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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.CATASTROPHIC(ADJECTIVE): आपत्तिजनक

Pronunciation:ka•tuh•straw•fuhk

Meaning: causing sudden and very great harm or destruction.

Synonyms: disastrous, fatal, unfortunate

Antonyms: fortunate, advantageous, anastrophic

Sentence: Because of the severe drought, this year has been quite catastrophic for farmers.

2. BEFUDDLED (ADJECTIVE) : स्वयं को मूर्ख बनाना

Pronunciation:buh•fuh•dld

Meaning: unable to think clearly; confused or perplexed.

Synonyms: bewildered, confused, dazed

Antonyms: clearheaded, conscious, alert

Sentence:Even with my professor's help, I was still befuddled by the complicated chemistry formula.

3.TRUMPETED (VERB): ढिंढोरा पीटना

Pronunciation:truhm•puht•uhd

Meaning: to talk about something publicly in a proud or an enthusiastic way.

Synonyms: announced, published, proclaimed

Antonyms: withheld, suppressed, concealed

Sentence:We trumpeted our triumph all over the college.

4.BACKER (NOUN): सरपरस्त

Pronunciation:bak•uh

Meaning: a person, organization or company that gives support to somebody, especially financial support.

Synonyms: supporter, proponent, exponent

Antonyms: enemy, foe, rival, critic

Sentence:With no backer to offer financial support, the restaurant was forced to shut down last Friday.

5.SEAMLESS (ADJECTIVE): निरंतरतायुक्त

Pronunciation:seem•luhs

Meaning: smooth and continuous, with no apparent gaps or spaces between one part and the next.

Synonyms: perfect, flawless, faultless

Antonyms: imperfect, bad, defective

Sentence: Although there were some hiccups along the way, the project seemed seamless on the outside.

6. AGOG (ADJECTIVE): उत्सुक

Pronunciation:uh·gawg

Meaning: very eager or curious to hear or see something

Synonyms: eager, excited, impatient

Antonyms: apathetic, unenthusiastic, incurious

Sentence: I've been agog all afternoon, waiting for the next part of your story.

7. FREEBIE (NOUN): मुफ्त

Pronunciation:free·beez

Meaning: a thing given free of charge

Synonyms: gift, donation, bonus

Antonyms: expensive, extortionate, overpriced

Sentence: The store gives customers a freebie with their purchases.

8. ANIMADVERSION (NOUN) : निन्दा

Pronunciation:a·nuh·mad·vuh·shn

Meaning: criticism or censure

Synonyms: harsh criticism, disapproval

Antonyms: extol, laud, praise

Sentence:He was infuriated by their constant animadversion.

9. CALLOUS (ADJECTIVE) : कठोर

Pronunciation:ka·luhs

Meaning: showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others

Synonyms: ruthless, merciless, heartless

Antonyms: sympathetic, compassionate, merciful

Sentence: The professor was callous and cold, and no one wanted to remain in the class.

10. STARTLE (VERB) : डराना

Pronunciation:staa·tl

Meaning: to surprise somebody/something in a way that slightly shocks or frightens him/her/it.

Synonyms: shock, stun, astonish

Antonyms: assure, soothe, comfort

Sentence: If the music is too loud, it will startle the sleeping baby.

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