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Here some exceptional English words from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are given with their synonyms/antonyms and usage. Hopefully, this will help you improve your vocabulary.

Happy Learning!!!

1. DEFENDANT (noun) – प्रतिवादी, उत्तर-पक्ष

Pronunciation: di-fen-dunt

Meaning: an individual, company, or institution accused in a court of law

Synonyms: accused, appellant, litigant, respondent, suspect

Antonym: plaintiff

Usage: The defendant requested more time to prepare his case.

2. FOLIAGE (noun) – पत्तियां

Pronunciation: foli-ij

Meaning: plant leaves collectively

Synonyms: leaves, greenery, vegetation, herbage, verdure

Usage: Most trees lose their foliage in winter.

3. CHUCKLE (verb, noun) – मुंह दबाकर हंसना

Pronunciation: chuk(u)l

Meaning: laugh quietly or inwardly; a quiet or suppressed laugh

Synonyms: giggle, titter, tee-hee

Antonym: gale

Usage:

- He chuckled at the funny story. (verb)
- He gave a chuckle in response to her question. (noun)

4. TINTINNABULATE (verb) – झंकार, खनखनाहट

Pronunciation: tinti-nabyu-leit

Meaning: make a light, clear ringing sound

Synonyms: tinkle, ring, jingle, jangle, chime, clink, ping, ding

Usage: The city's clocks tintinnabulate politely.

5. FIXATION (noun) – एकोन्माद

Pronunciation: fik-seish(u)n

Meaning: an obsessive interest in or feeling about someone or something

Synonyms: monomania, fetish, addiction, complex, neurosis, compulsion

Usage: He has fixation with diet and fitness.

6. ACCLIMATIZATION (noun) – वायुजलानुकूलन; परिस्थिति-अनुकूलन

Pronunciation: uklai-mut-ai-zeish(u)n

Meaning: the process or result of becoming accustomed to a new climate or to new conditions

Synonyms: adjustment, adaptation, accommodation, habituation, familiarization, acclimation, acculturation

Usage: Acclimatization to higher altitudes like Mount Fuji and Mount Everest may take several weeks.

7. WRETCHED (adjective) – अतिदुखी; गरीबी से ग्रस्त; मनहूस

Pronunciation: rechid

Meaning: (of a person) in a very unhappy or unfortunate state; of poor quality; very bad; used to express anger or annoyance

Synonyms: miserable, unhappy, sad, broken-hearted, heartbroken, grief-stricken; harsh, hard, grim, stark, difficult, poor; despicable, contemptible, reprehensible

Antonyms: cheerful, fortunate; comfortable, luxurious, excellent; worthy, admirable

Usage:

- I felt so wretched because I thought I might never see you again.
- The wretched condition of the slums is really very disappointing.
- She disliked the wretched man.

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8. CLOY (verb) – अत्यधिक मीठा; अत्यधिक प्रचुर; अत्यधिक भावुक

Pronunciation: kloɪ

Meaning: being disgusting or distasteful by reason of excess cloying sweetness, richness, or sentiment

Synonyms: sickly sweet, sugary, syrupy, honeyed, oversweet, sickening

Usage: Chocolates start to cloy if you eat too much.

9. TOMFOOLERY (noun) – मूर्खतापूर्ण व्यवहार

Pronunciation: tom-fool(u)ri

Meaning: foolish or silly behaviour

Synonyms: silliness, fooling, clowning, capering, capers, antics

Usage: My sister is far too serious to play pranks on any of our neighbors, so I had to engage in that tomfoolery by myself.

10. BADINAGE (noun) – विनोदी या मजाकिया वार्तालाप

Pronunciation: badi-naaj

Meaning: humorous or witty conversation

Synonyms: banter, repartee, bantering, raillery, wit, crosstalk, wordplay, swordplay

Usage: The humorous badinage between the coworkers made the long workday go faster.

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