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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. SCHISM (noun) : फूट

Pronunciation: ski·zm

Meaning: a split or division between strongly opposed sections or parties, caused by differences in opinion or belief.

Synonyms: discord, strife, discordance

Antonyms: harmony, peace, concord

Sentence: Schism within the charitable organization was preventing it from achieving its goals.

2. COMMONALITY (noun) : समानता

Pronunciation: kaw·muhn·a·luh·tee

Meaning: a point at which two or more things share in common

Synonyms: similarity, resemblance, parallel

Antonyms: difference, dissimilarity, discrepancy

Sentence: We don't have the same commonality of interest.

3. CLEMENCY (noun) : दया

Pronunciation: kleh·muhn·see

Meaning: kind, gentle, or compassionate treatment especially towards someone who is undeserving of it.

Synonyms: mercy, leniency, sympathy

Antonyms: vengeance, revenge, retribution

Sentence: The judge chose to show clemency to the truly repentant embezzler.

4. SCAPEGOAT (noun) : बलि का बकरा

Pronunciation: skayp·gote

Meaning: a person who is blamed for the wrongdoings, mistakes, or faults of others, especially for reasons of expediency.

Synonyms: victim, whipping boy, fall guy

Antonyms: assailant, attacker, cock sparrow

Sentence: He has been made a scapegoat for the company's failures.

5. SMEAR (verb) : बदनाम करना

Pronunciation: smeeuh

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

Synonyms: libel, slander, defame

Antonyms: honor, exalt, glorify

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

6. ENCUMBRANCE (noun) : बाधा

Pronunciation: uhn·kuhm·bruhns

Meaning: something that makes movement or progress difficult

Synonyms: obstacle, hurdle, hindrance

Antonyms: advantage, impetus, benefit

Sentence: I felt I was being an encumbrance to them.

7. TRAVAIL (noun) : कड़ा परिश्रम

Pronunciation: tra·vayl

Meaning: painful or laborious effort.

Synonyms: toil, labor, effort

Antonyms: rest, leisure, relaxation

Sentence: He gained the medal through his painful travail.

8. HINTERLAND (noun) : आंतरिक इलाके

Pronunciation: hin·tuh·land

Meaning: a rural region that forms the edge of the settled or developed part of a country

Synonyms: countryside, outlands

Antonym: civilisation

Sentence: A century ago, eastern Germany was an agricultural hinterland.

9. CUE (noun) : संकेत

Pronunciation: cue

Meaning: thing said or done that serves as a signal; as in clue

Synonyms: clue, indication, hint

Antonyms: detach, add, ignore.

Sentence: The actor missed his cue and came onto the stage late.

10. MENDACITY (noun) : असत्य

Pronunciation: men·da·suh·tee

Meaning: a statement known by its maker to be untrue and made in order to deceive

Synonyms: lie, untruth, falsity

Antonyms: truth, veracity, honesty

Sentence: We demand legal warfare on deliberate political mendacity and its dissemination in the press.



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