



# Weekly 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. JOSTLED (VERB): धक्का**

**Pronunciation:** jaw·sl

**Meaning:** to knock or push roughly against someone in order to move.

**Synonyms:** Hustle , Scramble. shove

**Antonyms:** pull, repress

**Sentence:** She was cheered and clapped by tourists who jostled to see her.

### **2. DISDAIN (NOUN): तिरस्कार**

**Pronunciation:** duhs·dayn

**Meaning:** the feeling that somebody/something is not good enough to be respected.

**Synonyms:** Scorn , Derision, Disrespect

**Antonyms:** Admiration , Respect, Regard

**Sentence:** He disdained all people less well educated than himself.

### **3. FRENETIC (ADJECTIVE): उन्मादपूर्ण**

**Pronunciation:** fruh·neh·tuhk

**Meaning:** marked by fast and energetic, disordered, or anxiety. driven activity.

**Synonyms:** Wild , Frantic, Hectic

**Antonyms:** Calm, Quiet, Placid

**Sentence:** One of the things I do feel about today's films is that they are too frenetic.

### **4. PERFIDIOUS (ADJECTIVE): नमकहराम**

**Pronunciation:** puh·fi·dee·uhs

**Meaning:** deceitful and untrustworthy.

**Synonyms:** Treacherous, deceptive, False

**Antonyms:** Loyal, honest, true

**Sentence:** Because the police were waiting for him to try and sell the diamond, the jewel thief had no idea his perfidious behavior had been discovered.

### **5. INCREDULITY (NOUN): अविश्वास**

**Pronunciation:** in·kreh·dyoo·luh·tee

**Meaning:** a state of uncertainty or hesitation (the feeling of not wanting or not being able to believe something).

**Synonyms:** disbelief, skepticism, suspicion

**Antonyms:** assurance, belief, certainty

**Sentence:** His family and friends met the news of his sudden death with incredulity.

## **6. TESTAMENT (NOUN): नियम**

**Pronunciation:** teh·stuh·ment

**Meaning:** something presented in support of the truth or accuracy of a claim.

**Synonyms:** proof, testimony, evidence

**Antonyms:** rebuttal, refutation, presumption

**Sentence:** The old family photos are a testament to their shared history and memories.

## **7. SMEAR (VERB): धब्बा**

**Pronunciation:** smeeuh

**Meaning:** damage the reputation of (someone) by false accusations.

**Synonyms:** libel, slander, defame

**Antonyms:** honor, exalt, glorify

**Sentence:** The politician's opponents launched a smear campaign to tarnish his reputation.

## **8. COMPLACENT (ADJECTIVE): संतुष्ट**

**Pronunciation:** kuhm·play·snt

**Meaning:** feeling so satisfied with your own abilities or situation that you feel you do not need to try any harder.

**Synonyms:** nonchalant, casual, apathetic

**Antonyms:** aware, interested, attentive

**Sentence:** With 66 deaths on our roads every week, none of us can afford to be complacent.

## **9. XENOPHOBIC (ADJECTIVE): विदेशी. भीति या द्वेष से संबंधित**

**Pronunciation:** zeh.nuh.fobe.uhk

**Meaning:** fear and hatred of strangers or foreigners or of anything that is strange or foreign.

**Synonyms:** Animosity, Chauvinism, nationalist

**Antonyms:** Tolerant, internationalist

**Sentence:** The attacks have been described by police as racist and xenophobic.

## **10. INTROSPECT (VERB): आत्मनिरीक्षण**

**Pronunciation:** in·truh·spekt

**Meaning:** examine one's own thoughts or feelings.

**Synonyms:** Contemplative, Self. Examination, Introvert

**Antonyms:** Extrovert, flippant, goofy

**Sentence:** The feeling of introspect was something to get rid of according to his novel way of thinking.

### **11. ARCHAIC(ADJECTIVE): प्राचीन**

**Pronunciation:** aa·kay·uhk

**Meaning:** belonging to an earlier time; outdated or no longer in common use; ancient or old-fashioned.

**Synonyms:** antiquated, outdated, obsolete

**Antonym:** modern, current, contemporary

**Sentence:** The language used in the ancient text is considered archaic and is not commonly spoken today.

### **12. PATRIARCHAL (ADJECTIVE): कुलपति का**

**Pronunciation:** pay·tree·aak·uhl

**Meaning:** relating to or characteristic of a system of society or government controlled by men; having a male-dominated or male-centered structure.

**Synonyms:** male-dominated, male-centric, paternalistic

**Antonym:** egalitarian, gender-neutral, unisex

**Sentence:** The patriarchal society was marked by traditional gender roles, with men holding positions of power and authority.

### **13. ABYSMAL(ADJECTIVE): अत्यंत**

**Pronunciation:** uh·biz·muhl

**Meaning:** extremely bad or of very low quality; exceptionally poor or dismal.

**Synonyms:** immeasurable, infinite, endless

**Antonym:** shallow, level, even

**Sentence:** The team's performance in the last match was abysmal, with numerous errors and lack of coordination.

### **14. HYPERBOLE (NOUN) : अतिशयोक्ति**

**Pronunciation :** hai.puh.buh.lee

**Meaning :** a way of speaking or writing that makes something sound better, more exciting, dangerous, etc. than it really is.

**Synonyms:** caricature, coloring, padding

**Antonyms:** understatement, meiosis, minimizing

**Sentence:** But this exclamation is hyperbole; we are not speaking in literal seriousness.

### **15. ENABLER(NOUN): समर्थक**

**Pronunciation:** uhn·ay·buhl·uh

**Meaning:** a person or thing that makes something possible.

**Synonyms:** facilitator, supporter, accomplice, abettor.

**Antonym:** deterrent, hinderer, discourager, inhibitor.

**Sentence:** In the context of addiction, an enabler might provide financial support, inadvertently supporting the destructive behavior.

### **16. FURORE (NOUN): कोहराम**

**Pronunciation:** fyoo·raw·ree

**Meaning:** great anger or excitement expressed towards something by a number of people.

**Synonyms:** outrage, Uproar, hurry

**Antonyms:** calmness, rest, peace

**Sentence:** The sudden increase in prices of essential goods led to a furore among consumers, prompting calls for government intervention.

### **17. VEXATIOUS (ADJECTIVE): चिढ़ाऊ**

**Pronunciation:** veks·ay·shuhs

**Meaning:** causing or tending to cause annoyance, frustration, or worry.

**Synonyms:** annoying, Irritating, grating

**Antonyms:** pleasant, delightful

**Sentence:** Dealing with the faulty internet connection on a daily basis was a vexatious issue for remote workers.

### **18. EXPULSION (NOUN): निष्कासन**

**Pronunciation:** uhk·spuhl·zhn

**Meaning:** the act of forcing someone to leave a place, organization, or group, often as a disciplinary action.

**Synonyms:** ejection, Eviction, exile

**Antonyms:** admission, return, repatriation

**Sentence:** The company announced the expulsion of the employee who was found guilty of leaking confidential information.

### **19. ASTOUNDING (ADJECTIVE): अद्भुत**

**Pronunciation:** uh·stawnd·uhng

**Meaning:** extremely surprising or shocking.

**Synonyms:** incredible, Stunning, unnerving

**Antonyms:** mundane, Expected, ordinary

**Sentence:** The transformation of the old, dilapidated building into a luxurious hotel was nothing short of astounding.



**20. PALLIATIVE (ADJECTIVE): पीड़ा हटानेवाला****Pronunciation:** pa.lee.uh.tuhv**Meaning:** an action, decision, solution, etc. that makes a difficult situation seem better and less serious but does not actually solve the problem**Synonyms:** curative, beneficial, helpful**Antonyms:** toxic, poisonous, infectious**Sentence:** short-term palliative measures had been taken.**21.SPARK (VERB): चिंगारी****Pronunciation :** spaak**Meaning:** a very small bright piece of burning material.**Synonyms:** flash, glow, flame**Antonyms:** cut, turn off**Sentence:** there was a spark between them at their first meeting.**22.INTRINSIC (ADJECTIVE): आंतरिक****Pronunciation:** in.truhn.suhk**Meaning:** belonging to something as part of its nature; basic.**Synonyms:** inherent, integral, natural**Antonyms:** Extrinsic, surface, alien**Sentence:** The fundamentals of quality are of course intrinsic to the value of a drawing.**23.CONSolidATE (VERB): मजबूत करना****Pronunciation:** Kuhn.saw.luhd.ayt**Meaning:** to become or to make your position of power firmer or stronger so that is likely to continue.**Synonyms:** integrate, merge, compact**Antonyms:** Weaken, separate**Sentence:** Rebel forces have consolidated their hold on the region.**24. TUSSLE (NOUN): संघर्ष****Pronunciation:** tuh.sl**Meaning:** a fight, for example between two or more people who want to have the same thing.**Synonyms:** Fight, Struggle, fray**Antonyms:** truce**Sentence:** he tried to grab the money from him and a tussle ensued.**25. EXTERMINATE (VERB): विनाश करना**

**Pronunciation:** uhk.stuh.muh.nayt

**Meaning:** to kill a large group of people or animals

**Synonyms:** destroy, abolish, cancel

**Antonyms:** protect, build, preserve

**Example Sentence:** we tried to exterminate the wasps.

## **26. DISMAL (ADJECTIVE): निराशाजनक**

**Pronunciation:** diz.muhl

**Meaning:** causing or showing sadness; depressing.

**Synonyms:** desolate, depressing, murky

**Antonyms:** cheerful, friendly, bright

**Example Sentence:** his dismal mood was not dispelled by finding the house empty.

## **27. EMBOLDEN (VERB): प्रोत्साहित करना**

**Pronunciation:** uhm.boled.uhn

**Meaning:** give (someone) the courage or confidence to do something.

**Synonyms:** Hearten , inspire, encourage

**Antonyms:** Discourage, daunt, weaken

**Sentence:** to make someone brave or willing to take more risks.

## **28. PRESUMPTIVE (ADJECTIVE): प्रकल्पित**

**Pronunciation:** pruh.zuhmp.tuhv

**Meaning:** of the nature of a presumption; presumed in the absence of further information.

**Synonyms:** credible, likely, reliable

**Antonyms:** improbable, unlikely

**Sentence:** His was a presumptive diagnosis.

## **29. PARAMOUNT (ADJECTIVE): प्रमुख महत्त्व का**

**Pronunciation:** pa.ruh.mawnt

**Meaning:** most important.

**Synonyms:** main, foremost, key

**Antonyms:** least, minor, trivial

**Sentence:** the interests of the child are of paramount importance

## **30. ABROGATE (VERB): अभिनिषेध करना**

**Pronunciation:** a.bruh.gayt

**Meaning:** repeal or do away with (a law, right, or formal agreement).

**Synonyms:** abolish, repeal, annul

**Antonyms:** enact, legislate, found

**Sentence:** a proposal to abrogate temporarily the right to strike.

**31. PERTINENT (ADJECTIVE): उचित**

**Pronunciation:** puh·ti·nent

**Meaning:** closely connected with the subject being discussed.

**Synonyms:** related, suitable, to the point

**Antonyms:** Irrelevant, inappropriate, unsuitable

**Sentence:** To ensure a prompt reply, please include all pertinent details in your email.

**32. ENUMERATION (NOUN): गणना**

**Pronunciation:** uh·nyoo·muh·ray·shn

**Meaning:** the action of mentioning a number of things one by one.

**Synonyms:** counting, listing, tabulation

**Antonyms:** generalization, estimation, approximation

**Sentence:** The survey involved the enumeration of all the species of birds found in the area.

**33. CONTENTION (ADJECTIVE): विवाद**

**Pronunciation:** kuhn·ten·shn

**Meaning:** the disagreement that results from opposing arguments.

**Synonyms:** argument, dispute, guess

**Antonyms:** harmony, peace, concord

**Sentence:** There's a lot of contention about that issue - for every person firmly in favor, there's someone fiercely against it.

**34. MITIGATE (VERB): कम करना**

**Pronunciation:** mi·tuh·gayt

**Meaning:** to make less severe, serious, or painful; to alleviate or reduce.

**Synonyms:** Reduce, Alleviate, Lessen

**Antonyms:** Aggravate, Intensify, Exacerbate

**Sentence:** The doctor prescribed painkillers to mitigate the patient's discomfort.

**35. FICKLE (ADJECTIVE): चंचल**

**Pronunciation:** fi·kl

**Meaning:** changing frequently, especially as regards one's loyalties, interests, or affection.

**Synonyms:** capricious, changeable, variable

**Antonyms:** constant, certain, unchanging

**Sentence:** The weather is so fickle at this time of year.



**36. CIRCUMVENT (VERB): बिगाड़ना****Pronunciation:** suh·kuhm·vent**Meaning:** to avoid something, especially cleverly or by deceiving.**Synonyms:** avoid, evade, dodge**Antonyms:** keep, follow, seek**Sentence:** The burglar tried to find a way to circumvent the alarm system.**37. LAGGARD (ADJECTIVE): सुस्त****Pronunciation:** lag·uhd**Meaning:** a person who makes slow progress and falls behind others.**Synonyms:** slow, lagging, pokey**Antonyms:** prompt, swift, agile**Sentence:** The company's laggard progress in implementing new technology put them at a disadvantage compared to their competitors.**38. CAJOLE (VERB): फुसलाना****Pronunciation:** kuh.jole**Meaning:** to persuade a person to do something or give something by being very nice to him/her.**Synonyms:** coax, urge, lure**Antonyms:** harass, pester, tease**Sentence :** he hoped to cajole her into selling the house.**39. CRINGE (VERB) : चापलूसी****Pronunciation:** krinj**Meaning:** to feel embarrassed.**Synonyms:** wince, flinch, blench**Antonyms:** approach, near, beard**Sentence:** purists may cringe at being offered wine from a cardboard box.**40. EQUIVOCATE (VERB): गोलमाल जवाब देना****Pronunciation:** uh.kvi.vuh.kayt**Meaning:** use ambiguous language so as to conceal the truth or avoid committing oneself.**Synonyms:** duplicate, posing, wily**Antonyms:** truthful, direct, open**Sentence:** The applicant seemed to be equivocating when we asked him about his last job.**41. POLTROONERY (NOUN): कायरता****Pronunciation:** pol·troon·ery

**Meaning:** a shameful lack of courage in the face of danger.

**Synonyms:** fearfulness, cowardice, cravenness

**Antonyms:** bravery, courage, daring

**Sentence:** Decried the poltroonery of those politicians who caved in to pressure from the special interests.

#### **42. FOMENT (VERB): भड़काना**

**Pronunciation:** fuh·ment

**Meaning:** to cause trouble or violence and make people fight each other or the government.

**Synonyms:** provoke, incite, trigger

**Antonyms:** calm, cease, constrain

**Sentence:** Despite popular beliefs, the police are here to keep people calm, not to foment violence.

#### **43. ACQUITTED (VERB): अपराधमुक्त**

**Pronunciation:** uh·kvi·tuhd

**Meaning:** persons who have been declared not guilty of a crime.

**Synonyms:** exonerated, Cleared, Guiltless

**Antonyms:** guilty, Accused, Punishable

**Sentence:** None of the acquitted received any kind of compensation or redress.

#### **44. ELAPSED (VERB): बीत गया**

**Pronunciation:** uh·lapst

**Meaning:** (used about time) to pass.

**Synonyms:** ended, Finished, Halted

**Antonyms:** alive, hung on, prolonged

**Sentence:** Thirty minutes elapsed before the performance began.

#### **45. PRUDENCE (NOUN): सावधानी**

**Pronunciation:** proo·dns

**Meaning:** behavior that is careful and avoids risks.

**Synonyms:** caution, circumspection, care

**Antonyms:** recklessness, brashness, carelessness

**Sentence:** The captain said we ought to shorten sail anyway, out of common prudence.

#### **46. IRIDESCENT (ADJECTIVE): रंग-बिरंग**

**Pronunciation:** i·ruh·deh·snt

**Meaning:** showing luminous colors that seem to change when seen from different angles.

**Synonyms:** shimmery, glittering, colorful

**Antonyms:** dull , dreary

**Sentence:** Her latest fashion collection features shimmering iridescent materials.

#### **47. PESTILENT (ADJECTIVE): विषैला**

**Pronunciation:** peh·stuh·len.shl

**Meaning:** likely to cause or capable of causing death.

**Synonyms:** annoying, irritating, vexing

**Antonyms:** delightful, pleasing

**Sentence:** Smallpox is a pestilent disease.

#### **48. CORPUS (NOUN): संग्रह**

**Pronunciation:** kaw·puhs

**Meaning:** a collection of written texts, especially the entire works of a particular author or a body of writing on a particular subject.

**Synonyms:** collection, compilation, body

**Antonyms:** part

**Sentence:** I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings is probably the most well-known work among the corpus of poems.

#### **49. TANTAMOUNT (ADJECTIVE): समान**

**Pronunciation:** tan·tuh·mawnt

**Meaning:** equivalent in value, significance.

**Synonyms:** comparable, akin, like

**Antonyms:** different , varied, disparate

**Sentence:** His statement was tantamount to an admission of guilt.

#### **50. BODE(VERB): भविष्यव्दाणी**

**Pronunciation:** bode

**Meaning:** to be a sign of something good or bad for the future.

**Synonyms:** augur , Presage, Foretell

**Antonyms:** antinode , Break

**Sentence:** They have a very good relationship and it bodes well.

#### **51.BRINK (NOUN): कगार**

**Pronunciation:** bringk

**Meaning:** the point where a new or different situation is about to begin.

**Synonyms:** edge , Verge, Margin

**Antonyms:** inside , Centre, Middle

**Sentence:** Mismanagement had brought the company to the brink of bankruptcy.

**52. SORDID (NOUN): घिनौना**

**Pronunciation:** saw·duhd

**Meaning:** involving immoral or dishonorable actions and motives; morally wrong and shocking.

**Synonyms:** filthy, dirty, dusty

**Antonyms:** neat, tidy, pure

**Sentence:** The movie described the sordid history of the mafia since 1950.

**53. FILLIP (NOUN): प्रोत्साहन**

**Pronunciation:** fi·luhp

**Meaning:** something that causes a sudden improvement.

**Synonyms:** stimulus, impetus, spur

**Antonyms:** curb, deaden, discourage

**Sentence:** The infrastructure projects unveiled yesterday were not unexpected, but will give a welcome fillip to the construction sector.

**54. OSTENSIBLE (ADJECTIVE): खयाली**

**Pronunciation:** aw·sten·suh·bl

**Meaning:** stated or appearing to be true, but not necessarily so.

**Synonyms:** apparent, Seeming, Supposed

**Antonyms:** actual, Genuine, Real

**Sentence:** His ostensible reason for being late was traffic, but in reality, he just overslept.

**55. EXTANT (ADJECTIVE): वर्तमान**

**Pronunciation:** ek·stant

**Meaning:** still in existence; surviving.

**Synonyms:** existing, Surviving, Remaining

**Antonyms:** extinct, Nonexistent, Lost

**Sentence:** The manuscript is one of the few extant copies of the ancient text.

**56. MEAGRE (ADJECTIVE): अल्प**

**Pronunciation:** mea·ger

**Meaning:** lacking in quantity or quality; inadequate; small in amount.

**Synonyms:** scanty, Sparse, Inadequate

**Antonyms:** abundant, Plentiful, Ample

**Sentence:** Despite working hard, his salary remained meagre and he struggled to make ends meet.

**57. MENACE (NOUN): खतरा****Pronunciation:** meh·nuhs**Meaning:** a person or thing that is likely to cause harm; a threat or danger.**Synonyms:** danger, threat, peril**Antonyms:** safety, protection, security**Sentence:** Drunk drivers are a menace to everyone.**58. INSoucIANCE (NOUN) : बेपरवाही****Pronunciation:** uhn.soo.see.uhns**Meaning:** casual lack of concern; indifference.**Synonyms:** disregard, nonchalance, indifference**Antonyms:** interest, concern, regard**Sentence:** The young actor charmed interviewers with his easy smile and devil-may-care insouciance.**59. SUSCEPTIBILITY (NOUN): संवेदनशीलता****Pronunciation:** suh·sep·tuh·bil·uh·tee**Meaning:** the state or fact of being likely or liable to be influenced or harmed by a particular thing.**Synonyms:** vulnerability, sensitivity, receptiveness**Antonyms:** immunity, resistance, insusceptibility**Sentence:** Some people have a higher susceptibility to colds and coughs than others.**60. DETERIORATING (VERB): बिगड़ना****Pronunciation:** duh·teeuh·ree·uh·rayt·uhng**Meaning:** to become worse.**Synonyms:** collapse , Degenerate, Rackety**Antonyms:** improvement , Heighten, Spiffy**Sentence:** The weather conditions are deteriorating.

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