

# **DAILY** **VOCAB DOSE**

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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. PRECARIOUS (adj.) : अनिश्चित**

**Pronunciation:** pruh•keuh•ree•uhs

**Meaning:** not securely held or in position; dangerously likely to fall or collapse.

**Synonyms:** treacherous, uncertain, dicey

**Antonyms:** innocent, innocuous, nonhazardous

**Sentence:** The world is a precarious and unstable place.

### **2. OSTENSIBLY (adv.) : जाहिरा तौर पर**

**Pronunciation:** aw•sten•suh•blee

**Meaning:** apparently or purportedly, but perhaps not actually.

**Synonyms:** apparently, seemingly, ostensibly

**Antonyms:** implausibly, impossibly, improbably

**Sentence:** Ostensibly a university student studying abroad, he was actually an espionage agent.

### **3. RECALCITRANT (adj.) : आज्ञा न माननेवाला**

**Pronunciation:** ruh•kal•suh•truhnt

**Meaning:** having an obstinately uncooperative attitude toward authority or discipline.

**Synonyms:** uncooperative, disobedient, intractable

**Antonyms:** amenable, biddable, compliant

**Sentence:** The University suspended the most recalcitrant demonstrators.

### **4. CONNOTATION (noun) : अर्थ**

**Pronunciation:** kaw•nuht•ay•shn

**Meaning:** an idea or feeling that a word invokes in addition to its literal or primary meaning.

**Synonyms:** undertone, undercurrent, implication

**Antonyms:** inconsequentiality, insignificance, irrelevance

**Sentence:** A good dictionary will give us the connotation of a word as well as its denotation.

### **5. INDOMITABLE (adj.) : अदम्य**

**Pronunciation:** uhn•daw•muh•tuh•bl

**Meaning:** impossible to subdue or defeat.

**Synonyms:** invincible, unconquerable, unbeatable

**Antonyms:** surmountable, vincible, vulnerable

**Sentence:** Alice was a woman of indomitable spirit.

## **6. ASSAILANT (noun) : आक्रमण करनेवाला**

**Pronunciation:** uh•sayl•uhnt

**Meaning:** a person who physically attacks another.

**Synonyms:** attacker, mugger

**Antonyms:** ally, friend

**Sentence:** Can you describe your assailant?

## **7. GRIEVOUS (adj.) : क्षतिकर**

**Pronunciation:** greev•uhs

**Meaning:** (of something bad) very severe or serious.

**Synonyms:** serious, severe, grave

**Antonyms:** gratifying, pleasing, comfortable

**Sentence:** The loss of his father was a grievous blow.

## **8. CONFLAGRATION (noun) : आग**

**Pronunciation:** kawn•fluh•gray•shn

**Meaning:** an extensive fire that destroys a great deal of land or property.

**Synonyms:** fire, blaze, flames

**Antonyms:** demilitarization, demobilization, disarmament.

**Sentence:** A conflagration in 1947 reduced 90 percent of the houses to ashes.

## **9. ANIMOSITY (noun) : बैर**

**Pronunciation:** a•nuh•maw•suh•tee

**Meaning:** strong hostility.

**Synonyms:** antipathy, hostility, animus

**Antonyms:** amity, civility, cordiality

**Sentence:** He felt no animosity towards his critics.

## **10. DECADENCE (noun) : पतन**

**Pronunciation:** deh•kuh•dns

**Meaning:** moral or cultural decline as characterized by excessive indulgence in pleasure or luxury.

**Synonyms:** dissipation, dissoluteness, degeneracy

**Antonyms:** ascent, rise, morality

**Sentence:** The decadence of morals is bad for a nation.



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