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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. Vile (Adjective): बहुत खराब या अ प्रय

Pronunciation: vile

Meaning: something extremely unpleasant, morally repulsive.

Synonyms: Loathsome, Repugnant

Antonyms: Virtuous, Admirable

Sentence: The vile smell coming from the garbage bin made everyone hold their noses.

2. Pelted (Verb): पत्थर मारना

Pronunciation: pelt·uhd

Meaning: the action of repeatedly striking or hitting someone or something with great force.

Synonyms: Barraged, Hailed

Antonyms: Evaded, Missed

Sentence: Protesters pelted the police with rocks and bottles.

3. Vengeance (Noun): प्रतिशोध

Pronunciation: ven·jns

Meaning: the act of seeking revenge or inflicting punishment on someone.

Synonyms: Payback, Retaliation

Antonyms: Mercy, Pardon

Sentence: After years of mistreatment, he finally sought vengeance against his oppressors.

4. Frosty (Adjective): रूखा और अमैत्रीपूर्ण

Pronunciation: frawst·ee

Meaning: cold and unfriendly.

Synonyms: Chilly, Glacial

Antonyms: Warm, Cordial

Sentence: The ground was covered in a frosty layer of ice on the winter morning.

5. Queer (Adjective): अजीब या असामान्य

Pronunciation: kveeu

Meaning: strange, unusual, or unconventional.

Synonyms: Peculiar, Eccentric

Antonyms: Normal, Traditional

Sentence: The film explores queer themes and challenges societal norms.

6. Penchant (Noun): लगन

Pronunciation: pawn·shawn

Meaning: a strong liking or preference for something.

Synonyms: Affinity, Fondness

Antonyms: Detestation, Dislike

Sentence: She has a penchant for cooking and spends hours experimenting with different recipes.

7. SACROSANCT (Adjective): प वत्र या पुण्य

Pronunciation: sa·kroh·sangkt

Meaning: too important or valuable to be interfered with, criticized, or violated.

Synonyms: Hallowed, Revered

Antonyms: Profane, Ordinary

Sentence: The privacy of people's personal information should be treated as sacrosanct and protected from unauthorized access.

8. PARTAKE (Verb): हिस्सालेना

Pronunciation: paa·tayk

Meaning: To participate in or share in something, especially an activity or event.

Synonyms: Participate, Engage

Antonyms: Shun, Decline

Sentence: The whole family will partake in the celebration of their grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary.

9. Sojourn (Noun): अस्थायी निवास

Pronunciation: soh·juhn

Meaning: a temporary stay or visit in a place, often implying a period of rest or leisure.

Synonyms: Stopover, Vacation

Antonyms: Permanent Stay, Settlement

Sentence: We had a delightful sojourn in the quaint village, enjoying the peaceful atmosphere.

10. Forage (Noun): चारा

Pronunciation: faw·ruhj

Meaning: to search or rummage for food, provisions, or supplies.

Synonyms: Food, Fodder, Provender

Antonyms: Scarcity, Shortage

Sentence: (N)The farmer gathered fresh forage to feed the livestock.

(V)The birds forage for worms and insects in the garden.

11. DERELICTION (NOUN): त्याग, ध्यानहीनता

Pronunciation: deh•ruh•lik•shn

Meaning: neglect or abandonment of duty; failure to fulfill responsibilities.

Synonyms: Negligence, abandonment, irresponsibility

Antonyms: Diligence, responsibility, attentiveness

Sentence: The employee's dereliction of duty resulted in significant losses for the company.

12. KNOTTY (ADJECTIVE): जटिल, उलझन भरा

Pronunciation: nawt•ee

Meaning: difficult or complex; intricate.

Synonyms: Complicated, complex, intricate, perplexing

Antonyms: Simple, straightforward, uncomplicated

Sentence: The math problem was so knotty that even the best students struggled to solve it.

13. CONNOISSEUR (NOUN): संगणक, विशेषज्ञ

Pronunciation: kaw•nuh•suh

Meaning: an expert or a person with refined knowledge and appreciation of a particular subject, especially in the arts or fine food and drink.

Synonyms: Expert, specialist, authority

Antonyms: Novice, beginner

Sentence: Sarah is a connoisseur of classical music and can discuss the nuances of different composers and their works.

14. EXHILARATE (VERB): उत्साहित करना

Pronunciation: uhg•zi•luh•rayt

Meaning: to make someone feel very happy, animated, or elated; to thrill or excite.

Synonyms: Thrill, delight, invigorate

Antonyms: Depress, discourage, dampen, sadden

Sentence: The thrilling roller coaster ride exhilarated the children and brought smiles to their faces.

15. IDLE (ADJECTIVE): तुच्छ

Pronunciation: ai•dl

Meaning: frivolous

Synonyms: vacant, sleepy

Antonyms: active

Sentence: He did not want to waste valuable time in idle chatter.

16. DEMOBILIZE (VERB): बरखास्त करना

Pronunciation: dee-moh-buh-lahyz

Meaning: disband

Synonyms: decommission, discharge

Antonyms: conscript

Sentence: He was demobilized in February 1946.

17. WOE (NOUN): शोक

Pronunciation: woe

Meaning: misery

Synonyms: sorrow, distress

Antonyms: happiness

Sentence: If we do not find her safe and well, woe to the man who has harmed her.

18. HOSTILITY (NOUN): कड़वापन

Pronunciation: haw·stil·uh·tee

Meaning: antagonism

Synonyms: bitterness, malevolence

Antonyms: friendliness

Sentence: They have hostility towards all outsiders.

19. XENOPHOBIC (ADJECTIVE): वदेशी-भीतिया द्वेष से संबंधित

Pronunciation: xe·no·pho·bia

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

Synonyms: Patriotic, Chauvinism

Antonyms: Tolerant

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

20. INTROSPECT (VERB): आत्म-निरीक्षण करना

Pronunciation: in·truh·spekt

Meaning: examine one's own thoughts or feelings.

Synonyms: Contemplation, Self-Examination, Introvert

Antonyms: Extrovert

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

21. PLUNDER (NOUN, VERB): लूट का सामान ,लूटना

Pronunciation: pluhn•duh

Meaning: to steal goods or valuables forcefully.

Synonyms: Loot, Pillage, Ransack

Antonyms: Protect, Preserve, Guard

Sentence: (V) The invading army plundered the village, stealing its valuables and leaving it in ruins

(N) The soldiers were accused of taking part in the plunder of a war-torn city.

22. LIMPING (VERB): लँगड़ाना

Pronunciation: limp•uhng

Meaning: to walk with difficulty because you have hurt your leg or foot.

Synonyms: Lamé, Lurching

Antonyms: Striding, Marching

Sentence: After spraining his ankle, he was limping heavily as he walked.

23. SLUMPED (NOUN): अचानक भारी गरावट आ जाना

Pronunciation: sluhmpt

Meaning: to fall suddenly and by a large amount.

Synonyms: Droop, Slump Down

Antonyms: Sit Upright, Perk Up, Erect, Perky

Sentence: Exhausted from a long day of work, he slumped into the chair and closed his eyes.

24. SPLINTERED (Verb): टुकड़ों में टूटना

Pronunciation: splint•uhd

Meaning: broken or shattered into small, sharp fragments.

Synonyms: Broken, Fractured

Antonyms: Intact, Unbroken,

Sentence: The window pane was splintered into countless pieces after the baseball hit it with great force.

25. BLEAKNESS (NOUN): निराशा

Pronunciation: bleek•nuhs

Meaning: lacking in hope or cheerfulness.

Synonyms: Desolation, Dreariness, Gloom

Antonyms: Brightness, Optimism

Sentence: The abandoned house stood in stark bleakness, with broken windows and overgrown weeds, reflecting the desolation of its surroundings.

26. RUSE (NOUN): धोखा

Pronunciation: rooz

Meaning: a trick or clever plan.

Synonyms: Trick, Ploy, Scheme, Deception

Antonyms: Honesty, Truthfulness, Sincerity

Sentence: The thief used a clever ruse to distract the security guard while his accomplice stole the valuable painting from the gallery.

27. CAPACIOUS (ADJECTIVE): वशाल

Pronunciation: kuh·pay·shuhs

Meaning: a space or container that is able to hold or accommodate a significant amount.

Synonyms: Spacious, Roomy, Ample

Antonyms: Compact, Cramped, Narrow

Sentence: The house had a capacious living room with high ceilings and large windows, providing a sense of openness and comfort.

28. GAWK (VERB): बुद्धू की तरह देखना

Pronunciation: gawk

Meaning: stare at in amazement.

Synonyms: glare, lump

Antonyms: overlook, ignore

Sentence: She gave him the letter and a fee that made him gawk.

29. VERIDICAL (ADJECTIVE): सत्य प्रय

Pronunciation: ve·rid·i·cal

Meaning: accurate.

Synonyms: authentic, definite

Antonyms: imprecise, fake

Sentence: Teachers showed reasonably veridical perceptions of memory development, especially in the area of memory strategies.

30. CONTEMPLATE (VERB): चंतन करना

Pronunciation: kawn·tuhm·playt

Meaning: think about it seriously.

Synonyms: consider, ponder

Antonyms: neglect, reject

Sentence: Our busy schedule does not allow much time to contemplate about the pleasant surroundings.

31. GRAPPLE (VERB): कसी समस्या से निपटना

Pronunciation: gra·pl

Meaning: grab/wrestle.

Synonyms: confront, contend

Antonyms: agree, avoid

Sentence: Many companies are starting to grapple with this new technology's limitations.

32. IMPORTUNATE (ADJECTIVE): दुराग्रही

Pronunciation: uhm·paw·choon·uht

Meaning: persistent, especially to the point of annoyance.

Synonyms: appealing, pleading

Antonyms: satisfied, content

Sentence: His secretary shielded him from importunate visitors.

33. IRREDUCIBLE (ADJECTIVE): अलघुकरणीय

Pronunciation: i·ruh·dyoos·uh·bl

Meaning: profiting.

Synonyms: exclusive, final

Antonyms: unprofitable, fruitless

Sentence: We know that this form of association is not primary and irreducible.

34. IMPERTURBABLE (ADJECTIVE): अ वच लत, शांत, याशान्त

Pronunciation: im·puh·tuhb·uh·bl

Meaning: not easily excited or upset.

Synonyms: complacent, composed

Antonyms: jittery, irritable

Sentence: Ram says that he likes me because of my imperturbable nature.

35. HOARSE (ADJECTIVE): कर्कश

Pronunciation: haws

Meaning: raspy in voice.

Synonyms: harsh, gruff

Antonyms: polite, smooth

Sentence: His voice turned hoarse because he addressed several public gatherings.

36. WINSOME (ADJECTIVE): मनोहर**Pronunciation:** vin·sm**Meaning:** charming.**Synonyms:** captivating, delightful**Antonyms:** repulsive, unattractive**Sentence:** She gave her sister her most winsome smile.**37. EXPONENTIAL (ADJECTIVE):** घातीय**Pronunciation:** ek·spuh·nen·shuhl·ee**Meaning:** rapidly changing.**Synonyms:** aggressive, epidemic**Antonyms:** planned, schematic**Sentence:** Too many exponential experiments may hamper the growth of a company.**38. CATHOLIC (ADJECTIVE):** उदार**Pronunciation:** kath·luhk**Meaning:** of broad or liberal scope; comprehensive.**Synonyms:** worldwide, cosmopolitan**Antonyms:** limited, particular**Sentence:** He was a man of catholic taste, enjoying music and fine arts of all kinds.**39. CALLOUS (ADJECTIVE):** कठोर**Pronunciation:** ka·luhs**Meaning:** emotionally hardened.**Synonyms:** insensitive, unbending**Antonyms:** concerned, sensitive**Sentence:** The callous doctor had no problem telling the overweight man he was fat and lazy.**40. CALUMNIATE (VERB):** अपवाद करना**Pronunciation:** kuh·luhm·nee·ayt**Meaning:** To make maliciously or knowingly false statements about.**Synonyms:** defame, asperse**Antonyms:** honour, exalt**Sentence:** The dishonest man calumniates his own mother in order to make front-page news.**41. CANDID (ADJECTIVE):** स्पष्टवादी**Pronunciation:** kan·duhd

Meaning: truthful and straightforward

Synonyms: frank, honest

Antonyms: restrained, inhibited

Sentence: It is better to let the photographer mingle among the guests and take candid shots.

42. CANTANKEROUS (ADJECTIVE): झगड़ालू

Pronunciation: kan·tang·kuh·ruhs

Meaning: ill-tempered.

Synonyms: splenetic, bilious

Antonyms: amicable, peaceful

Sentence: The leading character in the movie was a cantankerous old man who hated the world.

43. CAPACIOUS (ADJECTIVE): वशाल

Pronunciation: kuh·pay·shuhs

Meaning: capable of containing a large quantity.

Synonyms: spacious, roomy

Antonyms: compact, congested

Sentence: Priyanshi crammed the lot into her capacious handbag.

44. CAPITULATE (VERB): ह थयार डाल देना

Pronunciation: kuh·pi·choo·layt

Meaning: to surrender under specified conditions.

Synonyms: surrender, quit.

Antonyms: resist, retain

Sentence: I never thought my brother would capitulate and allow me to drive his car for a week.

45. CAPRICIOUS (ADJECTIVE): मौजी

Pronunciation: kuh·pri·shuhs

Meaning: changeable.

Synonyms: whimsical, fickle

Antonyms: invariable, fixed

Sentence: You need to settle down and stop being so capricious!

46. CAPTIOUS (ADJECTIVE): छिद्रान्वेषी

Pronunciation: kap·shuhs

Meaning: marked by a disposition to find and point out trivial faults

Synonyms: faultfinding, criticizing

Antonyms: fair, tolerant

Sentence: When my captious teacher grades my essays, she always finds a minor error in my work.

47. INEBRIATED (Adjective): नशे में धुत

Pronunciation: i·nee·bree·ay·tid

Meaning: a state of intoxication, typically due to the consumption of alcohol or drugs; drunk or intoxicated.

Synonyms: Hammered, Sloshed

Antonyms: Temperate, Abstinent

Sentence: After consuming several glasses of wine, she became inebriated and started dancing wildly at the party.

48. TARNISH (Verb): धुंधलापन

Pronunciation: taa·nuhsh

Meaning: to make something lose its shine, lustre or value

Synonyms: Taint, Defile

Antonyms: Purify, Brighten

Sentence: Leaving the silverware out in the open caused it to tarnish and lose its shine.

49. BARRAGE (Noun): बाँध

Pronunciation: ba·raaj

Meaning: something that comes quickly and heavily — as an attack of bullets or artillery or a fast spray of words.

Synonyms: Shower, Volley

Antonyms: Dribble, Scarcity

Sentence: The city experienced a barrage of heavy rain and strong winds during the storm.

50. GRAFT (Noun & Verb): घूस

Pronunciation: graaft

Meaning: obtaining money, advantage, or position through dishonest or unfair means.

Synonyms: Bribery, Fraud

Antonyms: Honesty, Integrity

Sentence: Some officials were found guilty of graft in siphoning funds from public projects for their personal gain.

51. CORROSIVE (ADJECTIVE): संक्षारक

Pronunciation: kuh·rose·uhv

Meaning: able to destroy solid materials by a chemical reaction

Synonyms: caustic, vitriolic

Antonyms: gentle, nice

Sentence: Sodium and Sulphur are highly corrosive elements.

52. COUNTERMAND (VERB): रद्द किया गया

Pronunciation: kawn·tuh·maand

Meaning: revoke or cancel (an order).

Synonyms: reverse, override

Antonyms: allow, approve

Sentence: I can't countermand her orders.

53. CONVOLUTED (VERB): सवं लत

Pronunciation: kawn·vuh·loot·uhd

Meaning: complicated.

Synonyms: intricate, tangled

Antonyms: direct, simple

Sentence: It is hard to solve the question because a convoluted reasoning is applied in it.

54. COWER (VERB): डर से कांपना

Pronunciation: kau·uh

Meaning: to draw back and crouch in fear.

Synonyms: cringe, crouch

Antonyms: face, meet

Sentence: He was cowering away from the fierce dog.

55. METTLE (Noun): उत्साह

Pronunciation: meh·tl

Meaning: the ability to cope with difficulties, challenges, and adversity; strength of character, determination, and courage.

Synonyms: Grit, Stamina

Antonyms: Timidity, Weakness

Sentence: In times of crisis, his unwavering mettle and leadership qualities shone through.

56. MUCKRAKING (Noun): कीचड़ उछालने वाले

Pronunciation: muhk·rayk·uhng

Meaning: the practice of exposing and criticizing corruption, dishonesty, and societal issues, especially through investigative journalism or other forms of media.

Synonyms: Expose

Antonyms: Censorship, Whitewashing

Sentence: Some critics argue that muckraking journalism can sometimes sensationalize issues for higher readership.

57. PROVENANCE (Noun): उत्पत्ति स्थान

Pronunciation: praw·vuh·nuhns

Meaning: the origin, source, or history of something.

Synonyms: Source, Heritage

Antonyms: Mystery, Obscurity

Sentence: The collector was particularly interested in the provenance of the antique furniture he was considering purchasing.

58. YOMP (Verb): भारी सामान/बोझ

Pronunciation: yomp

Meaning: walk or trek laboriously, esp heavily laden and over difficult terrain.

Synonyms: Trek, March

Antonyms: Glide, Slide

Sentence: The hikers decided to yomp to the summit of the mountain to catch the sunrise.

59. COY (ADJECTIVE): वनीत

Pronunciation: koy

Meaning: very modest.

Synonyms: bashful, evasive

Antonyms: immodest, unshy

Sentence: She gave her brother's friend a coy smile.

60. CRAMP (NOUN): ऐंठन

Pronunciation: kramp

Meaning: stiffness.

Synonyms: pain, ache

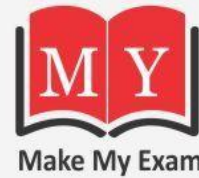
Antonyms: comfort, ease

Sentence: She started getting stomach cramps this morning.

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