatile, mercurial, vacillating

**Antonyms:** constant, stable

**Usage:** It's the third time that he changed his mind; he is so fickle.

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