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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. FORTUITOUS (ADJECTIVE): आकस्मिक

Pronunciation: faw·tyoo·uh·tuhs

Meaning: happening by chance rather than intention.

Synonyms: chance, unexpected, unanticipated

Antonyms: calculated, deliberate, intentional

Sentence: Mark proved to be fortuitous by selecting all six winning lotto numbers.

2. SMEAR (VERB): बदनाम करना

Pronunciation: smeeuh

Meaning: damage the reputation of (someone) by false accusations.

Synonyms: libel, slander, defame

Antonyms: honor, exalt, glorify

Sentence: He is willing to smear his opponent if doing so would win the election.

3. PULVERIZE (VERB): टुकड़े टुकड़े करना

Pronunciation: pul·vuh·righz

Meaning: reduce to fine particles; press or crush something until it becomes powder or a soft mass.

Synonyms: grind, crush, pound

Antonyms: build, construct, erect

Sentence: The seeds can be used whole or pulverized into flour.

4. CURSORY (ADJECTIVE): जल्दबाजी

Pronunciation: kuh·suh·ree

Meaning: quick and short; done in a hurry.

Synonyms: hurried, hasty, rushed

Antonyms: deliberate, unhurried, unrushed

Sentence: He put aside the papers after a cursory study.

5. INCREDULITY (NOUN): अविश्वास

Pronunciation: in·kreh·dyoo·luh·tee

Meaning: the feeling of not wanting or not being able to believe something.

Synonyms: disbelief, skepticism, suspicion

Antonyms: assurance, belief, certainty

Sentence: Many writers use exclamation points to show incredulity in their stories.

6. OBTRUDE (VERB): हस्तक्षेप करना

Pronunciation: uhb•trood

Meaning: to make something or to become too noticeable, especially by interrupting.

Synonyms: intrude, meddle, interfere

Antonyms: disregard, ignore, neglect

Sentence: I don't want to obtrude upon her privacy.

7. CORNERSTONE (NOUN): आधारशिला

Pronunciation: kaw•nuh•stone

Meaning: something of great importance that everything else depends on.

Synonyms: foundation, basis, keystone

Antonyms: crown, top

Sentence: The technology, usually the cornerstone of sci-fi, is biomechanical rather than metallic.

8. ASININE (ADJECTIVE): बुद्धिहीन

Pronunciation: a•suh•nine

Meaning: extremely stupid or foolish.

Synonyms: absurd, silly, idiotic

Antonyms: sensible, wise, sound

Sentence: It was asinine to run into the street like that.

9. OBFUSCATE (VERB): अस्पष्ट करना

Pronunciation: awb•fuh•skayt

Meaning: to make something less clear and harder to understand, especially intentionally.

Synonyms: obscure, confuse, complicate

Antonyms: clarify, clear (up), simplify

Sentence: She was criticized for using arguments that obfuscated the main issue.

10. DURESS (NOUN): दबाव

Pronunciation: dyoo•res

Meaning: threats, violence, to force someone into doing something against their will.

Synonyms: pressure, compulsion, coercion

Antonyms: freedom, liberation, agreement

Sentence: I think Claire was under duress when she signed the agreement; she never would have voluntarily accepted those conditions.



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