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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. GERIATRIC (NOUN): जराचिकित्सा सम्बन्धी

Pronunciation: jeh·ree·a·truhk

Meaning: an old person who is receiving special care.

Synonyms: elder, senior, senior citizen

Antonyms: youngster, youth

Sentence: Who's going to elect a geriatric President?

2. RAVAGE (VERB): नाश

Pronunciation: ra·vuhj

Meaning: to bring destruction to (something) through violent action.

Synonyms: destroy, devastate, ruin

Antonyms: fix, repair, redeem

Sentence: The forest was ravaged by fire.

3. GABBY (ADJECTIVE): बातूनी

Pronunciation: ga·bee

Meaning: excessively or annoyingly talkative.

Synonyms: talkative, chatty, loquacious

Antonyms: laconic, silent, reticent

Sentence: Jack became gabby on his favourite topic.

4. COGNATE (ADJECTIVE): आत्मीय

Pronunciation: kawg·nayt

Meaning: having qualities in common.

Synonyms: alike, analogous, comparable

Antonyms: different, dissimilar, unlike

Sentence: German and Dutch are cognate languages.

5. PUNY (ADJECTIVE): नन्हा

Pronunciation: pyoo·nee

Meaning: small and weak.

Synonyms: diminutive, dinky, dwarfish

Antonyms: large, massive, big

Sentence: What a puny little creature!

6. HANKER (VERB): लालायित होना

Pronunciation: hang·kuh

Meaning: feel a strong desire for or to do something.

Synonyms: yearn, crave, desire

Antonyms: abhor, abominate, despise

Sentence: What did you hanker after most when you were in prison?

7.BURNISH (VERB): पालिश

Pronunciation: buh·nuhsh

Meaning: polish (something, especially metal) by rubbing.

Synonyms: polish (up), shine, brighten

Antonyms: rough (up), roughen, ruffle

Sentence: She wished her to dust the furniture, burnish the coal scuttle, and clean the windows.

8.MORIBUND (ADJECTIVE): मरणासन्न

Pronunciation: maw·ruh·buhnd

Meaning: (of a person) at the point of death.

Synonyms: (of a person) at the point of death.

Antonyms: dying, near death, near the end

Sentence: The patient was moribund by the time the doctor arrived.

9. CONFLAGRATION (NOUN): आग

Pronunciation: kawn·fluh·gray·shn

Meaning: a large and destructive fire that causes significant damage.

Synonyms: Holocaust, Catastrophe

Antonyms: Quenching, Extinguishment

Sentence: The city was in chaos as the conflagration engulfed several buildings, and firefighters worked tirelessly to bring the raging blaze under control.

10.ETHNIC (NOUN): संजातीय

Pronunciation: eth·nuhk

Meaning: pertaining to characteristics, customs, and traditions of a specific cultural or racial group.

Synonyms: Racial, National, Tribal

Antonyms: Universal

Sentence: The neighbourhood was known for its ethnic diversity, with people from various cultural backgrounds coming together to celebrate and share their traditions.

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