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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. OBSEQUIIOUS (adj.): चापलूस

Pronunciation: uhb•see•kvee•uhs

Meaning: obedient or attentive to an excessive or servile degree.

Synonyms: servile, ingratiating, unctuous

Antonyms: insurgent, mutinous, mulish

Sentence: The salesman's obsequious manner was beginning to irritate me.

2. ABSURDITY (noun): मूर्खता

Pronunciation: uhb•suhd•uh•tee

Meaning: the quality or state of being ridiculous or wildly unreasonable.

Synonyms: preposterousness, ridiculousness, ludicrousness

Antonyms: prudence, sagacity, wisdom

Sentence: The absurdity of the situation made everyone laugh.

3. LINGER (verb): दीर्घकाल तक रहना

Pronunciation: ling•guh

Meaning: stay in a place longer than necessary because of a reluctance to leave.

Synonyms: wait around, stay, remain

Antonyms: vanish, disappear

Sentence: Unfortunately, the tax will linger until April.

4. POIGNANT (adj.): मा र्मेक

Pronunciation: poy•nynt

Meaning: evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret.

Synonyms: touching, pitiful, sad

Antonyms: unaffected, unemotional, unimpressive

Sentence: I found his speech deeply poignant.

5. ADDENDUM (noun): परि शष्ट

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.

6. VAINGLORIOUS (adj.): गुमानी

Pronunciation: vayn·glaw·ree·uhs

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

Synonyms: assured, biggety, complacent

Antonyms: egoless, humble, modest

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

7. HUMBUG (noun): पाखण्ड

Pronunciation: huhm·buhg

Meaning: deceptive or false talk or behavior.

Synonyms: hypocrisy, insincerity, dishonesty

Antonyms: original, genuine

Sentence: There were all the usual humbug and obligatory compliments from ministers.

8. SACKED (verb): बर्खास्त

Pronunciation: sakt

Meaning: to let go from office, service, or employment

Synonyms: dismissed, fired, discharged

Antonyms: employed, engaged, hired

Sentence: He was sacked for computer misuse.

9. UNBOSOM (verb): प्रकट करना

Pronunciation: uhn·bu·zm

Meaning: disclose (one's thoughts or secrets).

Synonyms: disclose, discover, divulge

Antonyms: cloak, conceal, enshroud

Sentence: You'll feel better if you unbosom your sorrows to me.

10. DERANGE (verb): उन्मत्त कर देना

Pronunciation: duh·raynj

Meaning: cause (someone) to become insane.

Synonyms: demented, unhinge

Antonyms: relax, soothe, tranquilize

Sentence: Being stranded at night on a lonely road would derange anyone.

11. BELEAGUERED (ADJECTIVE): पीड़ित परेशान**Pronunciation:** buh·lee·guh**Meaning:** in a very difficult situation.**Synonyms:** Troubled, harassed**Antonyms:** Assisted, supported**Sentence:** The beleaguered company struggled to stay afloat amidst financial difficulties.**12. NEGOTIATOR (NOUN):** समझौता कर्ता**Pronunciation:** neh·goh·shee·ay·tuh**Meaning:** a person who conducts negotiations.**Synonyms:** Mediator, Arbiter**Antonyms:** Agitator, Provoker**Sentence:** The negotiator was able to facilitate a peaceful resolution to the conflict.**13. FATAL (ADJECTIVE):** घातक**Pronunciation:** fayt·uhl**Meaning:** causing death.**Synonyms:** Deadly, Lethal**Antonyms:** fortuitous, lucky, fortunate**Sentence:** The accident resulted in fatal injuries, and unfortunately, the driver did not survive.**14. HAZARDS (NOUN):** आपदाएं, खतरे**Pronunciation:** ha·zuhdz**Meaning:** a danger or risk.**Synonyms:** Dangers, Risks**Antonyms:** Protections, Security**Sentences:** It is important to be aware of the hazards associated with working in a construction site.**15. ERODE (VERB):** खत्म करना**Pronunciation:** ee·rode**Meaning:** to diminish or destroy by degrees.**Synonyms:** Corrode, Ruining**Antonyms:** Restoring, Reviving**Sentence:** Wind and rain have eroded the statues into shapeless lumps of stone.**16. ENTAILED (VERB):** आवश्यक बना देना**Pronunciation:** uhn·tayld

Meaning: involve(something) as a necessary or inevitable part or consequence.

Synonyms: Necessitate

Antonyms: Preclude

Sentence: Such a large investment inevitably entails some risk.

17. INTRUSIVE (ADJECTIVE): दखल देने वाला

Pronunciation: uhñ·troos·uhv

Meaning: causing disruption or annoyance through being unwelcome or uninvited.

Synonyms: Intruding, Invasive

Antonyms: Uninvolved

Sentence: Intrusive reporters disturbed their privacy.

18. HEAPED (VERB): ढेर लगाना

Pronunciation: heept

Meaning: (of a spoon or other receptacle) having its contents piled above the brim or edge.

Synonyms: Bundle, Stack

Antonyms: Part, Individual

Sentence: I'm going to heap all the leaves up over there.

19. RUINOUS (ADJECTIVE): वनाशकारी

Pronunciation: roo·uhn·uhs

Meaning: disastrous or destructive.

Synonyms: Catastrophic, Disastrous

Antonyms: Fortunate, Beneficial

Sentence: The bank had capital to spare, which they lost in a series of ruinous takeovers.

20. ANTICIPATE (VERB): पूर्वानुमान करना

Pronunciation: an·ti·suh·payt

Meaning: regard as probable; expect or predict.

Synonyms: Foresee, Predict

Antonyms: Surprised

Sentence: The author anticipated objections to his theory.

21. CHURLISH (ADJECTIVE): अक्खड़, असभ्य

Pronunciation: chuhl·uhsh

Meaning: ill-mannered, or surly in behavior.

Synonyms: Gruff, Impolite, Uncivil

Antonyms: Kind, Courteous

Sentence: His churlish behavior at the dinner party offended many guests.

22. RELENTLESS (ADJECTIVE): दयाहीन**Pronunciation:** ruh·lent·luhs**Meaning:** determined to do something and refuses to give up, even if what they are doing is unpleasant or cruel.**Synonyms:** Rigorous, Continuative**Antonyms:** Softening, Weak**Sentence:** He was the most relentless enemy I have ever known.**23. CONSTRAINED (VERB): ववशक्याहुआ****Pronunciation:** kuhn·straynd**Meaning:** to limit their development or force them to behave in a particular way.**Synonyms:** Contrived, Restrained, Repressed**Antonyms:** Relaxed**Sentence:** I felt free to speak to her without constraint.**24. PERCEIVED (VERB): देखना/समझना****Pronunciation:** puh·seevd**Meaning:** to become aware of (something) through the senses, esp. the sight; recognize or observe.**Synonyms:** Grasped, Noticed**Antonyms:** Avoid, Dodge**Sentence:** A key task is to get pupils to perceive for themselves the relationship between success and effort.**25. PLEAD (VERB): अपील करना****Pronunciation:** pled**Meaning:** to make an earnest or emotional appeal, especially in a legal or formal context.**Synonyms:** Implore, Beseech**Antonyms:** Dismiss, disregard**Sentence:** The defense attorney pleaded for a lenient sentence for his client, highlighting the extenuating circumstances.**26. OUTRAGE (VERB): अत्याचार****Pronunciation:** out·rage**Meaning:** to provoke anger, shock, or offend someone.**Synonyms:** Indignation, Fury**Antonyms:** Praise, Calmness, Composure**Sentence:** His insensitive comments outraged the entire community.

27. STAGGERING (ADJECTIVE): हैरान कर देने वाला**Pronunciation:** sta·guh·ruhng**Meaning:** a sense of shock or disbelief due to the magnitude or scale of something.**Synonyms:** Astounding, Monumental**Antonyms:** Paltry, Meagre**Sentence:** The company announced a staggering increase in profits, exceeding all expectations.**28. CAGEY (ADJECTIVE):** सतर्क**Pronunciation:** kay·jee**Meaning:** someone who is cautious, wary, or reluctant to reveal information or intentions.**Synonyms:** Shrewd, Wary, Cunning**Antonyms:** Naive, Candid**Sentence:** The detective was cagey about sharing details of the investigation to maintain confidentiality.**29. ALLURE (NOUN):** प्रलोभन**Pronunciation:** uh·lyoh**Meaning:** the quality of being attractive, charming, or fascinating, As a Verb (to attract, entice, or tempt someone.)**Synonyms:** Appeal, Charm**Antonyms:** Aversion, Disgust**Sentence:** The allure of the exotic beach destination drew many tourists.**30. IMMACULATELY (ADVERB):** बिना कोई दोष के**Pronunciation:** uh·ma·kyoo·luht·lee**Meaning:** a perfectly clean, neat, or flawless manner.**Synonyms:** Pristinely, Exquisitely**Antonyms:** Sloppily, Untidily**Sentence:** She dressed immaculately for the important job interview, impressing the interviewer with her attention to detail.**31. INCIPIENT (ADJECTIVE):** प्रारंभक**Pronunciation:** uhn·si·pee·uhnt**Meaning:** to develop, emerge, or show signs of existence.**Synonyms:** Nascent, Inchoate**Antonyms:** Mature, Advance**Sentence:** The team recognized the incipient stages of the project and took immediate action to ensure its success.

32. BULLISH (ADJECTIVE): तेजी

Pronunciation: bul·uhsh

Meaning: refer to a positive or optimistic outlook or sentiment.

Synonyms: Upbeat, Enthusiastic

Antonyms: Doubtful, Bearish

Sentence: Investors are feeling bullish about the stock market, anticipating a strong upward trend.

33. OMINOUS (ADJECTIVE): अशुभ

Pronunciation: aw·muh·nuhs

Meaning: giving the impression that something bad or unpleasant is going to happen.

Synonyms: Menacing, Foreboding, Threatening

Antonyms: Reassuring, Comforting, Auspicious

Sentence: The dark clouds and rumbling thunder were ominous signs of an approaching storm.

34. SUBVERTS (VERB): तख्ता पलटना

Pronunciation: suhb·vuhts

Meaning: to try to destroy or damage something.

Synonyms: Undermines, Sabotages

Antonyms: Supports, Upholds, Reinforces

Sentence: The group of activists aimed to subvert the oppressive regime by spreading awareness and organizing peaceful protests.

35. ADMONISHED (VERB): डाँटना, फटकारना

Pronunciation: uhd·maw·nuhsht

Meaning: to reprimand or scold someone firmly.

Synonyms: Reproached, Chastised, Rebuked

Antonyms: Praised, Commended, Applauded

Sentence: The teacher admonished the student for constantly interrupting the class and reminded him of the importance of respecting others' turns to speak.

36. SPLINTERED (verb): टुकड़ों में टूटना

Pronunciation: splint·uhd

Meaning: broken or shattered into small, sharp fragments.

Synonyms: Broken, Fractured

Antonyms: Intact, Unbroken

Sentence: The window pane was splintered into countless pieces after the baseball hit it with great force.

37. CONTRAVENTION (NOUN): उल्लंघन**Pronunciation:** kawn·truh·ven·shn**Meaning:** violating or going against a law, rule.**Synonyms:** Infringement, Breach, Transgression**Antonyms:** Compliance, Adherence, Observance**Sentence:** The company's dumping of hazardous waste into the river was in contravention of environmental regulations, leading to severe penalties and legal consequences.**38. BLEAKNESS (NOUN):** उत्साहहीनता**Pronunciation:** bleek·nuhs**Meaning:** lacking in hope or cheerfulness.**Synonyms:** Desolation, Dreariness, Gloom**Antonyms:** Brightness, Optimism**Sentence:** The abandoned house stood in stark bleakness, with broken windows and overgrown weeds, reflecting the desolation of its surroundings.**39. RUSE (NOUN):** धोखा**Pronunciation:** rooz**Meaning:** a trick or clever plan.**Synonyms:** Trick, Ploy, Scheme, Deception**Antonyms:** Honesty, Truthfulness, Sincerity**Sentence:** The thief used a clever ruse to distract the security guard while his accomplice stole the valuable painting from the gallery.**40. ARSON (NOUN):** आग लगाने का अपराध**Pronunciation:** aa·sn**Meaning:** the criminal act of intentionally setting fire to property, typically with malicious intent or to commit insurance fraud.**Synonyms:** Fire-raising, Incendiarism**Antonyms:** Firefighting, fire prevention**Sentence:** The authorities suspected arson as the cause of the massive warehouse fire, as there were signs of accelerants and multiple points of origin.**41. CAPACIOUS (ADJECTIVE):** वशाल**Pronunciation:** kuh·pay·shuhs**Meaning:** a space or container that is able to hold or accommodate a significant amount.**Synonyms:** Spacious, Roomy, Ample**Antonyms:** Compact, Cramped, Narrow

Sentence: She was known for her capricious behavior, often changing her mind without reason.

42. PRANCE (VERB): उछल-कूद

Pronunciation: praans

Meaning: to move with high spirits or lively steps, especially in a playful or proud manner.

Synonyms: Dance, Skip, Strut, Caper, Frolic

Antonyms: Stumble, Trudge, Plod, Lumber

Sentence: The horse can prance elegantly, lifting its hooves high in a display of controlled energy.

43. VEILED (ADJECTIVE): घूँघट में

Pronunciation: vayld

Meaning: concealed or hidden.

Synonyms: Covered, Masked, Obscured

Antonyms: Revealed, Exposed, Clear

Sentence: The politician's speech contained veiled criticism of the opposing party.

44. VANDALISED (VERB): तोड़-फोड़

Pronunciation: van·dal·ized

Meaning: to intentionally damage, destroy, or deface property or public belongings.

Synonyms: Defaced, Desecrated

Antonyms: Restored, Repaired, Preserved

Sentence: The teenagers were caught vandalizing the bus stop with spray paint.

45. SWARMED (VERB): झुण्ड

Pronunciation: svawmd

Meaning: to gather or move in a large number or group, often in a rapid and overwhelming manner.

Synonyms: Teemed, Crowded, Inundated

Antonyms: Dispersed, Scattered, Isolated

Sentence: The fans swarmed the stage after the concert.

46. ABETMENT (NOUN): सहयोग

Pronunciation: abet-ment

Meaning: act of encouraging, aiding, or assisting someone in committing a crime or wrongdoing.

Synonyms: Assistance, Support, Encouragement

Antonyms: Hindrance, Deterrence, Opposition

Sentence: The court found him guilty of abetment in the robbery.

47. INTRIGUED (ADJECTIVE): उत्सुक, आकर्षित

Pronunciation: uhn·treegd

Meaning: to make somebody very interested and wanting to know more.

Synonyms: Fascinated, Captivated, Engrossed

Antonyms: Indifferent, Uninterested, Bored

Sentence: She was intrigued by the strange symbols on the ancient artifact.

48. SHACKLES (NOUN): हथकड़ी

Pronunciation: sha·klz

Meaning: metal restraints or chains used to confine or restrain a person's wrists or ankles.

Synonyms: Handcuffs, Manacles, Fetters

Antonyms: Freedom, Liberation

Sentence: The prisoner's wrists were bound tightly with cold, steel shackles, preventing any chance of escape from the maximum-security prison.

49. SKIDDED (VERB): फसलन

Pronunciation: skid·uhd

Meaning: to suddenly slide forwards or sideways without any Control.

Synonyms: Glided, Skated, Careened

Antonyms: Stopped, Halted, Stayed

Sentence: The car skidded on the icy road, causing the driver to lose control and collide with a nearby lamppost.

50. ORCHESTRATE (VERB): योजना बनाना

Pronunciation: aw·kuh·strayt

Meaning: to plan, organize, or arrange events, actions, or elements in a deliberate and coordinated manner.

Synonyms: Coordinate

Antonyms: Disrupt, Dismantle, Disperse

Sentence: The opposition party orchestrated a protest against the new bill.

51. CULINARY (ADJECTIVE): रसोईया

Pronunciation: kuh·luh·nuh·ree

Meaning: a relating to cooking, food preparation, or the art of preparing and presenting food.

Synonyms: Gastronomic, Epicurean

Antonyms: Non cooking

Sentence: The culinary delights of the restaurant impressed the diners, who savored each expertly prepared dish.

52. FLURRY (NOUN): घबराहट

Pronunciation: fluh·ree

Meaning: a short time in which there is suddenly a lot of activity.

Synonyms: Bustle, Commotion

Antonyms: Calm, Stillness

Sentence: As the snow started falling, children ran outside with great excitement, creating a flurry of laughter and snowball fights in the neighborhood.

53. PROCURE (VERB): प्राप्त करना

Pronunciation: pruh·kyaw

Meaning: obtain (something), especially with care or effort.

Synonyms: Obtain, Acquire

Antonyms: Lose, Surrender

Sentence: She managed to procure a rare book from the library.

54. WILDERNESSES (NOUN): जंगली इलाका

Pronunciation: vil·duh·nuhs·uhz

Meaning: an uncultivated, uninhabited, and inhospitable region.

Synonyms: Wilds, Forests

Antonyms: Civilization, Urbanization

Sentence: They embarked on a challenging expedition through the remote wildernesses of Alaska.

55. EXTERMINATE (VERB): समाप्त करना

Pronunciation: uhk·stuh·muh·nayt

Meaning: destroy completely.

Synonyms: Eliminate, Eradicate

Antonyms: Preserve, Protect

Sentence: The authorities are taking measures to exterminate the pests infesting the crops.

56. EXACERBATED (VERB): बिगाड़ देना

Pronunciation: uhg·za·suh·bayt·uhd

Meaning: make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse.

Synonyms: Aggravate, Intensify

Antonyms: Aid, Alleviate

Sentence: His angry comments have exacerbated tensions in the negotiation process.

57. SEEPED(VERB): रिसना**Pronunciation:** seep·t**Meaning:** (of a liquid) flow or leak slowly through porous material or small holes.**Synonyms:** Ooze, Trickle**Antonyms:** Flooded, Surged**Sentence:** The chemicals seeped into the ground.**58. MALAISE(NOUN):** बेचैनी**Pronunciation:** muh·layz**Meaning:** a general feeling of being slightly ill or unhappy without any particular reason.**Synonyms:** Uneasiness, Unhappiness**Antonyms:** Wellness**Sentence:** The country's current economic problems are symptoms of a deeper malaise.**59. DOGGED (ADJECTIVE):** हठी**Pronunciation:** dog·ged**Meaning:** refusing to give up even when something is difficult.**Synonyms:** Tenacious, Obstinate**Antonyms:** Hesitant, Flexible**Sentence:** Her dogged determination to uncover the truth about the scandal led to her winning a reporting prize.**60. SWASHBUCKLING (ADJECTIVE):** रोमांचक और उत्साहपूर्ण**Pronunciation:** svawsh·buh·kuhl·uhng**Meaning:** engaging in daring and romantic adventures with bravado or flamboyance.**Synonyms:** Swaggering, Heroic**Antonyms:** Timid**Sentence:** He has not been the same swashbuckling player since suffering a knee injury.

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