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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. PERFIDY (noun) – धोखेबाज, कपटी; अविश्वास्य

Pronunciation: puh-fidi

Meaning: the state of being deceitful and untrustworthy

Synonyms: treachery, duplicity, deceit, disloyalty, infidelity

Antonyms: faithfulness, loyalty

Usage: The knowledge of his perfidy made her feel bad.

2. FIDDLE (noun, verb) – ठगी; धोखा देना

Pronunciation: fid(u)l

Meaning: an act of defrauding, cheating, or falsifying; falsify (figures, data, or records), typically in order to gain money

Synonyms: swindle, wangle, ruse, wile; falsify, manipulate

Usage:

- Fiddles can take place in local authority and general elections. (noun)
- Every year my insurance company likes to fiddle with the terms of my policy making it hard to understand what is covered. (verb)

3. OVERT (adjective) – प्रत्यक्ष, विवृत

Pronunciation: o-vut

Meaning: done or shown openly

Synonyms: undisguised, unconcealed

Antonyms: covert, hidden

Usage: He shows no overt signs of his unhappiness.

4. TATTLE (verb) – गपशप करना, निंदात्मक बातें करना

Pronunciation: tat(u)l

Meaning: to engage in casual or unconstrained conversation or reports about other people, typically involving details which are not confirmed as true

Synonyms: gossip, tittle-tattle, chatter, prattle, prate; inform, report, accuse, squeal

Usage: I like to tattle with my friend over teacups in my free time.

5. FILTH (noun) – गंदगी

Pronunciation: fild

Meaning: disgusting dirt

Synonyms: muck, grime, mud, mire, sludge, slime, contamination

Usage: Passing cars covered his shoes with filth.

6. KILTER (noun) – सामंजस्य, समरसता, तरतीब

Pronunciation: kil-tuh

Meaning: in harmony or balance

Synonyms: harmonious, balanced, arranged

Antonyms: awry, off balance, unbalanced, out of order, muddled, disharmonious, discordant, out of tune

Usage:

- The wheels of her bicycle were out of kilter after it hit the tree.
- Ignoring feelings of tiredness knocks our body clocks out of kilter.

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- The plants will wilt in direct sunlight.
- Flowers in the bouquet will soon wilt without water.
- Marigolds are a strong breed and they are less likely to wilt than other plants.
- Lady Beresford was beginning to wilt as she greeted the long line of guests.

8. PROVENANCE (noun) – उत्पत्ति, मूल-स्रोत**Pronunciation:** prov(u)nuns**Meaning:** the place of origin or earliest known history of something**Synonyms:** origin, source, roots**Usage:** There is no proof about the provenance of this painting.**9. MORATORIUM (noun) – स्थगन, प्रतिबंध, पाबंदी****Pronunciation:** moruh-torium**Meaning:** a temporary prohibition of an activity**Synonyms:** embargo, ban, prohibition, suspension, postponement**Antonyms:** resuscitation, renewal, recommencement, continuance, continuation, resumption**Usage:** The government has called for a moratorium on weapons testing.**10. HOLD OFF (verb) – विलंब करना; टालना****Pronunciation:** holf-of**Meaning:** delay or postpone an action or decision**Synonyms:** wait, hold back, pause, delay, hang back, hang fire**Antonym:** proceed**Usage:** Hold off making your decision until Monday.

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