

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. ABRADE (VERB): नष्ट करना**

**Pronunciation:** a-brayd

**Meaning:** scrape or wear away by friction or erosion.

**Synonyms:** erode, wear, fray

**Antonyms:** restore, revive, regenerate

**Sentence:** Much of the skin on his arm was abraded.

**2. PLEBISCITE (NOUN): जनमत-संग्रह**

**Pronunciation:** pleb-ih-site

**Meaning:** the direct vote of all the members of an electorate on an important public question such as a change in the constitution.

**Synonyms:** vote, referendum, ballot

**Antonyms:** table, abstain, prohibition

**Sentence:** A plebiscite was held to decide the fate of the country.

**3. VIBRANCY (NOUN): फुरतीला**

**Pronunciation:** vai-bruhns-ee

**Meaning:** the state of being full of energy and life.

**Synonyms:** active, vibrant, exuberance

**Antonyms:** inactivity, lifelessness, laziness

**Sentence:** She was a woman with extraordinary vibrancy and extraordinary knowledge.

**4. OFFING (NOUN): आने वाला समय**

**Pronunciation:** aw-fing

**Meaning:** time that is to come

**Synonyms:** by-and-by, future, hereafter

**Antonyms:** past, posterity

**Sentence:** Major changes are in the offing for the company.

**5. VIRILITY (NOUN): हिम्मत**

**Pronunciation:** vuh-ril-uh-tee

**Meaning:** (in a man) the quality of having strength, energy, strong.

**Synonyms:** manliness, masculinity, bravery

**Antonyms:** cowardice, timidity

**Sentence:** There was no doubting soldier's virility.

**6. PREVARICATE (VERB): झूठ बोलना****Pronunciation:** pruh·va·ruh·kayt**Meaning:** to make a statement one knows to be untrue**Synonyms:** lie, fib, equivocate**Antonyms:** testify, assert**Sentence:** He seemed to prevaricate when journalists asked pointed questions.**7. DENIZEN (NOUN): निवासी****Pronunciation:** deh·nuh·zn**Meaning:** an inhabitant or occupant of a particular place.**Synonyms:** inhabitant, resident, townsman**Antonyms:** guest, tourist, visitor**Sentence:** The denizens of Shantytown live in a natural way.**8. SPURIOUS (ADJECTIVE): जाली****Pronunciation:** spyoo·ree·uhs**Meaning:** not being what it purports to be.**Synonyms:** false, fake, forged**Antonyms:** real, genuine, authentic**Sentence:** He was arrested in 1979 on spurious corruption charges.**9. GALVANIZE (VERB): उत्तेजित करना****Pronunciation:** gal·va·nize**Meaning:** to cause a pleasurable stimulation of the feelings.**Synonyms:** excite, thrill, inspire**Antonyms:** bore, weary, discourage**Sentence:** How can we galvanize the students into taking the responsibility for their own work?**10. FULGENT (ADJECTIVE): चमकता हुआ****Pronunciation:** ful·gent**Meaning:** giving off or reflecting much light.**Synonyms:** luminous, shining, glowing**Antonyms:** dim, dull, dark**Sentence:** A fulgent sun peeked from behind the clouds.**11. PASTICHE (NOUN): मेल****Pronunciation:** pa·steesh**Meaning:** an unorganized collection or mixture of various things.**Synonyms:** medley, jumble, collage**Antonyms:** singularity, order, single.**Sentence:** Peter Baker's bathroom is a brilliant pastiche of expensive interior design.

**12. IMMENSE (ADJECTIVE): अत्य धक****Pronunciation:** i·mens**Meaning:** extremely large or great, especially in scale or degree.**Synonyms:** vast, massive, enormous**Antonyms:** tiny, minuscule, little**Sentence:** The immense pressure causes the rock to fracture.**13. VENERATE (VERB): सम्मानित करना****Pronunciation:** veh·nuh·rayt**Meaning:** regard with great respect; revere.**Synonyms:** reverence, honor, admire**Antonyms:** desecrate, blaspheme, insult**Sentence:** Mother Teresa is venerated as a saint.**14. CAVALIER (ADJECTIVE): अहंकारी****Pronunciation:** ka·vuh·leuh**Meaning:** having a feeling of superiority that shows itself in an overbearing attitude.**Synonyms:** arrogant, superior, haughty**Antonyms:** modest, humble, compliant**Sentence:** The Editor takes a cavalier attitude to the concept of fact checking.**15. LEXICAL (ADJECTIVE): शाब्दिक****Pronunciation:** lek·suh·kl**Meaning:** relating to the words or vocabulary of a language.**Synonyms:** linguistic, verbal, vocabular**Antonyms:** nonverbal, nonlinguistic, incorrect**Sentence:** We chose a few of the commonest lexical items in the languages.**16. REQUITE (VERB): लौटाना****Pronunciation:** ruh·kvite**Meaning:** make appropriate return for (a favor, service, or wrongdoing).**Synonyms:** compensate, reimburse, repay**Antonyms:** pardon, deny, excuse**Sentence:** The King requited his services with a knighthood.**17. BEATIFIC (ADJECTIVE): सुखी****Pronunciation:** bee·uh·ti·fuhk**Meaning:** showing complete happiness.**Synonyms:** cheerful, smiling, joyful**Antonyms:** mournful, sorrowful, doleful**Sentence:** The angels in the painting have beatific smiles.

**18. PERSEVERANCE (NOUN): दृढता****Pronunciation:** puh·suh·veeuh·ruhns**Meaning:** the quality that allows someone to continue trying to do something even though it is difficult.**Synonyms:** persistence, persistency, determination**Antonyms:** uncertainty, doubt, reluctance**Sentence:** His perseverance was rewarded: after many rejections, he finally found a job.**19. CHUNK (NOUN): टुकड़ा****Pronunciation:** chuhngk**Meaning:** a small uneven mass.**Synonyms:** piece, portion, bit**Antonyms:** whole, complete, entire**Sentence:** He bit a great chunk out of the apple.**20. SCRUPULOUS (ADJECTIVE): ईमानदार****Pronunciation:** skroo·pyoo·luhs**Meaning:** guided by or in accordance with one's sense of right and wrong.**Synonyms:** ethical, moral, honest**Antonyms:** unscrupulous, dishonest, unjust**Sentence:** an exemplar of morality who was scrupulous in all of his dealings.**21. VALEDICTORY (ADJECTIVE): समापन****Pronunciation:** va·luh·dik·tuh·ree**Meaning:** given, taken, or performed at parting.**Synonyms:** farewell, final, leaving**Antonyms:** welcoming, beginning, starting**Sentence:** Next, it is a broad farmer milepost on the valedictory of the tradition of the Xiang Shiju bungalow.**22. INEFFABLE (ADJECTIVE): अवर्णनीय****Pronunciation:** uh·neh·fuh·bl**Meaning:** beyond the power to describe.**Synonyms:** incredible, indescribable, unspeakable**Antonyms:** expressible, imaginable, thinkable**Sentence:** The beauty of a sunset is ineffable.**23. INADVERTENT (ADJECTIVE): अनजाना****Pronunciation:** in·uhd·vuh·tnt**Meaning:** happening by chance.**Synonyms:** unexpected, unintentional, coincidental**Antonyms:** intentional, planned, predictable

**Sentence:** All authors need to be wary of inadvertent copying of other people's ideas.

**24. AXIOMATIC (ADJECTIVE):** सद्ध

**Pronunciation:** ak·see·uhm·a·tuhk

**Meaning:** not needing proof in order to be accepted.

**Synonyms:** obvious, evident, unmistakable

**Antonyms:** problematic, questionable, debatable

**Sentence:** it's axiomatic that the instinct for self-preservation is universal throughout the animal kingdom.

**25. RECRIMINATION (NOUN):** आरोप

**Pronunciation:** ruh·kri·muh·nay·shn

**Meaning:** an angry statement in which you accuse or criticize a person who has accused or criticized you.

**Synonyms:** allegation, accusation, charge

**Antonyms:** approval, praise, commendation

**Sentence:** The discussion turned into a heated debate with recriminations flying back and forth.

**26. BREVIARY (NOUN):** संक्षप्तसार

**Pronunciation:** bre·via·ry

**Meaning:** a short statement of the main points.

**Synonyms:** summary, summa, outline

**Antonyms:** expansion, enlargement, amplification

**Sentence:** a speech that could serve as a breviary for impeachment.

**27. GARISH (ADJECTIVE):** भडकीला

**Pronunciation:** geuh·ruhsh

**Meaning:** excessively showy.

**Synonyms:** overbright, tasteless, bright

**Antonyms:** elegant, tasteful, graceful

**Sentence:** He was wearing a garish T-shirt underneath his shirt.

**28. FEND OFF (VERB):** रोकना

**Pronunciation:** fend-awf

**Meaning:** as in to repel.

**Synonyms:** repel, resist, repulse

**Antonyms:** welcome, embrace

**Sentence:** He was able to fend off the blow with his arm.

**29. EXTEMPORANEOUS (ADJECTIVE):** तुरंत कया हुआ

**Pronunciation:** uhk·stem·puh·ray·nee·uhs

**Meaning:** spoken or done without preparation.

**Synonyms:** impromptu, improvisational, spontaneous

**Antonyms:** prepared, rehearsed, premeditated

**Sentence:** She made an extemporaneous speech on the ceremony.

### **30. PURPORT (VERB): दावा करना**

**Pronunciation:** pur·port

**Meaning:** appear or claim to be or do something, especially falsely.

**Synonyms:** profess, claim, pretend

**Antonyms:** deny, abandon

**Sentence:** He purports to be an expert in horse riding.

### **31. ASPERSION (NOUN): कलंक**

**Pronunciation:** uh·spuh·shn

**Meaning:** an unfair criticism or false accusation meant to damage another's reputation.

**Synonyms:** criticism, insult, insinuation

**Antonyms:** praise, applause, respect

**Sentence:** Let's keep the debate focused on the issues and try to avoid casting aspersions on one another.

### **32. FEALTY (NOUN): वफ़ादारी**

**Pronunciation:** feel·tee

**Meaning:** adherence to something to which one is bound by a pledge or duty.

**Synonyms:** allegiance, loyalty, commitment

**Antonyms:** treachery, disloyalty, perfidy

**Sentence:** He swore fealty to the king.

### **33. VISAGE (NOUN): रूप**

**Pronunciation:** vi·zuhj

**Meaning:** facial appearance regarded as an indication of mood or feeling.

**Synonyms:** expression, look, face

**Antonyms:** elude, grin, deadpan

**Sentence:** He is an old man with a noticeably happy visage.

### **34. NONPLUS (VERB): हैरानी**

**Pronunciation:** nawn·pluhs

**Meaning:** surprise and confuse (someone) so much that they are unsure how to react.

**Synonyms:** confused, bewildered, bemused

**Antonyms:** relieve, assure, enlighten

**Sentence:** I was nonplussed by what he asked me.

**35. TOMFOOLERY (NOUN): बुद्धिहीनता****Pronunciation:** tawm·fool·uh·ree**Meaning:** wildly playful or mischievous behaviour.**Synonyms:** joking, silliness, stupidity**Antonyms:** wisdom, sanity, prudence**Sentence:** He was no longer amused by John's youthful tomfoolery.**36. OTIOSE (ADJECTIVE): व्यर्थ****Pronunciation:** oh·tee·ose**Meaning:** serving no practical purpose or result.**Synonyms:** futile, useless, in vain**Antonyms:** effective, efficient, virtuous**Sentence:** Since you haven't read the book, I suppose that it would be otiose to inquire what you thought of it.**37. TRANSPIRE (VERB): होना****Pronunciation:** tran-spy-uh**Meaning:** as in to happen.**Synonyms:** happen, occur, take place**Antonyms:** quit, disappear, perish**Sentence:** Please tell me what transpired on the night of October.**38. Gregarious (adjective): मिलनसार****Pronunciation:** gruh·geuh·ree·uhs**Meaning:** (of a person) fond of company; sociable.**Synonyms:** hospitable, friendly, sociable**Antonyms:** antisocial, introverted, reclusive**Sentence:** A gregarious child who ran up to every person on the playground and wanted to be their friend.**39. WEND (VERB): जाना****Pronunciation:** vend**Meaning:** to move from one place to another.**Synonyms:** proceed, march, travel**Antonyms:** halt, stay**Sentence:** We wended through the narrow streets.**40. IMPERTURBABLE (ADJECTIVE): अविचलित****Pronunciation:** im·puh·tuhb·uh·bl

**Meaning:** not easily worried by a difficult situation

**Synonyms:** nonchalant, calm, serene

**Antonyms:** perturbable, panicky, shakable

**Sentence:** The chef was absolutely imperturbable, even when the kitchen caught on fire.

#### 41. STRATAGEM (NOUN): युक्ति

**Pronunciation:** stra·tuh·jm

**Meaning:** a plan or scheme, especially one used to outwit an opponent or achieve an end.

**Synonyms:** scheme, trick, tactic

**Antonyms:** honor, truth

**Sentence:** Trade discounts may be used as a competitive stratagem to secure customer loyalty.

#### 42. ADMONISH (VERB): डांटना

**Pronunciation:** uhd·maw·nish

**Meaning:** to criticize (someone) usually gently so as to correct a fault.

**Synonyms:** reprimand, scold, criticize

**Antonyms:** endorse, applaud, praise

**Sentence:** She admonished me for appearing at breakfast unshaven.

#### 43. INDECOROUS (ADJECTIVE): अशोभनीय

**Pronunciation:** uhn·deh·kuh·ruhs

**Meaning:** not in keeping with good taste and propriety; improper.

**Synonyms:** improper, inapposite, inappropriate

**Antonyms:** appropriate, decorous, suitable

**Sentence:** He cracked an indecorous joke at a solemn moment in the marriage ceremony.

#### 44. GARBLE (VERB): बिगाड़ना

**Pronunciation:** gaa·bl

**Meaning:** to change so much as to create a wrong impression or alter the meaning of.

**Synonyms:** distort, misrepresent, mix up

**Antonyms:** explain, interpret, clarify

**Sentence:** The papers had some garbled version of the story.

#### 45. DERELICT (ADJECTIVE): बेपरवाह

**Pronunciation:** deh·ruh·luhkt

**Meaning:** failing to give proper care and attention.

**Synonyms:** neglectful, careless, reckless

**Antonyms:** careful, conscientious, attentive

**Sentence:** The guards were judged derelict in their duty.

#### 46. CONJECTURAL (ADJECTIVE): मान लया

**Pronunciation:** kuh·jek·chuh·ruhl

**Meaning:** based on or involving conjecture.

**Synonyms:** speculative, suppositional, theoretical

**Antonyms:** actual, factual, real

**Sentence:** Much of the racial history of Madagascar remains conjectural.

**47. FIDELITY (NOUN):** निष्ठा

**Pronunciation:** fuh·deh·luh·tee

**Meaning:** faithfulness to a person

**Synonyms:** loyalty, allegiance, obedience

**Antonyms:** disloyalty, faithlessness, falseness

**Sentence:** I had to promise fidelity to the Queen.

**48. CHUTZPAH (NOUN):** धृष्टता

**Pronunciation:** huht·spaa

**Meaning:** extreme self-confidence or audacity.

**Synonyms:** audacity, cheek, guts

**Antonyms:** bashfulness, diffidence, hesitancy

**Sentence:** It took a lot of chutzpah to talk to your boss like that.

**49. COLLOQUIAL (ADJECTIVE):** बोल-चाल का

**Pronunciation:** kuh·loh·kvee·uhl

**Meaning:** (of language) used in ordinary or familiar conversation; not formal or literary.

**Synonyms:** informal, conversational, casual

**Antonyms:** formal, learned, literary

**Sentence:** It's hard to understand the colloquial idioms of a foreign language.

**50. ANNULLED (VERB):** रद्द करना

**Pronunciation:** uh·nuhld

**Meaning:** declare invalid (an official agreement, decision, or result).

**Synonyms:** declare invalid, nullify, invalidate

**Antonyms:** allowed, approved, authorized

**Sentence:** His second marriage was annulled because he never divorced his first wife.

**51. APPROBATION (NOUN):** प्रशंसा

**Pronunciation:** a·proh·bay·shn

**Meaning:** an acceptance of something as satisfactory.

**Synonyms:** approval, blessing, praise

**Antonyms:** disapproval, refusal, rejection

**Sentence:** He enjoyed the audience's approbation.

**52. FATUOUS (ADJECTIVE): बुद्धिहीन****Pronunciation:** fa·choo·uhs**Meaning:** silly and pointless; lacking intelligence.**Synonyms:** stupid, dumb, silly**Antonyms:** brilliant, clever, intelligent**Sentence:** Ignoring the avalanche warnings, the fatuous skiers continued on their way down the trail.**53. EVOCATIVE (ADJECTIVE): विचारोत्तेजक****Pronunciation:** ih-vok-uh-tiv**Meaning:** bringing strong images, memories, or feelings to mind.**Synonyms:** reminiscent, suggestive, redolent**Antonyms:** unreminiscent, forgettable, ordinary.**Sentence:** Those old toys are evocative of my childhood.**54. CABAL (NOUN): साज़िश****Pronunciation:** kuh·bal**Meaning:** a secret political clique or faction.**Synonyms:** clique, faction, coterie**Antonyms:** honesty, openness, transparency**Sentence:** He was assassinated by a cabal of aides within his own regime.**55. METICULOUS (ADJECTIVE): अति सावधान****Pronunciation:** meh·ti·kyoo·luhs**Meaning:** showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise.**Synonyms:** careful, conscientious, diligent**Antonyms:** careless, regardless, negligent**Sentence:** She planned her trip in meticulous detail.**56. LAMBASTE (VERB): आलोचना करना****Pronunciation:** lam·baste**Meaning:** to criticize (someone) severely or angrily especially for personal failings.**Synonyms:** scold, lecture, criticize**Antonyms:** approve, praise, laud**Sentence:** The professor lambasted me for my careless mistake.**57. SHAMBLES (NOUN): अव्यवस्था****Pronunciation:** sham·blz**Meaning:** a state of total disorder.

**Synonyms:** chaos, mess, havoc

**Antonyms:** ordered, systematic, planned

**Sentence:** The house was in complete shambles.

**58. HAPHAZARD (ADJECTIVE): अनियोजित**

**Pronunciation:** hap·ha·zuhd

**Meaning:** lacking any obvious principle of organization.

**Synonyms:** random, unplanned, unsystematic

**Antonyms:** systematic, regular, orderly

**Sentence:** The government's approach to the problem was haphazard.

**59. DRAGOON (VERB): विवश कर देना**

**Pronunciation:** druh·goon

**Meaning:** coerce (someone) into doing something.

**Synonyms:** coerce, pressure, force

**Antonyms:** let, permit, allow

**Sentence:** She was dragooned into agreeing to the fraudulent scheme.

**60. DOWNPLAY (VERB): कम आंकना**

**Pronunciation:** dawn·play

**Meaning:** to reduce in apparent importance.

**Synonyms:** underestimate, undervalue, underrated

**Antonyms:** overestimate, appreciate, overrate

**Sentence:** The government has been trying to downplay the crisis.