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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 <u>perfidy</u> 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 <u>fiddle</u> 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)I

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 <u>tattle</u> 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 <u>kilter</u> after it hit the tree.

Ignoring feelings of tiredness knocks our body clocks out of <u>kilter</u>.

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7. WILT (verb) – मुरझाना; दुर्बल

Pronunciation: wilt

Meaning: (of a plant, leaf, or flower) hang downwards lacking stiffness, firmness, or vitality through heat, loss of

water, or disease; (of a person) lose energy, physical strength, or confidence

Synonyms: droop, sag; languish, flag **Antonyms**: thrive, flourish; perk up

Usage:

- 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 <u>provenance</u> 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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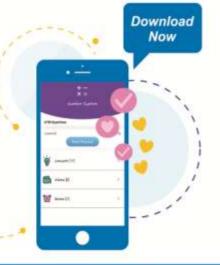








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