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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. RECUPERATE (verb) – स्वस्थ हो जाना

Pronunciation: ruh·koo·puh·reit

Meaning: recover from illness or exertion

Synonyms: recover, convalesce, improve, revive, pull through

Antonyms: devolve, degenerate, deteriorate

Usage: The patient did not recuperate as rapidly as the doctor had expected.

2. VICINITY (noun) – आस-पास

Pronunciation: vuh·si·nuh·tee

Meaning: portend the area near or surrounding a particular place

Synonyms: neighborhood, locality, locale, environs, surroundings, locus, vicinage

Antonyms: distance, remoteness, faraway

Usage: There is no hospital in the immediate vicinity.

3. PARTAKE (verb) – हिस्सा लेना, भाग लेना

Pronunciation: paa·teik

Meaning: join in an activity

Synonyms: participate, share, contribute, take part in, engage in, enter into, join in

Antonyms: forfeit, forego, abstain

Usage: They preferred not to partake in the social life of the town.

4. ASTOUND (verb) – हक्का बक्का

Pronunciation: uh·stawnd

Meaning: shock or greatly surprise

Synonyms: amaze, astonish, stagger, surprise, startle, stun, confound, dumbfound, stupefy, daze

Antonyms: refrain, defend, dullness

Usage: The illusionist's show is sure to astound everyone in the audience.

5. ABERRATION (noun) – असामान्यता

Pronunciation: a·buh·rei·shn

Meaning: a departure from what is normal, usual, or expected, typically an unwelcome one

Synonyms: anomaly, deviation, divergence, abnormality, irregularity, variation, rogue, rarity

Antonyms: normality, usualness, regularity

Usage: Janice has a medical aberration which causes her to blink constantly.

6. UNSCRUPULOUS (adjective) – बेशरम, बेईमान

Pronunciation: uhn·skroo·pyoo·luhs

Meaning: having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair

Synonyms: unprincipled, unethical, immoral, shameless, exploitative, corrupt, dishonest

Antonyms: ethical, honest, moral

Usage: In his desire for power, he has become thoroughly unscrupulous.

7. AVID (adjective) – उत्सुक

Pronunciation: a·vuhd

Meaning: having or showing a keen interest in or enthusiasm for something

Synonyms: keen, eager, enthusiastic, ardent, passionate, devoted, dedicated

Antonyms: apathetic, disinterested, unexcited

Usage: He took an avid interest in the project.

8. AUTONOMOUS (adjective) – स्वराज्य के अधीन

Pronunciation: aw·to·nuh·muhs

Meaning: having the freedom to govern itself or control its own affairs

Synonyms: self-governing, independent, sovereign, free, self-ruling, self-determining

Antonyms: dependent, subservient, subject

Usage: Galicia is an autonomous region of Spain.

9. FEUD (noun) – झगड़ा, चिरस्थायी कलह

Pronunciation: fyoo·d

Meaning: a prolonged and bitter quarrel or dispute

Synonyms: quarrel, fight, argue, bicker, dispute, clash

Antonyms: friendliness, clanship, agreement

Usage: Other great nobles were at perpetual feud with the towns whose wealth they coveted.

10. INSULARITY (noun) – संकीर्णता

Pronunciation: in·syoo·la·ruh·tee

Meaning: ignorance of or lack of interest in cultures, ideas, or peoples outside one's own experience

Synonyms: parochialism, provincialism, localism, narrowness, pettiness, myopia, inflexibility

Antonyms: tolerance, accessibility

Usage: It was a typical case of British chauvinism and insularity.

11. DOTE (verb) – अति स्नेह करना

Pronunciation: dɔwt

Meaning: be extremely and uncritically fond of

Synonyms: adore, cherish, admire, pamper, nurture

Antonyms: insult, offend, criticize

Usage: My grandmother loves to dote on her grandchildren and sends us many gifts.

12. FRACAS (noun) – कोलाहल

Pronunciation: frak·ah

Meaning: a noisy disagreement or quarrel

Synonyms: disturbance, quarrel, scuffle, brawl, affray, tussle, melee

Antonyms: agreement, harmony, peace

Usage: The husband and wife were fined by the judge for starting a fracas in court.

13. VACUOUS (adjective) – भावशून्य

Pronunciation: va·kyoo·uhs

Meaning: void of expression

Synonyms: blank, vacant, expressionless, deadpan, inscrutable, inexpressive, emotionless

Antonyms: expressive, emotional, demonstrative

Usage: She had a vacuous smile on her face.

14. PLUMPNESS (noun) – मोटापा

Pronunciation: pluhmp·nuhs

Meaning: the bodily property of being well rounded

Synonyms: fatness, stoutness, corpulence, bulkiness, obesity

Antonyms: skinniness, thinness, slimness

Usage: Her plumpness never restricted her movements.

15. INAUGURAL (adjective) – अभिषेकात्मक

Pronunciation: uh·naw·guh·ruhl

Meaning: marking the beginning of an institution, activity, or period of office

Synonyms: first, initial, introductory, launching, opening, maiden

Antonyms: final, closing, ending

Usage: During his inaugural speech, the new president discussed the things he planned to do during his first few days in the White House.

16. OSTRACIZE (verb) – निष्कासित करना

Pronunciation: os·truh·sahyz

Meaning: exclude from a society or group

Synonyms: exclude, shun, ban, reject, repudiate, boycott, blacklist

Antonyms: accept, befriend, include

Usage: Bill knew his community would ostracize him after his release from prison so he moved to another town.

17. INCARCERATE (verb) – बांधना, कैद करना

Pronunciation: uhn·kaa·suh·reit

Meaning: imprison or confine

Synonyms: imprison, confine, impound, detain, hold, cage, constrain

Antonyms: free, liberate, release

Usage: Because the king is opposed to executions, he'll incarcerate the traitor for life.

18. GRAPPLE (verb) – हाथापाई करना, पकड़ना

Pronunciation: gra·pl

Meaning: engage in a close fight or struggle without weapons

Synonyms: wrestle, struggle, tussle, brawl, fight, scuffle, clash, combat, battle, close, engage

Antonyms: avoid, dodge, evade

Usage: They managed to grapple him to the ground.

19. JEOPARDY (noun) – खतरा

Pronunciation: jeh·puh·dee

Meaning: danger of loss, harm, or failure

Synonyms: danger, peril, endangerment, insecurity, precariousness, uncertainty, instability

Antonyms: safety, security, protection

Usage: Thousands of jobs are in jeopardy.

20. EMANATION (noun) – निर्गम

Pronunciation: eh·muh·nei·shn

Meaning: something which originates or issues from a source

Synonyms: product, consequence, result, fruit, emission, secretion, effluent, efflux

Antonyms: flux, income, inflow

Usage: Perfume is an emanation from the flower.

21. INOCULATE (verb) – रोगक्षम करना

Pronunciation: uh·no·kyoo·leit

Meaning: treat with a vaccine to produce immunity against a disease

Synonyms: immunize, vaccinate, inject, protect from, shield from

Antonyms: deprive, weaken

Usage: His dogs were inoculated against rabies.

22. MORDANT (adjective) – चुभनेवाला

Pronunciation: maw·dnt

Meaning: having or showing a sharp or critical quality

Synonyms: caustic, trenchant, biting, cutting, acerbic, sardonic, sarcastic

Antonyms: vague, uncritical

Usage: Actors feared the critic's mordant pen.

23. CRESTFALLEN (adjective) – निराश, उदास

Pronunciation: krest·faw·luhn

Meaning: sad and disappointed

Synonyms: downhearted, downcast, disheartened, discouraged, sad, glum, dismal

Antonyms: cheerful, elated

Usage: The young politician was crestfallen after not winning the election.

24. FUSTY (adjective) – दुर्गन्धयुक्त

Pronunciation: fuh·stee

Meaning: smelling stale, damp, or stuffy

Synonyms: stuffy, musty, stale, stagnant, airless, unventilated, close

Antonyms: airy, ventilated

Usage: This blanket smells a bit fusty.

25. OAF (noun) – गंवार

Pronunciation: owf

Meaning: a man who is rough or clumsy and unintelligent

Synonyms: lout, boor, fool, barbarian, churl, clown, gawk

Antonyms: genius, brain

Usage: He is just a big, clumsy oaf.

26. DROLL (adjective) – हास्यजनक

Pronunciation: drowl

Meaning: curious or unusual in a way that provokes dry amusement

Synonyms: funny, humorous, amusing, comical, mirthful, hilarious

Antonyms: serious, humorless

Usage: This children's story is charming, and the droll illustrations are delightful.

27. BRASH (adjective) – अभिमानी

Pronunciation: brash

Meaning: self-assertive in a rude, noisy, or overbearing way

Synonyms: self-assertive, assertive, cocksure, arrogant, thrusting, bold, audacious

Antonyms: meek, diffident

Usage: The brash reporter offended the celebrity with his insistent manner and lost out on an amazing interview.

28. ARCHAIC (adjective) – पुरातन

Pronunciation: aa·kei·uhk

Meaning: very old or old-fashioned

Synonyms: obsolete, obsolescent, anachronistic, old-fashioned, outmoded, bygone, antique

Antonyms: new, modern

Usage: The system is archaic and unfair and needs changing.

29. PENITENT (adjective) – पश्चातापी

Pronunciation: peh·nuh·tnt

Meaning: feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong

Synonyms: repentant, contrite, regretful, remorseful, sorry, apologetic, rueful

Antonyms: impenitent, unrepentant

Usage: The penitent thief returned the stolen item to the store.

30. PERCEPTIBLE (adjective) – प्रत्यक्ष

Pronunciation: puh·sep·tuh·bl

Meaning: able to be seen or noticed

Synonyms: noticeable, detectable, discernible, appreciable, visible, evident, observable

Antonyms: imperceptible, inconspicuous

Usage: Even from a distance, the tension between the two gang leaders was perceptible.

31. ABNEGATE (verb) – अस्वीकार करना

Pronunciation: ab·nuh·geit

Meaning: renounce or reject something desired or valuable

Synonyms: renounce, reject, refuse, abandon, spurn, abdicate, give up

Antonyms: accept, claim

Usage: The athlete decided to abnegate the unhealthy snack even though she really wanted to have a bite.

32. TIMOROUS (adjective) – भीरु, कायर

Pronunciation: ti·muh·ruhs

Meaning: showing or suffering from nervousness or a lack of confidence

Synonyms: fearful, apprehensive, faint-hearted, trembling, quaking, cowering, weak-kneed, shy

Antonyms: bold, brazen

Usage: The timorous soldier ran from his post when he saw the enemy approaching.

33. PLETHORA (noun) – बहुतायत

Pronunciation: pleh·thuh·ruh

Meaning: a large or excessive amount of something

Synonyms: excess, abundance, overabundance, superfluity, surfeit, profusion, surplus

Antonyms: dearth, lack

Usage: He eagerly accepted the job because it came with a plethora of opportunities.

34. PROVIDENTIAL (adjective) – भाग्यशाली, दैवी

Pronunciation: pro·vuh·den·shl

Meaning: occurring at a favorable time

Synonyms: opportune, advantageous, favourable, auspicious, propitious, lucky, fortunate

Antonyms: inopportune, unfortunate

Usage: It was providential that we missed the train that derailed.

35. AMORAL (adjective) – नीतिहीन

Pronunciation: ei·mo·ruhl

Meaning: lacking a moral sense

Synonyms: unprincipled, without standards, without morals, unethical, unscrupulous

Antonyms: moral, principled

Usage: She was amoral but honest.

36. LUSCIOUS (adjective) – सुस्वाद

Pronunciation: luh·shuhs

Meaning: having a pleasingly rich, sweet taste

Synonyms: delicious, succulent, lush, juicy, sweet, tasty, flavourful

Antonyms: unappetizing, distasteful

Usage: I wanted to take a bite of the luscious apple.

37. SNUG (adjective) – आरामदायक**Pronunciation:** snuhg**Meaning:** well protected from the weather or cold**Synonyms:** cozy, comfortable, warm, homely, cheerful, welcoming, friendly**Antonyms:** bleak, unwelcoming**Usage:** The snug sweater hugged the man's body tightly and helped him stay warm.**38. CAPITULATION (noun) – आत्म समर्पण****Pronunciation:** kuh·pi·chuh·lei·shn**Meaning:** the action of ceasing to resist an opponent or demand**Synonyms:** surrender, submission, yielding, succumbing, acquiescence, fall, defeat**Antonyms:** resistance, fight**Usage:** Waving a white flag in the air was the enemy's way of announcing their capitulation.**39. PERVERSE (adjective) – विकृत****Pronunciation:** puh·vuhs**Meaning:** showing a deliberate and obstinate desire to behave in a way that is unreasonable or unacceptable**Synonyms:** awkward, contrary, difficult, unreasonable, uncooperative, unhelpful, obstructive**Antonyms:** accommodating, cooperative**Usage:** What kind of perverse person would harm a small child?**40. CORROBORATE (verb) – समर्थन करना****Pronunciation:** kuh·ro·buh·reit**Meaning:** confirm or give support to**Synonyms:** confirm, verify, endorse, ratify, authenticate, validate, certify**Antonyms:** contradict, deny**Usage:** If his words are not enough, the evidence will corroborate his claim.**41. HEADY (adjective) – नशीला****Pronunciation:** heh·dee**Meaning:** potent and intoxicating**Synonyms:** potent, intoxicating, inebriating, strong, alcoholic, spirituous, vinous**Antonym:** non-alcoholic**Usage:** The wine was making her heady, but she let him refill her glass.**42. HISTRIONIC (adjective) – नाटकीय**

Pronunciation: hi·stree·o·nuhk

Meaning: excessively theatrical or dramatic in character or style

Synonyms: melodramatic, theatrical, affected, dramatic, exaggerated, stagy

Antonyms: unaffected, unaltered

Usage: The widow's histrionic screaming made the detectives suspicious.

43. EXHILARATE (verb) – आनन्दित करना

Pronunciation: uhg·zi·luh·reit

Meaning: make someone feel very happy, animated, or elated

Synonyms: thrill, excite, intoxicate, elate, delight, gladden, brighten

Antonyms: depress, boring

Usage: Because Ellen loves chocolate, your gift of a chocolate cake will exhilarate her.

44. DETERIORATE (verb) – बिगड़ना

Pronunciation: duh·teeuh·ree·uh·reit

Meaning: become progressively worse

Synonyms: worsen, decline, degenerate, decay, collapse, fail, fall, drop, sink

Antonyms: improve, enhance

Usage: The value of your car begins to deteriorate as soon as you drive the vehicle off the lot.

45. ANNULMENT (noun) – रद्द करना

Pronunciation: uh·nuhl·muhnt

Meaning: the act of annulling something

Synonyms: voiding, repeal, cancellation, rescinding, reversal, revocation, abolition

Antonyms: restoration, enactment

Usage: He may appeal to the Pope for an annulment of his 24-year marriage.

46. SCREECH (verb) – चीख

Pronunciation: skreech

Meaning: give a loud, harsh, piercing cry

Synonyms: shriek, squeal, squawk, howl, shout, yell, bellow

Antonyms: whisper, mumble

Usage: Maria hit her brother, causing him to screech with pain.

47. RANCOROUS (adjective) – द्वेषपूर्ण

Pronunciation: rang·kuh·ruhs

Meaning: characterized by bitterness or resentment

Synonyms: bitter, spiteful, hateful, resentful, acrimonious, malicious, malevolent

Antonyms: amicable, friendly

Usage: The debate in America over health care reform turned rancorous.

48. TOLERABLE (adjective) – सहनीय

Pronunciation: to·luh·ruh·bl

Meaning: able to be endured

Synonyms: bearable, endurable, admissible, manageable, pardonable, excusable, forgivable

Antonyms: intolerable, unbearable

Usage: The heat was tolerable at night but suffocating during the day.

49. AFFLICT (verb) – कष्ट देना

Pronunciation: uh·flikt

Meaning: cause pain or trouble to

Synonyms: trouble, bother, burden, distress, beset, harass, worry

Antonyms: comfort, ease

Usage: I don't want to afflict you with my troubles.

50. INVIGORATE (verb) – जान डालना

Pronunciation: uhn·vi·guh·reit

Meaning: give strength or energy to

Synonyms: revitalize, energize, refresh, revive, vivify, brace, rejuvenate

Antonyms: tire, tiring

Usage: As soon as the water hits the roots of the dehydrated plant, it will invigorate it.

51. IMPERTURABLE (adjective) – अविचलित

Pronunciation: im·puh·tuh·buh·bl

Meaning: unable to be upset or excited

Synonyms: composed, collected, calm, cool, poised, tranquil, serene

Antonyms: edgy, excitable

Usage: She was one of those imperturbable people who never get angry or upset.

52. DEFAMATORY (adjective) – अपवादक

Pronunciation: duh·fa·muh·tuh·ree

Meaning: damaging the good reputation of someone

Synonyms: libellous, slanderous, defaming, calumnious, vilifying, traducing, scandalous

Antonym: complimentary

Usage: The politician's defamatory comments were untrue but still ruined his opponent's standing in the community.

53. MALEDICTION (noun) – अभिशाप**Pronunciation:** ma•luh•dik•shn**Meaning:** a curse**Synonyms:** curse, oath, imprecation, anathema, voodoo, spell**Antonyms:** blessing, benediction**Usage:** In the fairytale, the angry witch invoked a malediction that turned the vain prince into a beast.**54. LUMINARY (noun) – प्रभावशाली व्यक्ति****Pronunciation:** loo•muh•nuh•ree**Meaning:** a person who inspires or influences others, especially one prominent in a particular sphere**Synonyms:** inspiration, leader, expert, master, panjandrum, dignitary, celebrity**Antonyms:** nobody, pleb**Usage:** As a luminary, Matt tries to inspire other people to assist the homeless in getting back on their feet.**55. RESOLUTE (adjective) – दृढ़****Pronunciation:** reh•zuh•loot**Meaning:** admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering**Synonyms:** determined, purposeful, purposive, resolved, decided, adamant, firm**Antonyms:** irresolute, half-hearted**Usage:** He was resolute in carrying out his plan.**56. RATIONAL (adjective) – तर्कसंगत****Pronunciation:** ra•shuh•nuhl**Meaning:** based on or in accordance with reason or logic**Synonyms:** logical, reasoned, sensible, reasonable, cogent, coherent, intelligent**Antonyms:** irrational, illogical**Usage:** Humans are essentially rational beings.**57. UNDOING (noun) – बरबादी****Pronunciation:** uhn•doo•uhng**Meaning:** a person's ruin or downfall**Synonyms:** downfall, defeat, conquest, vanquishing, toppling, deposition, ousting**Antonyms:** betterment, preferment**Usage:** A tip by an anonymous caller led to the murderer's undoing and his eventual arrest.

58. VIRTUOUS (adjective) – धर्मात्मा

Pronunciation: vuh•choo•uhs

Meaning: having or showing high moral standards

Synonyms: righteous, good, moral, ethical, upright, upstanding, principled

Antonyms: bad, sinful

Usage: Margaret was a virtuous woman who dedicated her life to helping others.

59. COUNTERMAND (verb) – प्रत्यादिष्ट करना

Pronunciation: kawn•tuh•maand

Meaning: revoke or cancel an order

Synonyms: revoke, rescind, reverse, undo, repeal, retract, withdraw

Antonyms: uphold, sustain

Usage: The government's decision to countermand prohibition made alcohol drinkers very happy.

60. UNBECOMING (adjective) – अनुपयुक्त

Pronunciation: uhn•buh•kuh•muhng

Meaning: not fitting or appropriate

Synonyms: inappropriate, unfitting, unbecoming, unsuitable, unsuited, inapt

Antonyms: becoming, proper, appropriate

Usage: It is unbecoming to go on hating an enemy like this once a conflict is over.

61. IGNOBLE (adjective) – अप्रतिष्ठित

Pronunciation: uhg•now•bl

Meaning: not honorable in character or purpose

Synonyms: dishonorable, unworthy, base, shameful, contemptible, despicable, shabby

Antonym: noble

Usage: The ignoble accountant was convicted of stealing money from his firm.

62. SALUTARY (adjective) – लाभदायक

Pronunciation: sa•lyoo•tuh•ree

Meaning: producing good effects; beneficial

Synonyms: beneficial, good, advantageous, profitable, productive, helpful, useful

Antonyms: unwelcome, irrelevant

Usage: The lab experiment provided salutary results that will help researchers learn the key to battling the disease.

63. RUMPLE (verb) – अस्त-व्यस्त

Pronunciation: ruhm•pl

Meaning: give a creased, ruffled, or disheveled appearance to

Synonyms: crumple, crease, wrinkle, tumble, crush, crinkle

Antonyms: smooth, even

Usage: You will rumple your jacket if you don't hang it up properly.

64. DUPLICITY (noun) – कपट

Pronunciation: dyoo·pli·suh·tee

Meaning: deceitfulness

Synonyms: deceit, deception, dishonesty, falsity, fraud, swindling, cheating

Antonyms: honesty, uprightness

Usage: Because Amanda is such a good liar, it is always hard to recognize her duplicity.

65. DORMANT (adjective) – निष्क्रिय

Pronunciation: daw·muhnt

Meaning: temporarily inactive

Synonyms: asleep, sleeping, slumbering, resting, reposing, drowsing, comatose

Antonyms: awake, active

Usage: Since the volcano is dormant right now, you do not have to be concerned about it erupting.

66. HEINOUS (adjective) – जघन्य

Pronunciation: hei·nuhs

Meaning: utterly odious or wicked

Synonyms: odious, wicked, evil, atrocious, monstrous, disgraceful, abominable

Antonyms: admirable, commendable

Usage: The criminal received the death penalty for his heinous crime.

67. AGGRAVATE (verb) – चिढ़ाना

Pronunciation: a·gruh·veit

Meaning: annoy or exasperate

Synonyms: annoy, irritate, exasperate, anger, irk, vex, nettle

Antonyms: calm, conciliate

Usage: His reactions to unpleasant situations tended to aggravate everyone's nerves.

68. RECALCITRANT (adjective) – अड़ियल

Pronunciation: ruh·kal·suh·truhnt

Meaning: having an obstinately uncooperative attitude towards authority or discipline

Synonyms: intractable, unmanageable, ungovernable, refractory, defiant, rebellious

Antonyms: amenable, docile, compliant

