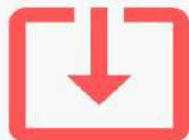


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# The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary

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In the English language section of any banking or government exam, aspirants generally face difficulty when they don't have a good vocabulary. A good word power helps you in nearly all the topics of the English language section. Whether it's **parajumbles, reading comprehension, fill in the blanks or error spotting**, a good vocabulary helps you in answering the questions quickly and with accuracy. To help you build your vocabulary, we have been continuously publishing [analysis of the Hindu editorial on a daily basis](#). In this analysis, we pick the difficult words/ phrases and put their contextual meaning.

When you read this editorial-analysis, you can check out the meaning next to the word and continue reading the article without looking out for any dictionary. This not only paves the way for an uninterrupted reading experience but you also get to know the meaning of a number of words and their meanings in the context of that article. In this article, we will be providing you with a list of difficult words used in The Hindu Editorial in the month of October 2020. We suggest that you revise this list on a regular basis and keep improving your word power.

### **Tips to help you improve your vocabulary:**

- Try learning at least a new word every day. Spend a minute or two to understand the context of the sentence where that word is used.
- As soon as you learn a new word, try using it in a different sentence. When doing this repeat the meaning of the word in your mind.
- Assign some time to read on a daily basis. You can read newspapers and magazines (to update your facts, figures & current affairs as well).
- This is a bit tricky but try learning the roots of words. For example, if you have observed the word "democracy" you discover in a dictionary that the sense of this word is a government that is elected by the citizens. If you delve further, the root words come out to be the Greek words "demos" (people) and "kratia" (rule or power). Other words which have the same root words are demographic, pandemonium, autocracy, aristocracy and bureaucracy. So by analyzing 1 word, you get to know the meaning of 5 more words.
- If you come across a new word, look it up in a dictionary. You can also consider making your own list of such words which will facilitate its revision.

- Making your own flashcards is a great way to improve your vocabulary. Write the word on the front of the card and write the meaning on its back.
- If you practice writing essay or letter, try using the new words you have learnt. Using the new words in your own sentences will help you in memorizing them better.

## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- October 30, 2020- Day 410

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
severe	intense
prompt	cause or bring about
in the interim	at or during the same time
striking	attracting attention by reason of being unusual, extreme, or prominent
stand out	persist in opposition or support of something
starkly	in a way that is severe or harsh in appearance or outline
underscoring	emphasizing the importance of something
feasible	possible to do easily or conveniently
beaming	transmit (a radio signal or broadcast) in a specified direction
think outside the box	to think imaginatively using new ideas instead of traditional or expected ideas

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- October 29, 2020- Day 409

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
bilateral	involving two parties, especially countries
ostensibly	apparently or purportedly, but perhaps not actually
interoperability	the ability of computer systems or software to exchange and make use of information
counter-narcotics	measures or activities designed to prevent the use or distribution of illegal narcotic drugs
perpetrator	a person who carries out a harmful, illegal, or immoral act
tenor	the general meaning, sense, or content of something
destabilising	upset the stability of; cause unrest in
interlocutors	a person who takes part in a dialogue or conversation
conspicuous	standing out so as to be clearly visible
sobering	creating a more serious, sensible, or solemn mood

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- October 28, 2020- Day 408

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
conundrum	a confusing and difficult problem or question
not a day too soon	not a moment too soon is used to say that something happened when it was almost too late
spurred	to encourage an activity or development or make it happen faster
admonition	authoritative counsel or warning
cut out	to remove something from a larger piece by cutting
ex-gratia	(of payment) given as a favour or from a sense of moral obligation rather than because of any legal requirement
evoked	bring or recall to the conscious mind
woes	great sorrow or distress
accrue	(of sums of money or benefits) be received by someone in regular or increasing amounts over time
succour	assistance and support in times of hardship and distress

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**The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- October 27, 2020- Day 407**

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
gratuitous	uncalled for
scathing	severely critical
pick up the cudgels for	to fight in defense or support of (someone or something)
dismantling	take to pieces
incongruent	incompatible
mounting	a backing, setting, or support for something
brazen it out	to continue in a confident way without showing shame or embarrassment
microgramme	one millionth of a gram
conspicuous	standing out so as to be clearly visible
ephemeral	lasting for a very short time

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**The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- October 26, 2020- Day 406**

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
take on	to begin to perform or deal with
aggrieved	feeling resentment at having been unfairly treated
epitomise	be a perfect example of
agony	extreme physical or mental suffering
detriment	the state of being harmed or damaged
handicapped	act as an impediment to
in the teeth of	in spite of (opposition or difficulty)
repugnant	in conflict with
groundswell	a buildup of opinion or feeling in a large section of the population
cavalier	showing a lack of proper concern

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- October 23, 2020- Day 405

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
indigenously	Originating, growing, or produced in a certain place or region
scale up	increase something in size, number or extent, especially by a constant proportion across the board.
rise to the occasion	perform better than usual in response to a special situation or event
diluting	reducing the strength of
asymptomatic	showing no symptoms of a particular disease
swab	a wad of absorbent material usually wound around one end of a small stick and used for applying medication or for removing material from an area
amplification	the action of making multiple copies of a gene or DNA sequence
readily	without hesitation or reluctance
protocol	a formal or official record of scientific experimental observations
reliance	dependence on or trust in someone or something

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- October 22, 2020- Day 404

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
socialist	a person who advocates or practices socialism
emphatic	showing or giving emphasis
oust	expel (someone) from a position or place
concede	surrender or yield (something that one possesses)
indigenous	originating or occurring naturally in a particular place
stand down	withdraw or resign from a position or office
turn around	to change a plan, business, or system that is unsuccessful and make it successful
step up	to increase, augment, or advance especially by one or more steps
turbulence	violent or unsteady movement of air or water, or of some other fluid
referendum	a general vote by the electorate on a single political question which has been referred to them for a direct decision

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- October 21, 2020- Day 403

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
veto	right to reject a decision or proposal
stymie	prevent or hinder the progress of
whitewash	deliberate concealment of someone's mistakes or faults in order to clear their name
jeopardise	put (someone or something) into a situation in which there is a danger of loss, harm, or failure
alienate	to cause someone or a group of people to stop supporting and agreeing with you
unrelenting	not yielding in strength, severity, or determination
onslaught	a fierce or destructive attack
aficionado	a person who is very knowledgeable and enthusiastic about an activity, subject, or pastime
bewitching	delightful
chestnut	an old, stale joke or phrase; cliché

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**The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- October 16, 2020- Day 402**

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
showdown	a final test or confrontation intended to settle a dispute
decree	an official order issued by a legal authority
authoritarian	favoring or enforcing strict obedience to authority, especially that of the government, at the expense of personal freedom
monarchy	a system of government by a king or a queen
lèse-majesté	to do wrong to majesty; an offence against the dignity of a reigning sovereign or against a state
military coup	a coup organized and carried out by members of the armed forces
crack down	to take strong action to stop something
woe	great sorrow or distress
clip	cut short
sweeping	having an important effect on a large part of something

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**The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- October 15, 2020- Day 401**

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
spectacle	an unusual or unexpected event or situation that attracts attention, interest, or disapproval
tussle	a vigorous struggle or scuffle, typically in order to obtain or achieve something
propriety	the state or quality of conforming to conventionally accepted standards of behavior or morals
bandy about	to discuss or mention (something) in a casual or informal way
overtone	a subtle or subsidiary quality, implication, or connotation
out in the open	in public knowledge
defamatory	(of remarks, writing, etc.) damaging the good reputation of someone
inciting	encourage or stir up (violent or unlawful behavior)
derogatory	showing a critical or disrespectful attitude
slew	a large number or quantity of something

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**The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- October 14, 2020- Day 400**

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
spur	give an incentive or encouragement to (someone)
loosen the purse strings	increase the amount of money available to be spent
reckoning	the action or process of estimating something
spurt	a sudden marked burst or increase of activity or speed
prop up	to give help, encouragement, or support to (someone)
ailing	in poor health
clamour	a loud and confused noise, especially that of people shouting vehemently
bleak	without hope
exchequer	national treasury
envisaged	contemplate or conceive of as a possibility or a desirable future event

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- October 13, 2020- Day 399

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
retractable	able to be drawn back or back in
aloft	up in or into the air
negated	make ineffective
inhibiting	slowing down a process or the growth of something
gunning for	to aim at or go after with determination or effort
longevity	long life
tactics	an action or strategy carefully planned to achieve a specific end
spruce up	to make something neater
backhand	a stroke played with the back of the hand facing in the direction of the stroke, with the arm across the body
draw somebody into	draw somebody into something phrasal verb to make someone become involved in something, especially when they do not want to be involved

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**The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- October 9, 2020- Day 397**

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
envisaged	contemplate or conceive of as a possibility or a desirable future event
culmination	the highest or climactic point of something
expedite	make (an action or process) happen sooner or be accomplished more quickly
interplay	the way in which two or more things have an effect on each other
deliberation	long and careful consideration or discussion
transpire	be revealed
reign	rule
conjure up	to make a picture or idea appear in someone's mind
mandarin	a powerful official or senior bureaucrat
burnish	improve

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- October 8, 2020- Day 396

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
ingeniously	in a clever, original, and inventive manner
symmetries	the quality of having parts that match each other
supermassive	having a mass many times (typically between $10^6$ and $10^9$ times) that of the sun
light year	a unit of astronomical distance equivalent to the distance that light travels in one year, which is $9.4607 \times 10^{12}$ km (nearly 6 million million miles)
tackle	make determined efforts to deal with a difficult task
pursue	continue or proceed along
string	to tie a number of things
conviction	a firmly held belief or opinion
reiterate	say something again or a number of times, typically for emphasis
twinkle	a light which appears continually to grow brighter and fainter

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- October 7, 2020- Day 395

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
Vanquishing	defeat thoroughly
anoint	choose somebody to do a particularly important job
assault	attack
obscure	uncertain
stout	(of an act, quality, or person) brave and determined
scourge	something that causes great trouble or suffering
shorn	break off or cause to break off
couch	express (something) in language of a specified style
pathogen	a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that can cause disease
hat tip	used as an acknowledgement that someone has brought a piece of information to the writer's attention, or provided the inspiration for a piece of writing

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- October 6, 2020- Day 394

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
caseload	the number of cases with which a doctor, lawyer, or social worker is concerned at one time
Herd immunity	the resistance to the spread of a contagious disease within a population that results if a sufficiently high proportion of individuals are immune to the disease, especially through vaccination
plummet	fall or drop straight down at high speed
ephemeral	lasting for a very short time
undulation	the action of moving smoothly up and down
fathom	understand (a difficult problem or an enigmatic person) after much thought
congregation	a group of people assembled for religious worship
catalyse	to make something start happening or start being successful
hypothetical	A hypothetical situation or idea has been suggested but does not yet really exist or has not been proved to be true
prognosticating	foretell or prophesy (an event in the future)

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## The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- October 5, 2020- Day 393

Difficult Word/ Phrase	Contextual Meaning
grim	very serious or gloomy
albeit	although
beleaguered	to cause constant or repeated trouble for
scaled	climb up
gain momentum	gain momentum means to move faster
semblance	the outward appearance or apparent form of something, especially when the reality is different
buoyed	keep something afloat
inch up	to slowly move along something
correlate	have a mutual relationship or connection, in which one thing affects or depends on another
backdrop	the general situation in which particular events happen

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**The Hindu Editorial Vocabulary- October 1, 2020- Day 392**

Difficult Word/Phrase	Contextual Meaning
hordes	a loosely knit small social group
vandals	a person who deliberately destroys or damages property belonging to others
detritus	waste or debris of any kind
egregious	shocking
unconscionable	not right or reasonable
throw caution to the wind	behave in a way that is not considered sensible or careful
acquitting	free (someone) from a criminal charge by a verdict of not guilty
indicted	formally accuse of or charge with a serious crime
fly in the face of	be openly at variance with (what is usual or expected)
vantage point	a place or position affording a good view of something

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