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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. STERN (adj.) : कठोर

Pronunciation: stuhn

Meaning: (of a person or their manner) serious and unrelenting, especially in the assertion of authority and exercise of discipline.

Synonyms: serious, unsmiling, frowning

Antonyms: clement, forbearing, gentle

Sentence: He was a stern critic but an extremely kindly man.

2. CAVEAT (noun) : चेतावनी

Pronunciation: ka·vee·at

Meaning: a warning or proviso of specific stipulations, conditions, or limitations.

Synonyms: warning, caution, admonition

Antonyms: commendation, praise, regard

Sentence: There are a number of caveats which concern the validity of the assessment results.

3. GAMUT (noun) : सीमा

Pronunciation: ga·muht

Meaning: the complete range or scope of something.

Synonyms: range, spectrum, span

Antonyms: extreme, height, insignificance

Sentence: College life opened up a whole gamut of new experiences.

4. MUNIFICENT (adj.) : उदार

Pronunciation: myoo·ni·fuh·snt

Meaning: (of a gift or sum of money) larger or more generous than is usual or necessary.

Synonyms: generous, bountiful, openhanded

Antonyms: mean, cheap, thrifty

Sentence: A former student has donated a munificent sum of money to the college.

5. BRAWL (noun) : विवाद

Pronunciation: brawl

Meaning: a rough or noisy fight or quarrel.

Synonyms: fight, tussle, quarrel

Antonyms: quiet, silence

Sentence: He'd got into a drunken brawl in a bar.

6.GRUELING (adj.) : भीषण

Pronunciation: groo·luhng

Meaning: extremely tiring and demanding.

Synonyms: exhausting, tiring, fatiguing

Antonyms: facile, light, simple

Sentence: The President was working grueling eighteen-hour days trying to save the Great Deal.

7.HASTY (adj.) : तेज़

Pronunciation: hayst·ee

Meaning: done or acting with excessive speed or urgency; hurried.

Synonyms: quick, hurried, fast

Antonyms: deliberate, unhurried, unrushed

Sentence: They shouldn't have made such a hasty decision.

8.GRUESOME (adj.) : भयंकर

Pronunciation: groo·sm

Meaning: causing repulsion or horror; grisly.

Synonyms: frightful, horrid, fearful

Antonyms: cheering, comforting, soothing

Sentence: There has been a series of gruesome murders in the capital.

9.ABOMINABLE (adj.) : घिनौना

Pronunciation: uh·baw·muh·nuh·bl

Meaning: causing moral revulsion.

Synonyms: loathsome, detestable, hateful

Antonyms: innocuous, inoffensive, healthy

Sentence: The uprising was suppressed with abominable cruelty.

10.FLEDGLING (noun): अनुभवहीन मनुष्य

Pronunciation: flej·luhng

Meaning: a person who is just starting out in a field of activity

Synonyms: learner, student, trainee

Antonyms: expert, master, veteran

Sentence: In my junior year a friend, a fledgling pilot, taught me the basics of handling a small plane.

11.FELONIOUS (adj.): दुष्ट

Pronunciation: fuh•lone•ee•uhs

Meaning: relating to or involved in crime.

Synonyms: illegal, illicit, unlawful

Antonyms: lawful, legal, legitimate

Sentence: A pack of felonious goons is wreaking havoc on Metro City!

12.SENTINEL (noun): पहरदार

Pronunciation: sen•tuhn•uhl

Meaning: a soldier or guard whose job is to stand and keep watch.

Synonyms: bodyguard, convoy, defender

Antonyms: traitor, decoy

Sentence: The sentinel was stationed on a hill.

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13.ENCAPSULATES (verb): संक्षेप

Pronunciation: en•kap•syoo•layts

Meaning: express the essential features of (something) succinctly.

Synonyms: summarize, abstracts, sums up

Antonyms: elongates, extends, lengthens

Sentence: Can you encapsulate the speech in about a paragraph?

14.RECIPROCITY (noun): आदान-प्रदान करना

Pronunciation: reh•suh•praw•suh•tee

Meaning: the practice of exchanging things with others for mutual benefit, especially privileges granted by one country or organization to another.

Synonyms: collaboration, mutualism, harmony

Antonyms: antagonism, antipathy, enmity

Sentence: The proposal calls for reciprocity in trade relations.

15.LEERY (adj.): चालाक

Pronunciation: leeuh•ree

Meaning: cautious or wary due to realistic suspicions.

Synonyms: wary, cautious, careful

Antonyms: innocent, naïve, simple

Sentence: I've always been a bit leery of authority figures.

16.BOGGED (verb): फंस गया

Pronunciation: bawgd

Meaning: be or become stuck in mud or wet ground.

Synonyms: trapped, stuck

Antonyms: freed, released

Sentence: Your car will bog down in the mud.

17.AEGIS (noun): संरक्षण

Pronunciation: ee•juhs

Meaning: the protection, backing, or support of a particular person or organization.

Synonyms: patronage, protection, shelter

Antonyms: assault, attack, offense

Sentence: The space program will continue under the aegis of the armed forces.

18.DETERRING (verb): डराकर रोकना

Pronunciation: duh•tuh•ruhng

Meaning: discourage (someone) from doing something by instilling doubt or fear of the consequences.

Synonyms: discourage, dissuade, scare off

Antonyms: encouraging, persuading

Sentence: High prices are deterring many young people from buying houses.

19.ENTHUSE (verb): अति उत्साहित करना

Pronunciation: uhn•thyooz

Meaning: say something that expresses one's eager enjoyment, interest, or approval.

Synonyms: rave, be enthusiastic, gush

Antonyms: averse, disinclined, hesitant

Sentence: A good retailer will enthus his stock and tempt you to try new foods.

20.REPOSE (noun): विश्राम**Pronunciation:** ruh•poze**Meaning:** a state of rest, sleep, or tranquility.**Synonyms:** rest, relaxation, inactivity**Antonyms:** exertion, labor, toil**Sentence:** The doctor ordered a period of repose for the patient recovering from pneumonia.**21.EMOLUMENT (noun): वेतन****Pronunciation:** uh·maw·lyoo·muhnt**Meaning:** a salary, fee, or profit from employment or office.**Synonyms:** payment, fee, charge**Antonyms:** debt, loss, penalty**Sentence:** The annual emolument for the director of the charity is officially only one dollar.**22.AVID (adj.) : उत्सुक****Pronunciation:** ay·vuhd**Meaning:** having or showing a keen interest in or enthusiasm for something.**Synonyms:** keen, eager, enthusiastic**Antonyms:** apathetic, indifferent, unenthusiastic**Sentence:** She's an avid reader of historical novels.**23.RISIBLE (adj.) : हास्यास्पद****Pronunciation:** ri·zuh·bl**Meaning:** such as to provoke laughter.**Synonyms:** laughable, comedic, comic**Antonyms:** humorless, lame, unamusing**Sentence:** A risible comment that made the whole class laugh.**24.AGILITY (noun) : चुस्ती****Pronunciation:** uh·jil·uh·tee**Meaning:** ability to move quickly and easily.**Synonyms:** sleight, dexterity, nimbleness**Antonyms:** inability, incapability, incapacity**Sentence:** I admired his considerable mental agility.**25.FEUD (verb) : झगड़ा****Pronunciation:** fyood

Meaning: take part in a prolonged quarrel or conflict.

Synonyms: quarrel, fight, argue

Antonyms: friendliness, sympathy, congeniality

Sentence: Because of a family feud, he never spoke to his wife's parents for years.

26.BRANDISHING (verb) : दिखाते

Pronunciation: bran·duhsh·uhng

Meaning: to put into view in a threatening or excited manner

Synonyms: flourishing, waving, displaying

Antonyms: concealing, covering, hiding

Sentence: The horseman came up to Robin Hood, brandishing his sword.

27.INDESCRIBABLE (adj.) : अवर्णनीय

Pronunciation: in·duh·skribe·uh·bl

Meaning: too unusual, extreme, or indefinite to be adequately described.

Synonyms: inexpressible, undefinable, inenarrable

Antonyms: definable, expressible

Sentence: The chaos and confusion were indescribable.

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28.INCOMMODIOUS (adj.) : असुविधाजनक

Pronunciation: in·kuh·moh·dee·uhs

Meaning: causing inconvenience or discomfort.

Synonyms: limited, restricted

Antonyms: commodious, capacious

Sentence: The harbour is unsafe and incommodious.

29.MULLING (verb) : विचार करना

Pronunciation: muh·luhng

Meaning: think about (a fact, proposal, or request) deeply and at length.

Synonyms: ponder, consider, think over

Antonyms: forget, ignore, neglect

Sentence: she began to mull over the various possibilities.

30.QUEER (adj.) : विचित्र

Pronunciation: kveeuh

Meaning: strange; odd.

Synonyms: odd, strange, unusual

Antonyms: common, ordinary, familiar

Sentence: She had a queer feeling that they were being watched.

31.MIFFED(verb):नाराजगी

Pronunciation:mift

Meaning: aroused to impatience or anger

Synonyms: annoyed, peeved, irritated

Antonyms: delighted, pleased, relieved

Sentence: I was a bit miffed about that.

32.CURIO(noun):विचित्रता

Pronunciation:kyoo·ree·oh

Meaning: something unusual

Synonyms: oddity, rarity, peculiarity

Antonyms: ordinary, usual

Sentence: The street is lined with shops selling souvenirs and curios.

33.MIRTH(noun):प्रमोद

Pronunciation:muhth

Meaning: amusement, especially as expressed in laughter.

Synonyms: merriment, cheer, hilarity

Antonyms: sorrow, sadness, unhappiness

Sentence: The performance produced much mirth among the audience.

34.BURBLED(verb):बड़बड़ाहट

Pronunciation:buh·bld

Meaning: make a continuous murmuring noise.

Synonyms: murmur, muttering

Antonyms: unfold , fall , keep quiet

Sentence: The little girl burbled with joy.

35.CAROUSE(verb):जश्न मनाना

Pronunciation:kuh·rawz

Meaning: drink plentiful amounts of alcohol and enjoy oneself with others in a noisy, lively way.

Synonyms: carousal, bender, spree

Antonyms: grieve, bummer, bore

Sentence: They danced and caroused until the drink ran out.

36.CAREEN(verb):अस्थिर तरीके से चलना

Pronunciation: kuh·reen

Meaning: to make a series of unsteady side-to-side motions

Synonyms: lurch, sway, wobble

Antonyms: unwind, disarrange, ratite

Sentence: The ship careened out of control.

37.SINGE(verb):झुलसाना

Pronunciation: sinj

Meaning: burn (something) superficially or lightly.

Synonyms: scorch, sear, swinge

Antonyms: smothered, choked, extinguished

Sentence: The fire had singed his eyebrows.

38.GOURMET(noun):खाने का शौकीन

Pronunciation: gaw·may

Meaning: a connoisseur of good food; a person with a discerning palate.

Synonyms: gastronome, epicure, foodie

Antonyms: hog, glutton

Sentence: A gourmet like him always eats in expensive restaurants.

39.MAVEN(noun):विशेषज्ञ

Pronunciation: may·vn

Meaning: a person with a high level of knowledge or skill in a field

Synonyms: expert, scholar, master

Antonyms: amateur, novice, beginner

Sentence: What do film industry mavens make of this situation?

40.OBFUSCATE(verb):अस्पष्ट करना

Pronunciation: awb·fuh·skayt

Meaning: render obscure, unclear, or unintelligible.

Synonyms: obscure, confuse, complicate

Antonyms: clarify, clear (up), simplify

Sentence: She was criticized for using arguments that obfuscated the main issue.

41.REEK (verb): बदबू देना

Pronunciation: reek

Meaning: smell strongly and unpleasantly

Synonyms: stink, smell, disgusting

Antonyms: aroma, fragrance, perfume

Sentence: The kitchen began to reek because he neglected to take out the garbage.

42.SLUMBER (verb) : नींद

Pronunciation: sluhm·buh

Meaning: fall into a deep peaceful sleep

Synonyms: doze, nap, snooze

Antonyms: wakefulness, awakening, consciousness

Sentence: She fell into a deep and peaceful slumber.

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43.AGHAST (adj.) : भौचक्का

Pronunciation: uh·gaast

Meaning: filled with horror or shock.

Synonyms: horrified, appalled, astounded

Antonyms: fearless, unafraid, brave

Sentence: When the news came out they were aghast.

44.STEER (verb) : मार्गदर्शन करना

Pronunciation: steuh

Meaning: (of a person) guides or controls the movement of (a vehicle, vessel, or aircraft), for example by turning a wheel or operating a rudder.

Synonyms: guide, direct, maneuver

Antonyms: follow, trail

Sentence: He steered the boat slowly toward the busy quay.

45.BURGLARY (noun) : सेंध

Pronunciation: burglary

Meaning: entry into a building illegally with intent to commit a crime, especially theft.

Synonyms: housebreaking, forced entry, robbery

Antonyms: dull,unwary,asleep

Sentence: Crime is on the increase, especially mugging and burglary.

46.AGGRIEVED (adj.) : पीड़ित

Pronunciation: uh·greevd

Meaning: feeling resentment at having been unfairly treated.

Synonyms: resentful, affronted, indignant

Antonyms: gratified, pleased, satisfied

Sentence: He felt aggrieved at not being chosen for the team.

47.EVICTION (noun) : निष्कासन

Pronunciation: uh·vik·shn

Meaning: the action of expelling someone, especially a tenant, from a property

Synonyms: expulsion, ejection, ousting

Antonyms: admit, include, welcome

Sentence: The family now faces eviction from their home.

48.SUCCOR (verb) : परेशानी में सहायता देना

Pronunciation: succour

Meaning: give assistance or aid to.

Synonyms: help, aid, support

Antonyms: damage, harm, hurt

Sentence: Prisoners of war were liberated and succored.

49.PLIGHT (noun) : दुर्दशा

Pronunciation: plite

Meaning: a dangerous, difficult, or otherwise unfortunate situation.

Synonyms: predicament, trouble, unfortunate situation

Antonyms: boon, blessing, good fortune

Sentence: we must direct our efforts toward relieving the plight of children living in poverty

50.MORALE (noun) : हौसला

Pronunciation: muh·raal

Meaning: the confidence, enthusiasm, and discipline of a person or group at a particular time.

Synonyms: confidence, spirit, hope

Antonyms: fear, weakness

Sentence: A win is always good for morale.

51.METICULOUS (adj.): सूक्ष्म

Pronunciation: meh·ti·kyoo·luhs

Meaning: showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise.

Synonyms: careful, conscientious, diligent

Antonyms: careless, heedless, inattentive

Sentence: He had always been so meticulous about his appearance.

52.GRANDEUR (noun): शान

Pronunciation: gran·juh

Meaning: splendour and impressiveness, especially of appearance or style.

Synonyms: splendour, magnificence, impressiveness

Antonyms: dullness, insignificance, simplicity

Sentence: The hotel had an air of faded grandeur.

53.TRACTABLE (adj.): विनयशील

Pronunciation: trak·tuh·bl

Meaning: (of a person) easy to control or influence.

Synonyms: controllable, manageable, docile

Antonyms: contumacious, defiant, disobedient

Sentence: The issues have proved to be less tractable than expected.

54.PELT (verb): मारना

Pronunciation: pelt

Meaning: attack (someone) by repeatedly hurling things at them.

Synonyms: bombard, shower, attack

Antonyms: defend, uncover

Sentence: The children pelt each other with snowballs.

55.PRECLUDE (verb): रोकना

Pronunciation: pruh·klood

Meaning: prevent from happening; make impossible

Synonyms: prevent, stop, block

Antonyms: allow, permit, allow

Sentence: The secret nature of his work precluded official recognition.

56.DEBACLE (noun): पराजय

Pronunciation: duh·baa·kl

Meaning: a sudden and ignominious failure; a fiasco.

Synonyms: fiasco, failure, catastrophe

Antonyms: success, winner

Sentence: The economic debacle that became known as the Great Depression.

57.BEMUSE (verb): भ्रमित

Pronunciation: buh·myooz

Meaning: puzzle, confuse, or bewilder (someone).

Synonyms: bewildered, confused, puzzled

Antonyms: assure, enlighten, inform

Sentence: Sarah looked totally bemused

58.QUIESCENT (adj.): मौन

Pronunciation: kvee·es·uhnt

Meaning: in a state or period of inactivity or dormancy.

Synonyms: inactive, inert, latent

Antonyms: active, busy

Sentence: The political situation was now relatively quiescent.

59.VANTAGE (noun): सहूलियत

Pronunciation: vaan·tuhj

Meaning: a place or position affording a good view of something.

Synonyms: viewpoint, standpoint, stance

Antonyms: detriment, stranglehold

Sentence: The whole dispute looked silly from my vantage point.

60.BLIGHT (verb): नुक़सान

Pronunciation: blite

Meaning: have a severely detrimental effect on.

Synonyms: ruin, wreck, spoil

Antonyms: ameliorate, better, enhance

Sentence: The scandal blighted the careers of several leading politicians.

61.DISENFRANCHISEMENT(noun) : मताधिकार

Pronunciation: dis•uhn•fran•chuhz•muhnt

Meaning: The state of being deprived of a right or privilege, especially the right to vote.

Synonyms: disallow, forbid, proscribe

Antonyms: authorize, entitle, privilege

Sentence: The widespread disenfranchisement of minority voters.

62.ULTERIOR(adj.) : गुप्त

Pronunciation: uhl•teeuh•ree•uh

Meaning: existing beyond what is obvious or admitted; intentionally hidden.

Synonyms: underlying, undisclosed, undivulged

Antonyms: visible, exposed

Sentence: I want to know what is your ulterior action?

63.VIGILANTISM(noun) : अतिसतर्कता

Pronunciation: vi•juhl•ant•uh•zm

Meaning: law enforcement is undertaken without legal authority by a self-appointed group of people.

Synonyms: hoodlum, trigger-happy, thug

Antonyms: Self-abuse, self-harm

Sentence: The message here is not to encourage vigilantism.

64.SACRILEGE(noun) : अपवित्रीकरण

Pronunciation: sa•kruh•luhj

Meaning: violation or misuse of what is regarded as sacred.

Synonyms: desecration, profanity, profaneness

Antonyms: adoration, glorification, worship

Sentence: It is sacrilege to steal a crucifix from an altar.

65.REDUNDANT(adj.) : अनावश्यक

Pronunciation: ruh•duhn•dnt

Meaning: not or no longer needed or useful; superfluous.

Synonyms: unnecessary, not required, inessential

Antonyms: necessary, essential, useful

Sentence: The illustration had too much redundant detail.

66.PERPETRATED(verb) : पाप करना

Pronunciation: puh•puh•trayt•uhd

Meaning: carry out or commit (a harmful, illegal, or immoral action).

Synonyms: commit, carry out, perform

Antonyms: skimped, slighted, slurred

Sentence: A crime has been perpetrated against a sovereign state.

67.VAGUELY(adv.) : अनिश्चित रूप से

Pronunciation: vayg•lee

Meaning: in a way that is uncertain, indefinite, or unclear; roughly.

Synonyms: roughly, more or less, approximately

Antonyms: considerably, extensively, significantly

Sentence: He vaguely remembered talking to her once.

68.DRACONIAN(adj.) : कठोर

Pronunciation: druh•koh•nee•uhn

Meaning: (of laws or their application) excessively harsh and severe.

Synonyms: harsh, severe, strict

Antonyms: lenient, merciful, pitying

Sentence: The Nazis destroyed the independence of the press by a series of draconian laws.

69.EFFRONTERY(noun) : गुस्ताखी

Pronunciation: uh•fruhn•tuh•ree

Meaning: insolent or impertinent behavior.

Synonyms: impudence, impertinence, audacity

Antonyms: civility, courtesy, gentility

Sentence: One juror had the effrontery to challenge the coroner's decision.

710.ACCENTUATE(verb) : ध्यान आकर्षित करना

Pronunciation: uhk•sen•choo•ayt

Meaning: make more noticeable or prominent.

Synonyms: focus attention on, draw attention to, highlight

Antonyms: underemphasize, understate, belittle

Sentence: The photograph seemed to accentuate his large nose.

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