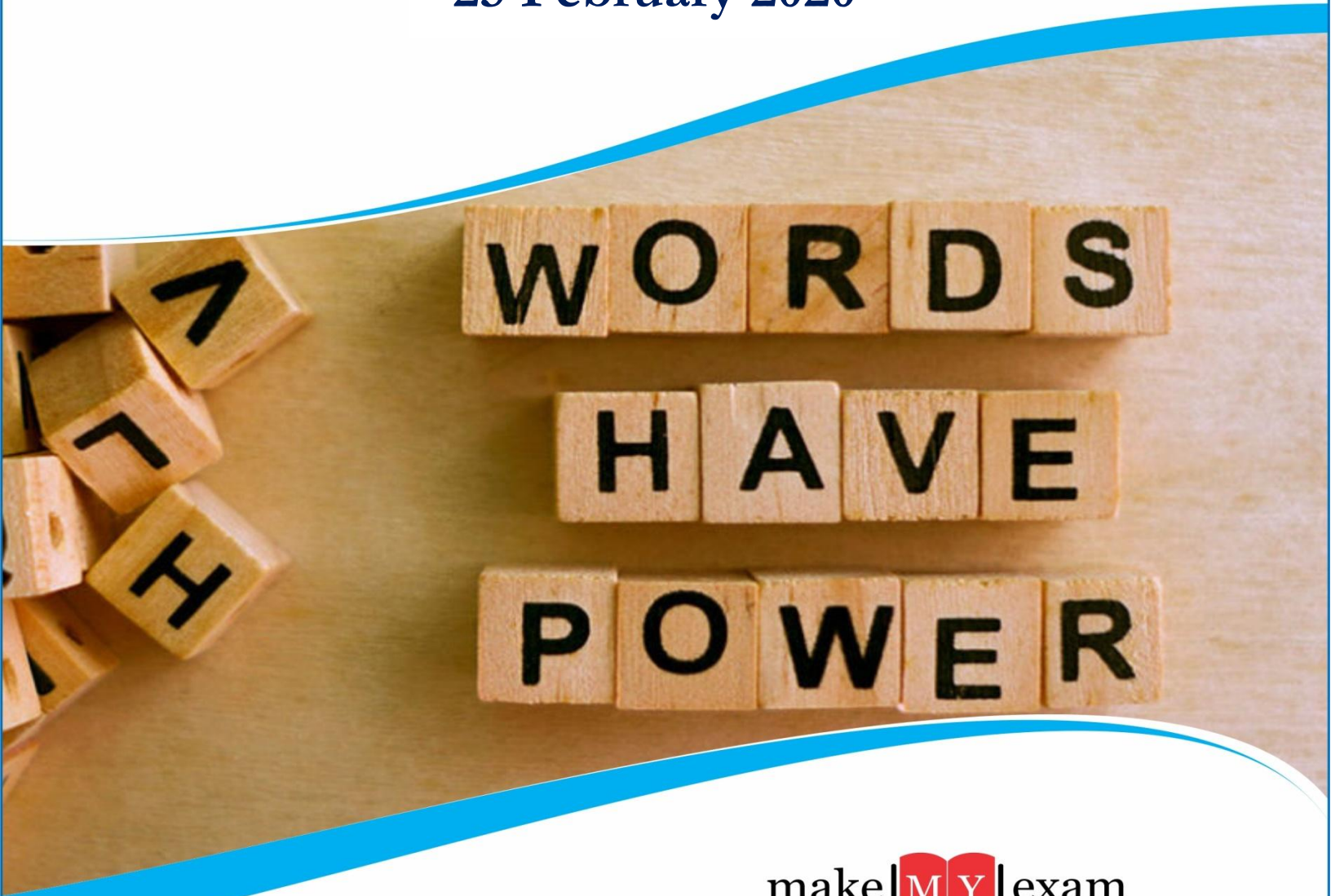


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Some exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read their usages to learn how to use them in sentences. This will really help you boost up your learning.

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1. EDIFY (verb) – शिक्षा/उपदेश देना

Pronunciation: edi-fai

Meaning: instruct or improve someone morally or intellectually

Synonyms: educate, instruct, teach, school, tutor, coach, train

Usage: TV should attempt to edify the people.

2. RENEGE (verb) – मुकरना, इनकार

Pronunciation: ri-neig / ri-neeg

Meaning: go back on a promise, undertaking, or contract

Synonyms: go back on, break, back out of, pull out of

Antonyms: keep, honour

Usage: You will almost surely have to renege on some of your promises.

3. HEGEMONY (noun) – नायकत्व, प्राधान्य

Pronunciation: hi-jem-uni / hi-gem-uni

Meaning: leadership or dominance, especially by one state or social group over others

Synonyms: leadership, dominance, dominion, supremacy, ascendancy, predominance

Antonym: self-government

Usage: The three nations competed for regional hegemony.

4. PREFIGURE (verb) – पूर्वचित्रण करना

Pronunciation: pre-figuh

Meaning: be an early indication or version of (something)

Synonyms: foreshadow, presage, herald, suggest, indicate

Usage: This visit may prefigure an improvement in relations between the two countries.

5. SATURNINE (adjective) – गमगीन, उदास

Pronunciation: satuh-nain

Meaning: (of a person or their manner) feeling or causing depression

Synonyms: gloomy, sombre, melancholy, melancholic, moody, miserable

Antonyms: cheerful, jovial

Usage: The dog's eyes became saturnine whenever he was left at home alone.

6. BUM (verb) – बिना विशेष उद्देश्य के यात्रा करना

Pronunciation: bum

Meaning: travel with no particular purpose

Synonyms: loaf, lounge, idle, laze, languish

Usage: He bummed around Florida for a few months.

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7. INSIDIOUS (adjective) – क्रमिक, सूक्ष्म, लेकिन हानिकारक

Pronunciation: insidi-us

Meaning: proceeding in a gradual, subtle way, but with very harmful effects

Synonyms: stealthy, subtle, surreptitious, sneaking, cunning, crafty

Antonyms: straightforward

Usage: Alcohol is an insidious beverage.

8. INSIPID (adjective) – फीका, बेस्वाद; गैरदिलचस्प

Pronunciation: in-si-pid

Meaning: lacking flavour; weak or tasteless; lacking vigour or interest

Synonyms: tasteless, flavourless, unflavoured; uninteresting, boring, vapid, dull, spiritless

Antonyms: tasty; interesting, imaginative

Usage: A mixture of milk and water is an insipid drink.

9. incipient (adjective) – प्रारंभिक

Pronunciation: insipi-unt

Meaning: beginning to happen or develop; (of a person) developing into a specified type or role

Synonyms: developing, impending, growing, emerging, emergent

Antonym: full-blown

Usage: The best way to stop the disease from spreading is by identifying it while it is incipient.

10. DILETTANTE (noun) – शौकिया

Pronunciation: dili-tant-ei / dili-tan-ti

Meaning: a person who cultivates an area of interest, such as the arts, without real commitment or knowledge

Synonyms: dabbler, potterer, tinkerer, trifler, dallier

Antonym: professional

Usage: I am a dilettante when it comes to dance, so I'm just going to be open about my ignorance.

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