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## Synonyms & Antonyms

Here Are 10 Notable Words From Today's *The Hindu* And *Indian Express* Editorials, Along With Their Synonyms & Antonyms







# Aberration

Meaning: A departure from what is normal or expected, typically an unwelcome one.

Synonyms: Anomaly, deviation, irregularity Antonyms: Normality, conformity, regularity

### **Example**:

The sudden drop in temperatures was an aberration in the otherwise warm climate.





# Cacophony

Meaning: A harsh, discordant mixture of sounds.

Synonyms: Din, racket, dissonance Antonyms: Harmony, melody, euphony

### **Example**:

The cacophony of honking cars and shouting vendors filled the busy marketplace.





# Ephemeral

Meaning: Lasting for a very short time.

**Synonyms**: Transient, fleeting, momentary **Antonyms**: Permanent, enduring, lasting

### **Example**:

The beauty of the cherry blossoms is ephemeral, lasting only a few days.





# Intransigent

Meaning: Unwilling or refusing to change one's views or to agree about something.

**Synonyms**: Uncompromising, inflexible, stubborn **Antonyms**: Compliant, yielding, accommodating

#### **Example**:

Despite the mediator's efforts, both parties remained intransigent.

# Obfuscate



Meaning: To render obscure, unclear, or unintelligible.

Synonyms: Confuse, bewilder, perplex Antonyms: Clarify, elucidate, explain

**Example**: The spokesperson's vague answers seemed designed to obfuscate the issue.

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## Sycophant

Meaning: A person who acts obsequiously toward someone important in order to gain advantage.

Synonyms: Flatterer, toady, yes-man Antonyms: Critic, detractor, opponent

#### **Example**:

The manager surrounded himself with sycophants who praised his every decision.





# Ubiquitous

Meaning: Present, appearing, or found everywhere.

Synonyms: Omnipresent, pervasive, universal Antonyms: Rare, scarce, uncommon

### **Example**:

Smartphones have become ubiquitous in modern society.





# Vicissitude

Meaning: A change of circumstances or fortune, typically one that is unwelcome or unpleasant.

Synonyms: Fluctuation, variation, shift Antonyms: Stability, constancy, permanence

#### **Example**:

The vicissitudes of life can be challenging, but they also build resilience.



# Zealot



Meaning: A person who is fanatical and uncompromising in pursuit of their religious, political, or other ideals.

Synonyms: Fanatic, extremist, radical Antonyms: Moderate, realist, skeptic

**Example**:

The zealot was unwilling to listen to any opposing viewpoints.





## Quixotic

Meaning: Exceedingly idealistic; unrealistic and impractical.

Synonyms: Idealistic, visionary, fanciful Antonyms: Pragmatic, realistic, practical

Example: His quixotic quest for perfection often led to disappointment.