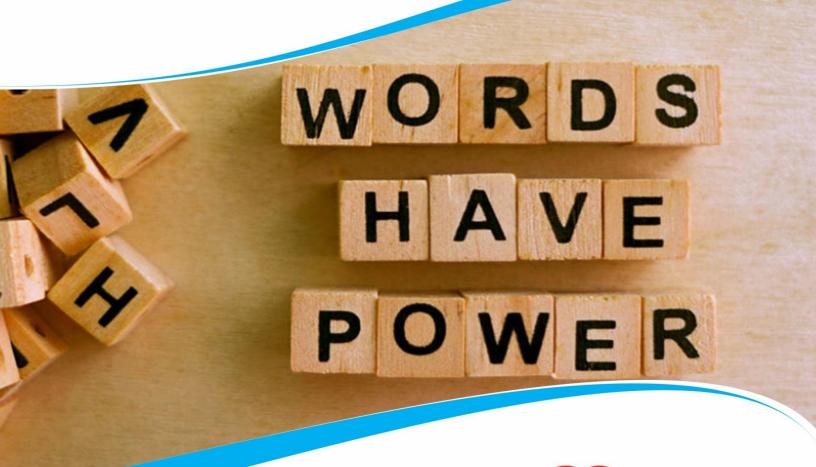




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Some exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read their usages to learn how to use them in sentences. This will really help you boost up your learning.

### Happy Learning!!!

### 1. standstill (noun) – ठहराव, विराम

Pronunciation: stand-stil

**Meaning:** a situation or condition in which there is no movement or activity at all

Synonyms: halt, stop, stand

**Usage:** The train came to a complete standstill.

### 2. tempestuous (adjective) – तुमानी, अशात

**Pronunciation:** tem-pes-chu-us

Meaning: characterized by strong and turbulent or conflicting emotion

Synonyms: turbulent, stormy, tumultuous, violent, wild; blustery, squally, wild, windy, gusty

**Antonyms:** peaceful, placid, calm **Usage:** She is in a tempestuous mood.

### 3. persecute (verb) – अत्याचार करना, कष्ट देना

**Pronunciation:** per-si-kvoot

Meaning: to treat someone unfairly or cruelly over a long period of time because of their race, religion, or political beliefs;

harass or annoy (someone) persistently.

Synonyms: oppress, abuse, victimize, ill-treat, mistreat, maltreat; harass, hound, plague, badger

Usage: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

### 4. recurrent (adjective) – आवर्तक

**Pronunciation:** ri-kur(u)nt **Meaning:** occurring repeatedly

**Synonyms:** repeated, recurring, repetitive, periodic

**Antonyms:** isolated, single, unique

Usage: I have a recurrent dream that I've turned into an elephant.

### 5. bystander (noun) – दर्शक

**Pronunciation:** bai-stan-der

Meaning: a person who is present at an event or incident but does not take part

**Synonyms:** onlooker, observer, spectator

**Antonyms:** participant

Usage: Police warned bystander to keep away from the blazing building.

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### 6. insight (noun) – समझ, बोध

Pronunciation: in-sait

**Meaning:** the capacity to gain an accurate and deep understanding of someone or something **Synonyms:** intuition, perception, awareness, discernment, understanding, comprehension

**Usage:** These texts give the reader an <u>insight</u> into the Chinese mind.

### 7. abysmal (noun) – भयानक, ख़ौफ़नाक

**Pronunciation:** ubiz-mul **Meaning:** extremely bad

Synonyms: appalling, dreadful, awful, terrible, frightful, atrocious

Antonym: superb

Usage: The weather was abysmal.

### 8. backlog (noun) – भराव, जमाव

**Pronunciation:** bak-log

Meaning: an accumulation of uncompleted work or matters needing to be dealt with

**Synonyms:** accumulation, logjam, pile, heap **Usage:** I've got a huge <u>backlog</u> of work to do.

### 9. mercantile (adjective) – व्यापारिक

Pronunciation: mer-kun-tail

Meaning: relating to trade or commerce

Synonyms: commercial, trade, trading, business

**Antonyms:** idealistic, unworldly

**Usage:** The food show is mercantile, with everyone competing for business.

#### 10. pestilential (adjective) – संक्रामक

Pronunciation: pesti-lenshul

Meaning: relating to or tending to cause infectious diseases

Synonyms: plague-like, contagious, communicable, epidemic, pestilent

**Usage:** We must get rid of these <u>pestilential</u> flies.



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