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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. ATAVISTIC (adj.): पैतृक

Pronunciation: a·tuh·vi·stuhk

Meaning: relating to or characterized by reversion to something ancient or ancestral.

Synonyms: bygone, erstwhile, former

Antonyms: contemporary, current, modern

Sentence: It would be wrong to interpret them as atavistic remnants.

2. MUSINGS (noun): चिंतन

Pronunciation: myoo·zuhngz

Meaning: a period of reflection or thought.

Synonyms: meditation, thinking, contemplation

Antonyms: tactlessness, unthoughtfulness, thoughtful

Sentence: His musings were interrupted by the sound of the telephone.

3. ACOLYTES (noun): अनुयायी

Pronunciation: a·kuh·lites

Meaning: one who follows the opinions or teachings of another

Synonyms: adherents, converts, disciples

Antonyms: defectors, renegades, traitors

Sentence: He is flanked by his two acolytes, Asanga and his brother, Vasubandhu.

4. ETHNICITY (noun): जातीयता

Pronunciation: eth·nuh·suh·tee

Meaning: the fact or state of belonging to a social group that has a common national or cultural tradition.

Synonyms: clan, nation

Antonyms: rightness, unpleasantness, nonracial

Sentence: Ethnicity has a strong influence on community status relations.

5. ENTREATY (noun): विनती

Pronunciation: uhn·treet·ee

Meaning: an earnest or humble request.

Synonyms: appeal, request, petition

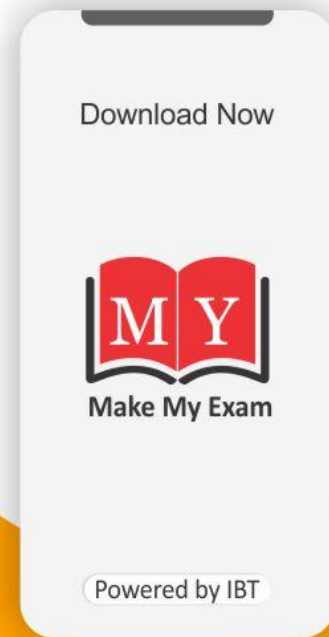
Antonyms: demagoguery, request, appeal, supplication

Sentence: The king turned a deaf ear to his entreaties.

6.AGGRANDIZE (verb): वृद्धि करना**Pronunciation:** ag·gran·dize**Meaning:** increase the power, status, or wealth.**Synonyms:** deify, dignify, elevate**Antonyms:** abate, decrease, diminish**Sentence:** The dictator sought to aggrandize himself with new conquests.**7.ALLEGIANCE (noun):** निष्ठा**Pronunciation:** uh·lee·jns**Meaning:** loyalty or commitment of a subordinate to a superior or of an individual to a group or cause.**Synonyms:** loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity**Antonyms:** disloyalty, faithlessness, falseness**Sentence:** FBI demands its employees' absolute allegiance to this bureau.**8.BEREAVE (verb):** वंचित करना**Pronunciation:** buh·reev**Meaning:** be deprived of a loved one through a profound absence, especially due to the loved one's death.**Synonyms:** deprive, dispossess, strip**Antonyms:** cheerful, glad, happy**Sentence:** The plane crash bereaved her of her husband.**9.ABSTRUSE (adj.):** अव्यक्त**Pronunciation:** uhb·stroos**Meaning:** difficult to understand; obscure.**Synonyms:** obscure, arcane, esoteric**Antonyms:** easy, facile, simple**Sentence:** Einstein's theory of relativity is very abstruse.**10.EMBEZZLE (verb):** हड़प लेना**Pronunciation:** uhm·beh·zl**Meaning:** steal or misappropriate (money placed in one's trust or belonging to the organization for which one works).**Synonyms:** steal, rob, pilfer**Antonyms:** compensate, give, pay**Sentence:** He embezzled thousands of dollars from the charity.

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