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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. INCURSION (noun): आक्रमण

Pronunciation: in·cur·sion

Meaning: an invasion or attack, especially a sudden or brief one.

Synonyms: attack on, assault on, raid on

Antonyms: withdraw, retreat, draw back

Sentence: There were incursions from the border every summer.

2. RUSH (verb) : जल्दबाज़ी करना

Pronunciation: rush

Meaning: move with urgent haste.

Synonyms: hurry, dash, run

Antonyms: dawdle

Sentence: I rushed outside and hailed a taxi.

3. ELUCIDATIVE (adj.) : स्पष्ट

Pronunciation: elu·ci·date

Meaning: serving to explain

Synonyms: exegetical, explanative, explanatory

Antonyms: cloud, complicate, confuse

Sentence: Most editions of Shakespeare's plays now have elucidative footnotes to help the modern reader.

4. HALF-WIT (noun) : मूर्ख

Pronunciation: half·wit

Meaning: a foolish or stupid person.

Synonyms: fool, idiot, blockhead

Antonyms: wise, genius

Sentence: John was prone to laughing aimlessly, which led many to consider him a half-wit.

5. PORTENTOUS (adj.) : अमंगल

Pronunciation: paw·tent·uhs

Meaning: of or like a portent.

Synonyms: ominous, warning, foreshadowing

Antonyms: unthreatening, auspicious

Sentence: There was nothing portentous or solemn about him.

6.DECIMATION (noun) : बरबादी

Pronunciation: deh·suh·may·shn

Meaning: the state or fact of being rendered non-existent

Synonyms: annihilation, demolishment, demolition

Antonyms: building, construction, protection

Sentence: The virtual decimation of the coastal town was caused by the hurricane.

7.ADDENDUM (noun) : परिशिष्ट

Pronunciation: uh·den·dm

Meaning: an item of additional material, typically omissions, added at the end of a book or other publication.

Synonyms: appendix, codicil, postscript

Antonyms: introduction, preface, prologue

Sentence: I follow this letter with the addendum duly signed for your attention.

8.PUNY (adj.) : छोटा

Pronunciation: pyoo·nee

Meaning: small and weak.

Synonyms: diminutive, dinky, dwarfish

Antonyms: large, massive, big

Sentence: What a puny little creature!

9.VAINGLORIOUS (adj.) : गुमानी

Pronunciation: vayn·glaw·ree·uhs

Meaning: excessively proud of oneself or one's achievements; overly vain.

Synonyms: vain, biggety, complacent

Antonyms: egoless, humble, modest

Sentence: The vainglorious trainer spent more flexing his muscles than he did helping build his client's.

10.CAGEY (adj.) : गुप्त

Pronunciation: kay·jee

Meaning: reluctant to give information owing to caution or suspicion.

Synonyms: secretive, guarded, noncommittal

Antonyms: frank, open

Sentence: Manufacturers are cagey about the recipes they use to create a wine.

11.SHRINE (noun): पवित्र स्थान

Pronunciation: shrine

Meaning: a place regarded as holy because of its associations with a divinity or a sacred person or relic, marked by a building or other construction.

Synonyms: holy place, temple, church

Antonyms: secular, public place, apartment

Sentence: The medieval pilgrim route to the shrine of St. James.

12.EVINCE (verb): जताना

Pronunciation: uh•vins

Meaning: reveal the presence of (a quality or feeling).

Synonyms: reveal, show, make clear

Antonyms: conceal, cover, hide

Sentence: His letters evince the excitement he felt at undertaking this journey.

13.INEXORABLE (adj.): निष्ठुर

Pronunciation: uhn•ek•suh•ruh•bl

Meaning: impossible to stop or prevent.

Synonyms: relentless, unstoppable, unavoidable

Antonyms: hesitant, halted, dubious

Sentence: During 1939 the approach of war seemed inexorable.

14.ONSLAUGHT (noun): हमला

Pronunciation: awn•slawt

Meaning: a fierce or destructive attack.

Synonyms: assault, attack, offensive

Antonyms: defense, guard, shield

Sentence: Our army tried to withstand the enemy onslaught.

15.VIVACITY (noun): चुस्ती

Pronunciation: vuh•va•suh•tee

Meaning: (especially in a woman) the quality of being attractively lively and animated.

Synonyms: ebullience, sparkle, spirit

Antonyms: indolence, laziness, listlessness

Sentence: He was struck by her vivacity, humor, and charm.

16.SPUR (noun): प्रेरणा

Pronunciation: spuh

Meaning: a thing that prompts or encourages someone; an incentive.

Synonyms: stimulus, incentive, encouragement

Antonyms: disincentive, discouragement

Sentence: Profit was both the spur and the reward of the enterprise.

17.INFIDEL (noun) : नास्तिक**Pronunciation:** in•fuh•dl**Meaning:** a person who does not believe in religion or who adheres to a religion other than one's own.**Synonyms:** nonbeliever, heathen, pagan**Antonyms:** believer, conformer, conformist**Sentence:** They wanted to secure the Holy Places from the infidel.**18.BELEAGUER (verb) : धेरा डालना****Pronunciation:** buh•lee•guh**Meaning:** lay siege to (a place); besiege.**Synonyms:** besieged, under siege, blockaded**Antonyms:** free, liberate**Sentence:** Our leaders decided to beleague the city.

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19.MENACE (verb) : खतरा**Pronunciation:** meh•nuhs**Meaning:** threaten, especially in a malignant or hostile manner.**Synonyms:** threaten, scare, imperil**Antonyms:** guard, protect, save**Sentence:** Africa's elephants are still menaced by poaching.**20.THWART (verb) : बिगाड़ना****Pronunciation:** thvawt**Meaning:** prevent (someone) from accomplishing something.**Synonyms:** foil, baffle, hinder**Antonyms:** nurture, promote, assist**Sentence:** I don't think that will thwart our purposes.**21.LURE (verb): लुभाना****Pronunciation :** loo·uh**Meaning:** tempt (a person or animal) to do something or to go somewhere, especially by offering some form of reward.

Synonyms: tempt, entice, attract

Antonyms: deter, caution, put off

Sentence: The child was lured into a car but managed to escape.

22.HEINOUS (adj.) : जघन्य

Pronunciation : hay·nuhs

Meaning: (of a person or wrongful act, especially a crime) utterly odious or wicked.

Synonyms: odious, wicked, evil

Antonyms: innocuous, inoffensive, pleasant

Sentence: They admitted to the most heinous crimes.

23.SHACKLE (noun) : बेड़ी

Pronunciation : sha·kl

Meaning: a pair of fetters connected together by a chain, used to fasten a prisoner's wrists or ankles together.

Synonyms: chains, fetters, irons

Antonyms: free

Sentence: He's too young to shackle himself with the responsibilities of a family.

24.EMBOLDEN (verb) : प्रोत्साहित करना

Pronunciation : uhm·boled·uhn

Meaning: give (someone) the courage or confidence to do something or to behave in a certain way.

Synonyms: give courage, make brave, encourage

Antonyms: daunt, discourage, dishearten

Sentence: His success emboldened him to expand his business.

25.REMNANT (noun) : अवशेष

Pronunciation : rem·nuht

Meaning: a small remaining quantity of something.

Synonyms: remains, remainder, leftovers

Antonyms: bulk, whole, mass

Sentence: Their outdated attitudes are a remnant of colonial days.

26.TEEMING (verb) : भरा हुआ

Pronunciation : tee·ming

Meaning: be full of or swarming with.

Synonyms: be full of, be filled with, be brimming with

Antonyms: blank, devoid, empty

Sentence: Every garden is teeming with wildlife.

27.RECUPERATING (verb) : स्वस्थ हो जाना**Pronunciation :** ruh·koo·puh·rayt·uhng**Meaning:** recover from illness or exertion.**Synonyms:** get better, recover, convalesce**Antonyms:** unhealthy, seedy, sickish**Sentence:** She has been recuperating from a shoulder wound.**28.PEEVISH (adj.) : चिड़चिड़ा****Pronunciation :** peev·uhsh**Meaning:** easily irritated, especially by unimportant things.**Synonyms:** irritable, irascible, fractious**Antonyms:** affable, companionable, cordial**Sentence:** Sebastian was a sickly, peevish child.**29.STRENUOUS (adj.) : श्रमसाध्य****Pronunciation :** streh·nyoo·uhs**Meaning:** requiring or using great exertion.**Synonyms:** arduous, difficult, hard**Antonyms:** effortless, facile, simple**Sentence:** All your muscles need more oxygen during strenuous exercise.**30.INSINUATION (Noun) : आक्षेप****Pronunciation :** uhn·si·nyoo·ay·shn**Meaning:** an unpleasant hint or suggestion of something bad**Synonyms:** implication, inference, allegation**Antonyms:** denial, exculpation, flattery**Sentence:** She rejected the insinuation that she was partly to blame.**31.FUTILITY (noun) : निरर्थकता****Pronunciation:** fyoo·til·uh·tee**Meaning:** pointlessness or uselessness.**Synonyms:** fruitlessness, vanity, pointlessness**Antonyms:** fruitfulness, usefulness, utility**Sentence:** The sheer futility of it all exasperates her.**32.BEGET (verb) : उत्पन्न करना****Pronunciation:** buh·get**Meaning:** give rise to; bring about.**Synonyms:** cause, give rise to, lead to**Antonyms:** impede, limit, restrict**Sentence:** One change in the natural environment will beget others.

33.PALPABLE (adj.) : स्पष्ट**Pronunciation:** pal•puh•bl**Meaning:** (of a feeling or atmosphere) so intense as to seem almost tangible.**Synonyms:** perceptible, perceivable, visible**Antonyms:** impalpable, imperceptible, inappreciable**Sentence:** The tension between Amy and Jim is palpable.**34.QUIXOTIC (adj.) : विलक्षण****Pronunciation:** kvuhk•saw•tuhk**Meaning:** exceedingly idealistic; unrealistic and impractical.**Synonyms:** idealistic, unbusinesslike, visionary**Antonyms:** clear-eyed, clear-sighted**Sentence:** This is a vast, exciting, and perhaps quixotic project.**SSC All Exams Test Series**

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**35.ENAMOR (verb) : आनंदित करना****Pronunciation:** en•am•or**Meaning:** be filled with a feeling of love for.**Synonyms:** in love with, infatuated with, besotted with**Antonyms:** allergic, averse**Sentence:** Her beauty enamored the prince.**36.OSTENSIBLY (adv.) : प्रत्यक्ष तौर पर****Pronunciation:** aw•sten•suh•blee**Meaning:** apparently or purportedly, but perhaps not actually.**Synonyms:** apparently, seemingly, on the face of it**Antonyms:** implausibly, impossibly, improbably**Sentence:** Troops were sent in, ostensibly to protect the civilian population.**37.SINEWY (adj.) : बलवान****Pronunciation:** si•nyoo•ee**Meaning:** having muscles capable of exerting great physical force**Synonyms:** muscular, brawny, strong

Antonyms: delicate, feeble, frail

Sentence: I admire her sinewy prose style.

38.REVERENCE (noun) : श्रद्धा

Pronunciation: reh•vuh•ruhns

Meaning: deep respect for someone or something.

Synonyms: high esteem, high regard, great respect

Antonyms: blaspheme, desecrate, profane

Sentence: Rituals showed honor and reverence for the dead.

39.NIMBLE (adj.) : चतुर

Pronunciation: nim•bl

Meaning: quick and light in movement or action; agile.

Synonyms: agile, lithe, sprightly

Antonyms: vacuous, weak-minded, witless

Sentence: She showed some nimble footwork and looked a promising player.

40.DISCERNIBLE (adj.) : प्रत्यक्ष

Pronunciation: duh•suhn•uh•bl

Meaning: able to be discerned; perceptible.

Synonyms: detectable, noticeable, perceptible

Antonyms: impalpable, imperceptible, inappreciable

Sentence: Her face was barely discernible in the gloom.

41.COLLUDE (verb): सांठगांठ

Pronunciation: kuh•lood

Meaning: cooperate in a secret or unlawful way in order to deceive or gain an advantage over others

Synonyms: combine, conspire, collaborate

Antonyms: differ, disagree, split

Sentence: He accused his opponents of colluding with one another.

42.RETROSPECTIVE (adj.): पूर्वप्रभावी

Pronunciation: reh•troh•spek•tiv

Meaning: looking back on or dealing with past events or situations.

Synonyms: backdated, retroactive, backward-looking

Antonyms: prospective

Sentence: our survey was retrospective.

43.HANKER (verb) : लालायित होना

Pronunciation: hank•er

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

Synonyms: yearn, long, have a longing

Antonyms: be averse, aversion

Sentence: she hankered to go back.

44.ADAMANT (adj.) : हठी

Pronunciation: a·duh·muhnt

Meaning: refusing to be persuaded or to change one's mind.

Synonyms: adamantine, bullheaded, invincible

Antonyms: acquiescent, agreeable, flexible

Sentence: He is adamant that he is not going to resign.

45.ONEROUS (adj.) : कष्टदायक

Pronunciation: oh·nuh·ruhs

Meaning: (of a task, duty, or responsibility) involving an amount of effort and difficulty that is oppressively burdensome.

Synonyms: burdensome, inconvenient, troublesome

Antonyms: comfortable, cozy, easy

Sentence: This is the most onerous task I have ever undertaken.

46.RECIPROCITY (noun) : आदान-प्रदान करना

Pronunciation: reh·suh·praw·suh·tee

Meaning: the practice of exchanging things with others for mutual benefit, especially privileges granted by one country or organization to another.

Synonyms: collaboration, mutualism, harmony

Antonyms: antagonism, antipathy, enmity

Sentence: The proposal calls for reciprocity in trade relations.

47.CORROBORATING (verb) : की पुष्टि

Pronunciation: kuh·raw·buh·rayt·uhng

Meaning: confirm or give support to (a statement, theory, or finding).

Synonyms: confirm, verify, endorse

Antonyms: confuting, disproving, refuting

Sentence: Recent research seems to corroborate his theory.

48.GRATUITOUS (adj.) : ऐच्छिक

Pronunciation: gruh·tyoo·uh·tuhs

Meaning: uncalled for; lacking good reason; unwarranted.

Synonyms: unjustified, without reason, uncalled for

Antonyms: essential, indispensable, necessary

Sentence: There's too much crime and gratuitous violence on TV.

49.IMMACULATE (adj.) : निर्मल**Pronunciation:** uh·ma·kyoo·luht**Meaning:** (especially of a person or their clothes) perfectly clean, neat, or tidy.**Synonyms:** clean, spotless, pristine**Antonyms:** dirty, filthy**Sentence:** The property is in immaculate condition.**50.PITHILY (adv.) : मतलब की बात****Pronunciation:** pi-thē**Meaning:** in a few words**Synonyms:** briefly, compactly, concisely**Antonyms:** diffusely, long-windedly, verbosely**Sentence:** The observation that “War is hell” is how General Sherman pithily summed up his experiences in combat.


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51.COMMISERATE (verb): सहानुभूति प्रकट करना**Pronunciation:** kuh·mi·zuh·rayt·uhd**Meaning:** express or feel sympathy or pity; sympathize.**Synonyms:** offer sympathy to, feel pity for, condole with**Antonyms:** distressed, tormented, harassed**Sentence:** They commiserated the misfortune of their teacher.**52.CONTEMPORANEOUS (adj): समसामयिक****Pronunciation:** kuhn·tem·puh·ray·nee·uhs**Meaning:** existing or occurring in the same period of time.**Synonyms:** coetaneous, coeval, coexistent**Antonyms:** asynchronous, noncontemporary**Sentence:** The two events were more or less contemporaneous, with only months between them.**53.DEFILE (verb): गंदा करना****Pronunciation:** de·file

Meaning: to make unfit for use by the addition of something harmful or undesirable

Synonyms: befoul, contaminate, spoil

Antonyms: decontaminate, purify, clean

Sentence: Supplies of meat that had been defiled by maggots.

54.AFFABILITY (noun): नेकी

Pronunciation: a·fuh·bil·uh·tee

Meaning: the quality of having a friendly and good-natured manner.

Synonyms: friendliness, amiability, geniality

Antonyms: disagreeableness, unpleasantness

Sentence: He was beloved by the nation for his affability toward people from all walks of life.

55.SMIDGEN (noun): थोड़ा

Pronunciation: smi·jn

Meaning: a small amount of something.

Synonyms: bit, dribblet

Antonyms: abundance, mass

Sentence: Could I have a smidgen more wine?

56.POLTROONERY (noun): कायरता

Pronunciation: pol·troon·ery

Meaning: a shameful lack of courage in the face of danger

Synonyms: cowardice, cowardliness, cravenness

Antonyms: bravery, courage, daring

Sentence: He was disgraced with Poltroonery.

57.OPPUGN (verb): आपत्ति करना

Pronunciation: op·pugn

Meaning: call into question the truth or validity of.

Synonyms: challenge, contest, dispute

Antonyms: accept, believe, embrace

Sentence: This paper aims to oppugn and criticize the above ideas.

58.RETORTED (verb): जवाब देना

Pronunciation: ruh·tawt·uhd

Meaning: say something in answer to a remark or accusation, typically in a sharp, angry, or wittily incisive manner.

Synonyms: answer, reply, respond

Antonyms: asked, inquired, questioned

Sentence: When told she couldn't have it, she retorted, "Fine, I didn't want it anyway!"

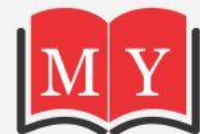
59.OUTPACE (verb): आगे बढ़ना**Pronunciation:** awt·pays**Meaning:** go, rise, or improve faster than.**Synonyms:** outrun, outstrip, overtake**Antonyms:** decelerate, slow**Sentence:** Population growth has continued to outpace job growth for the last several decades.**60.WHAMMY (noun): बुरा प्रभाव****Pronunciation:** va·mee**Meaning:** an event with a powerful and unpleasant effect; a blow.**Synonyms:** setback**Antonyms:** amulet, charm**Sentence:** The third whammy was the degradation of the financial system.

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