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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. PRISTINE (adjective) – बेदाग

Pronunciation: pri·steen

Meaning: clean and fresh as if new

Synonyms: spotless, immaculate, perfect, unspoiled, flawless, clean, fresh

Antonyms: dirty, sullied

Usage: My uncle's antique car is pristine and has all its original parts.

2. SERMON (noun) – उपदेश

Pronunciation: suh·muhn

Meaning: a lecture

Synonyms: lecture, tirade, harangue, diatribe, speech, monologue, declamation

Antonyms: commendation

Usage: The guest speaker preached a moving sermon about forgiveness.

3. INDECISION (noun) – असमंजस

Pronunciation: in·duh·si·zhn

Meaning: the inability to make a decision quickly

Synonyms: irresolution, hesitancy, hesitation, ambivalence, doubt, uncertainty

Antonyms: decision, decisiveness

Usage: His indecision caused him to lose the chance of a new challenging job.

4. AMBIVALENT (adjective) – उभयभावी

Pronunciation: am·bi·vuh·luhnt

Meaning: having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone

Synonyms: equivocal, uncertain, unsure, doubtful, indecisive, inconclusive, irresolute

Antonyms: unequivocal, certain

Usage: When it comes to the election, I am ambivalent about the candidates.

5. IMPUGN (verb) – बहस करना

Pronunciation: uhm·pyoon

Meaning: to attack as false or questionable

Synonyms: challenge, question, dispute, query, impeach


Antonyms: support

Usage: It was the detective's job to impugn all the statements made by the suspects.

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6. BUMBLE (verb) – लड़खड़ाना

Pronunciation: buhm·bl

Meaning: move or act in an awkward or confused manner

Synonyms: blunder, lurch, stumble, wobble, lumber, shamle, shuffle

Antonyms: efficient, expert

Usage: The old man bumbled along the road.

7. PASSIVE (adjective) – सहनशील

Pronunciation: pa·suhv

Meaning: accepting or allowing what happens or what others do, without active response or resistance

Synonyms: submissive, acquiescent, unresisting, yielding, unassertive, compliant, complaisant

Antonyms: active, assertive

Usage: She acted in passive obedience to her boss's directions.

8. RECURRENT (adjective) – आवर्तक

Pronunciation: ruh·kuh·ruhnt

Meaning: occurring often or repeatedly

Synonyms: repeated, recurring, repetitive, periodic, cyclical, cyclic, seasonal

Antonyms: isolated, single, unique

Usage: A dentist may decide to extract the tooth to prevent recurrent trouble.

9. SUBTLE (adjective) – सूक्ष्म

Pronunciation: suh·tl

Meaning: so delicate or precise as to be difficult to analyse or describe

Synonyms: fine, nice, overnice, minute, precise, narrow, tenuous

Antonyms: crude

Usage: In the game, people are asked to identify the subtle differences between the similar pictures.

10. ASSET (noun) – संपत्ति

Pronunciation: a·set

Meaning: an individual, quality, or thing that is considered valuable

Synonyms: property, resources, advantage, strength, estate, talent, wealth

Antonyms: liability, handicap

Usage: A sense of humor is a great asset in this business.

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