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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. NITPICKING (noun) – सूक्ष्मावधानी

Pronunciation: nit-piking

Meaning: giving too much attention to details that are not important, especially as a way of criticizing

Synonyms: pedantic, overscrupulous, scrupulous

Usage: If you spend less time nitpicking, you will get more work done.

2. JAMMY (adjective) – सौभाग्यशाली, भाग्यवान

Pronunciation: jami

Meaning: covered with, filled with, or resembling jam; lucky

Synonyms: fortunate, blessed

Antonyms: unlucky, unfortunate

Usage:

- Don't wipe your jammy fingers on the table-cloth.
- He had not even worked hard for the exams, still he got excellent marks; how jammy he is!

3. CHUMMY (adjective) – मित्रवत, स्नेहशील

Pronunciation: chumi

Meaning: on friendly terms

Synonyms: friendly, close, familiar, affectionate

Antonyms: unfriendly, hostile, prejudiced

Usage: They're very chummy with their neighbours.

4. HETERODOX (adjective) – धर्म विरुद्ध, भिन्नमत

Pronunciation: hetro-doks

Meaning: not conforming with traditional standards or beliefs

Synonyms: unorthodox, heretical, dissenting, dissident, blasphemous

Antonym: orthodox

Usage: His opinions have always been distinctly heterodox.

5. ODORIFEROUS (adjective) – महकवाला

Pronunciation: oduh-rifur(u)s

Meaning: having an unpleasant smell

Synonyms: foul-smelling, evil-smelling, stinking, reeking, fetid

Antonyms: sweet-smelling, aromatic

Usage: The woman started feeling like vomiting when she smelled the scent from the odoriferous fish market.

6. PREPOSTEROUS (adjective) – बेहूदा, ऊटपटांग

Pronunciation: pri-post(u)rus

Meaning: contrary to reason or common sense

Synonyms: absurd, ridiculous, foolish, stupid, ludicrous, farcical

Antonyms: reasonable, sensible

Usage: It's preposterous to suggest that everything was her fault!

7. INVEIGH (verb) – फटकारना

Pronunciation: in-vei

Meaning: speak or write about (something) with great bitterness or opposition

Synonyms: fulminate, declaim, protest, rail, rage, remonstrate

Antonym: support

Usage: No matter how angry I get, I will not inveigh my feelings using social media.

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8. MUDSLINGING (noun) – बदनाम करना

Pronunciation: mud-sling-ing

Meaning: the use of insults and accusations, especially unjust ones, with the aim of damaging the reputation of an opponent

Synonyms: traduce, defame, slander

Usage: There has been a lot of political mudslinging in the battle for votes.

9. GRUDGING (adjective) – अनिच्छुक

Pronunciation: gruj-ing

Meaning: displaying unwillingness

Synonyms: reluctant, unwilling, disinclined, forced, half-hearted, unenthusiastic, hesitant, begrudging

Antonym: eager

Usage: Oliver was grudging about accepting Wickham's innocence.

10. MUG (verb) – वार करना

Pronunciation: mug

Meaning: attack and rob someone in a public place

Synonyms: assault, attack, set upon, beat up, knock down, rob

Usage: He was mugged by three men.

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