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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. SPURN (verb, noun) – तिरस्कार करना

Pronunciation: spuhn

Meaning: to refuse to accept something; an act of spurning

Synonyms: refuse, decline, reject, rebuff, scorn, turn down

Usage:

- He can spurn everything except chicken nuggets and ice cream. (verb)
- Step mother's spurn of responsibilities made the father feel hurt. (noun)

2. OVERTURE (noun) – परिचय, भूमिका

Pronunciation: ovuh-chuh

Meaning: an introduction to something more important or essential

Synonyms: preliminary, prelude, curtain-raiser, introduction, lead-in, precursor, forerunner, harbinger, herald

Antonyms: concluding, closing, final

Usage: The talks were no more than an overture to a long debate.

3. GHASTLY (adjective) – भयंकर, भयानक; अस्वस्थ

Pronunciation: gaastli

Meaning: causing great horror or fear; extremely unwell; very objectionable, bad, or unpleasant

Synonyms: terrible, frightful, horrible, grim, awful, dire, frightening; ill, unwell, washed out, peaky, sick, queasy, nauseous; unpleasant, objectionable, offensive, disagreeable, distasteful

Antonyms: pleasant, trivial, excusable; fine; charming

Usage:

- It was one of the most ghastly crimes ever committed.
- Even after passing so many days after her accident, her health is ghastly.
- The weather was ghastly.

4. FORESHADOW (verb) – पूर्वाभास; पूर्वलक्षण

Pronunciation: fo-shado

Meaning: be a warning or indication of (a future event)

Synonyms: augur, presage, portend, prognosticate, foreshow, foretell

Usage: Those dark clouds foreshadow a storm.

5. ARRESTING (adjective) – चित्तग्राही

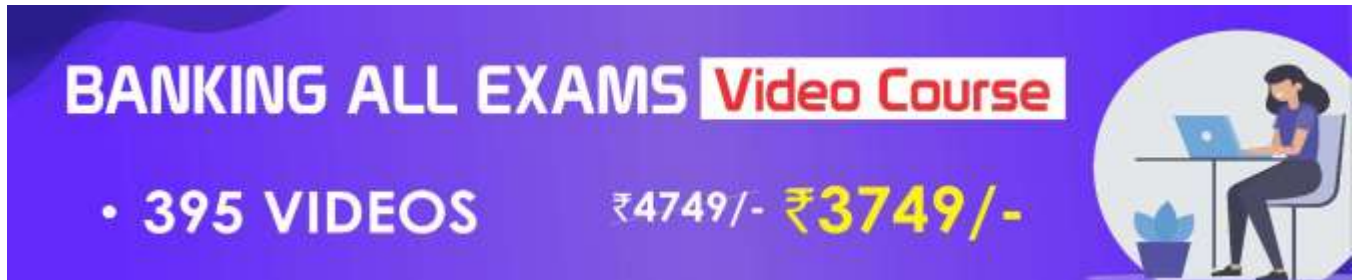
Pronunciation: ures-ting

Meaning: eye-catching

Synonyms: striking, conspicuous, noticeable, impressive, imposing, spectacular, dazzling, amazing

Antonyms: inconspicuous, unexceptional

Usage: The mountains are the most arresting feature of Kashmir.



6. PESTILENT (adjective) – विनाशक, प्राणघाती

Pronunciation: pesti-l(u)nt

Meaning: destructive to life

Synonyms: deadly, fatal, lethal

Antonyms: harmless, beneficial

Usage: Covid-19 is a pestilent virus.

7. ABNEGATE (verb) – अस्वीकार करना

Pronunciation: abni-geit

Meaning: reject something desired or valuable

Synonyms: renounce, abandon, give up, relinquish, abjure

Antonym: accept

Usage: The athlete decided to abnegate the unhealthy snack even though she really wanted to have a bite.

8. HIGHFALUTIN (adjective) – अलंकृत, मिथ्याभिमानि

Pronunciation: hai-fuloo-tin

Meaning: (especially of speech, writing, or ideas) pompous or pretentious

Synonyms: pretentious, high-sounding, high-flown, lofty, grandiose, ornate, florid, flowery

Antonym: unpretentious

Usage: It is a mistake to use highfalutin language when you advertise to uneducated people.

9. DISSENSION (noun) – मतभेद, अनबन

Pronunciation: disen-shun

Meaning: disagreement that leads to discord

Synonyms: dispute, dissent, variance, conflict

Antonyms: agreement, harmony

Usage: These issues caused bitter dissension in the party.

10. WONKY (adjective) – वक्र

Pronunciation: wonki

Meaning: not straight

Synonyms: crooked, off-centre, lopsided, askew, skew, skew-whiff

Antonym: straight

Usage: Legs of this chair are a bit wonky.

Now, choose any 2 or 3 words and try to use them in your own sentences, this way you can retain the learnt words in your memory for long time. You can share your sentences in the comment section.



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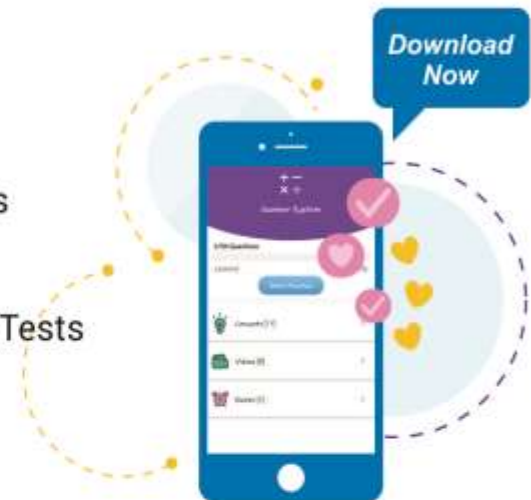
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