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Some exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read their usages to learn how to use them in sentences. This will really help you boost up your learning.

Happy Learning!!!

1. RAMPAGE (noun, verb) – उपद्रव, कोलाहल

Pronunciation: ram-peij

Meaning: (especially of a large group of people) move through a place in a violent and uncontrollable manner; a period of violent and uncontrollable behaviour by a group of people

Synonyms: riot, run riot; berserk, wild, violent, frenzied

Usage: Gangs of youths went on the rampage in the city yesterday.

2. REVILE (verb) – बुरा भला कहना

Pronunciation: ri-vail

Meaning: criticize in an abusive or angrily insulting manner

Synonyms: criticize, censure, condemn

Antonyms: praise, extol

Usage: They feared that he would revile them if they displeased him.

3. CHANT (verb, noun) – गुनगुनाना, रट लगाना

Pronunciation: shant

Meaning: a repeated rhythmic phrase, typically one shouted or sung in unison by a crowd; say or shout repeatedly in a sing-song tone

Synonyms: shout, cry, slogan; sing, chorus, carol, repeat

Usage:

- The subject of his poem is to chant the praises of labour heroes. (verb)
- A group of young people set up a chant of 'Why are we waiting?' (noun)

4. ELEPHANTINE (adjective) – गजरूप, बेडौल, भद्दा

Pronunciation: eli-fan-tain

Meaning: very large like an elephant; not graceful; awkward or clumsy

Synonyms: enormous, huge, great, massive, giant, immense

Antonym: small, little, minute

Usage: She's so tiny; she makes me feel elephantine.

5. GLINT (verb) – झलकना, जगमगाहट

Pronunciation: glint

Meaning: give out or reflect small flashes of light

Synonyms: shine, gleam, glitter, sparkle, twinkle

Usage: Among the trees I caught a glint of blue.

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6. SPLINTER (noun, verb) – किरच

Pronunciation: splin-tur

Meaning: a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or similar material broken off from a larger piece; break or cause to break into small sharp fragments

Synonyms: sliver, shiver, chip, shard; shatter, smash

Antonyms: log, timber

Usage:

- A small splinter of metal had lodged in his thumb. (noun)
- The mirror cracked but did not splinter. (verb)

7. DEFAMATION (noun) – मानहानि, बदनामी

Pronunciation: defum-eishun

Meaning: the action of damaging the good reputation of someone

Synonyms: libel, slander, character assassination, calumny, vilification

Antonym: commendation

Usage: It was a pure case of defamation because the athlete had never abused his wife.

8. SUE (verb) – मुकदमा चलाना

Pronunciation: syoo

Meaning: institute legal proceedings against (a person or institution); appeal formally to a person for something

Synonyms: charge, appeal; petition, ask, beg, plead, entreat, prosecute

Usage:

- He has threatened to sue the company for negligence.
- The rebels were forced to sue for peace.

9. NUB (noun) – मर्म, निचोड़

Pronunciation: nub

Meaning: central point of a matter

Synonyms: crux, core, heart, centre, nucleus, essence

Usage: The nub of the problem is our poor export performance.

10. SCAMP (noun) – शरारती

Pronunciation: skamp

Meaning: a person, especially a child, who is mischievous in a likeable or amusing way

Synonyms: imp, rogue, wretch, mischief-maker, troublemaker

Antonyms: innocent

Usage: That little scamp, Jimmy, has hidden my slippers again.

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