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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. REFRAIN (verb) : बचना

Pronunciation: ruh•frayn **Meaning:** stop oneself from doing something. **Synonyms:** desist, hold back **Antonyms:** indulge, venture **Sentence:** Alpa <u>refrained</u> from comment.

2. COMPREHENSIVE (adj) : व्यापक

Pronunciation: kaam•pruh•hen•suhv
Meaning: including or dealing with all or nearly all elements or aspects of something.
Synonyms: complete, thorough
Antonyms: partial, selective
Sentence: Ram showed me a <u>comprehensive</u> collection of photographs.

3. SPURT (verb) : उछलना

Pronunciation: spurt
Meaning: gush out in a sudden and forceful stream.
Synonyms: squirt, spray
Antonym: contain
Sentence: Rajan cut his finger, and blood <u>spurted</u> over the sliced potatoes.

4. BRUNT (adj) : आघात

Pronunciation: bruhnt **Meaning:** the worst part or chief impact of a specified action. **Synonyms:** force, shock **Antonyms:** ease, peace, relaxation **Sentence:** Education will bear the <u>brunt</u> of the cuts.

5. STULTIFY (verb) : उबा देना

Pronunciation: stuhl•tuh•fai **Meaning:** cause to lose enthusiasm and initiative, especially as a result of a tedious or restrictive routine. **Synonyms:** impede, hamper



Antonym: excite

Sentence: Swati is too polite to <u>bore</u> us with anecdotes.

6. POTENTIAL (adj) : क्षमता

Pronunciation: puh•ten•shlMeaning: having or showing the capacity to develop into something in the future.Synonyms: likely, prospectiveAntonym: unlikelySentence: We are a part of a campaign to woo <u>potential</u> customers.

7. DISMISS (verb) : विदा करना

Pronunciation: duh•smisMeaning: order or allow to leave; send away.Synonyms: release, freeAntonym: formSentence: I dismissed the taxi at the end of the road.

8. COMMEND (verb) : सराहना करना

Pronunciation: kuh•mendMeaning: praise formally or officially.Synonyms: compliment, congratulateAntonym: criticiseSentence: Rama was <u>commended</u> by the judge for his courageous actions.

9. VORACITY (noun) : पेंटूपन

Pronunciation: vaw•ra•suh•tee **Meaning:** excessive desire to eat **Synonyms:** rapacity, ravenousness, sweet tooth **Antonyms:** glut, repletion, satisfaction **Sentence:** He ate with the voracity of a starving man.

10. DEVASTATION (noun) : तबाही

Pronunciation: deh•vuh•stay•shn **Meaning:** the state of being decayed or destroyed **Synonyms:** annihilate, decimation, demolish **Antonyms:** rescue, salvage, saving **Sentence:** The hurricane caused widespread <u>devastation</u>.



