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Here some exceptional English words from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are given with their synonyms/antonyms and usage. Hopefully, this will help you improve your vocabulary.

Happy Learning!!!

1. MALAPERT (adjective, noun) – बेशर्मा, गुस्ताख, मुंहजोर

Pronunciation: maluh-puht

Meaning: boldly disrespectful; not showing due respect for another person; a person who boldly disrespects others

Synonyms: impudent, impertinent, insolent, cheeky, audacious, brazen, shameless

Antonyms: polite, respectful

Usage:

- His malapert behavior was a constant source of frustration for his mother. (adjective)
- As a colonel, he is so strict that malaperts can't stand before him. (noun)

2. CAPER (verb, noun) – उछलना; उछाल

Pronunciation: kei-puh

Meaning: skip or dance about in a lively or playful way; a playful skipping movement

Synonyms: romp, jig, frisk, gambol, cavort, prance; hop, leap, jump, curvet, gambado, gambade

Usage:

- Children were capering about the room. (verb)
- The girl's caper cost her a twisted ankle. (noun)

3. APERTURE (noun) – छेद

Pronunciation: apuh-chuh

Meaning: an opening, hole, or gap

Synonyms: space, slit, slot, vent, passage, crevice, chink, crack, fissure

Usage: Through the aperture he could see daylight.

4. REGALE (verb) – मनोरंजक बातचीत करना; खाने-पीने की आपूर्ति करना

Pronunciation: ri-geil

Meaning: entertain or amuse (someone) with talk; lavishly supply (someone) with food or drink

Synonyms: delight, fascinate, captivate, beguile; feast, serve, feed

Usage:

- The sailor regaled us all night with stories of his adventures.
- She regaled the guests with the best dishes she could offer.

5. FLUFF (noun, verb) – चूक; फुज्जीदार बनाना; विफल होना

Pronunciation: fluf

Meaning: a mistake made in speaking or playing music, or by an actor in delivering their lines; make something appear fuller and softer by shaking or brushing it; fail to perform or complete a task successfully

Synonyms: error, gaffe, fault, slip; bungle, mess up, foul up, screw up

Antonyms: get right, succeed in

Usage:

- She made countless fluffs in front of the camera while shooting a scene for an advertisement. (noun)
- Let me fluff up your pillows for you. (verb)
- I fluffed my driving test three times. (verb)

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6. PEDAGOGUE (adjective) – शिक्षाविशारद

Pronunciation: peduh-gog

Meaning: a teacher, especially a strict or excessively concerned with minor details or rules

Synonyms: teacher, schoolteacher, schoolmaster, schoolmistress, master, mistress, tutor, coach

Usage: He was a French historian and pedagogue.

7. SUPERANNUATE (verb) – पेंशन के साथ सेवामुक्त करना

Pronunciation: soopuh-renyu-eit

Meaning: retire (someone) with a pension

Synonyms: retire, pension

Usage: You cannot superannuate your boss.

8. BOUQUET (noun) – गुलदस्ता; प्रशंसा; महक

Pronunciation: bu-kei

Meaning: an attractively arranged bunch of flowers; an expression of approval; the characteristic scent of a wine or perfume

Synonyms: posy, nosegay; compliment, commendation, accolade, eulogy; aroma, fragrance, perfume, scent, odour

Usage:

- Amelia was holding a huge bouquet of flowers.
- We will happily publish the bouquets.
- This wine has a rich bouquet.

9. QUIRK (noun) – व्यवहार का विशेष या अनोखा पहलू

Pronunciation: kwuhk

Meaning: a peculiar aspect of a person's character or behaviour

Synonyms: idiosyncrasy, peculiarity, oddity, eccentricity, foible

Usage: Janice has this irritating quirk of rolling her eyes whenever she speaks.

10. CUSHY (adjective) – सरल, सहज

Pronunciation: kushi

Meaning: (of a job or situation) undemanding, easy, or secure

Synonyms: easy, undemanding, untaxing, comfortable

Antonyms: difficult, demanding

Usage: I wish I had a nice cushy job like her.

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