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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. 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.

2. PERUSAL (noun) : अध्ययन

Pronunciation: puh·rooz·uhl

Meaning: the action of reading or examining something.

Synonyms: reading, scrutiny, inspection

Antonyms: ignorance, neglect,

Sentence: I continued my perusal of the instructions.

3. UNAMBIGUOUS (adj.) : स्पष्ट

Pronunciation: uhn·am·buh·gyoo·uhs

Meaning: not open to more than one interpretation.

Synonyms: obvious, plain, apparent

Antonyms: ambiguous, indefinite, vague

Sentence: Instructions should be unambiguous.

4. CONSENSUS (noun) : आम सहमति

Pronunciation: kuhn·sen·suhs

Meaning: a general agreement.

Synonyms: agreement, harmony, concord

Antonyms: conflict, disagreement, dissensus

Sentence: I want to get a new bike but I am not getting consensus from my family members.

5. SEER (noun) : पैगंबर

Pronunciation: seer

Meaning: a person who is supposed to be able, through supernatural insight, to see what the future holds.

Synonyms: prophet, prophetess, sibyl

Antonyms: stupidity, intellectual, nonreligious person

Sentence: A seer had foretold that the earl would assume the throne.

6. GAFFE (noun) : चूक

Pronunciation: gaf

Meaning: an unintentional act or remark causing embarrassment to its originator; a blunder.

Synonyms: blunder, mistake, error

Antonyms: accuracy, correctness, perfection

Sentence: He didn't realize what a gaffe he'd made.

7. EVANESCENT (adj.) : क्षणभंगुर

Pronunciation: eh·vuh·nes·uhnt

Meaning: soon passing out of sight, memory, or existence; quickly fading or disappearing.

Synonyms: vanishing, fading, fleeting

Antonyms: endless, eternal, everlasting

Sentence: Talk is evanescent but writing leaves footprints.

8. BOULDER (noun) : कंकर

Pronunciation: bole·duh

Meaning: a large rock, typically one that has been worn smooth by erosion.

Synonyms: rock, stone, gibber

Antonyms: artifact, bad person, achromatic

Sentence: He sat down on a boulder.

9. SUBVERT (verb) : नाश करना

Pronunciation: suhb·vuht

Meaning: undermine the power and authority of (an established system or institution).

Synonyms: destabilize, unsettle, overthrow

Antonyms: elevate, ennoble, uplift

Sentence: By insisting that she pay me for helping her, she subverted my noble desire to do a good deed without reward.

10. OVERT (adj.) : अपरोक्ष

Pronunciation: oh·vuht

Meaning: done or shown openly; plainly or readily apparent, not secret or hidden.

Synonyms: undisguised, unconcealed, clear

Antonyms: unapparent, unclarified, unclear

Sentence: His opponent's intention is quite overt.

11. ATAVISTIC (adj.) : पैतृक

Pronunciation: a·tuh·vi·stuhk

Meaning: relating to or characterized by reversion to something ancient or ancestral.

Synonyms: bygone, erstwhile, former

Antonyms: contemporary, current, modern

Sentence: It would be wrong to interpret them as atavistic remnants.

12. MUSINGS (noun) : चिंतन

Pronunciation: myoo·zuhngz

Meaning: a period of reflection or thought.

Synonyms: meditation, thinking, contemplation

Antonyms: tactlessness, unthoughtfulness, thoughtful

Sentence: His musings were interrupted by the sound of the telephone.



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13. ACOLYTES (noun) : अनुयायी

Pronunciation: a·kuh·lites

Meaning: one who follows the opinions or teachings of another

Synonyms: adherents, converts, disciples

Antonyms: defectors, renegades, traitors

Sentence: He is flanked by his two acolytes, Asanga and his brother, Vasubandhu.

14. ETHNICITY (noun) : जातीयता

Pronunciation: eth·nuh·suh·tee

Meaning: the fact or state of belonging to a social group that has a common national or cultural tradition.

Synonyms: clan, nation

Antonyms: rightness, unpleasantness, nonracial

Sentence: Ethnicity has a strong influence on community status relations.

15. ENTREATY (noun) : विनती**Pronunciation:** uhn·treet·ee**Meaning:** an earnest or humble request.**Synonyms:** appeal, request, petition**Antonyms:** suggest, appease, mollify**Sentence:** The king turned a deaf ear to his entreaties.**16. AGGRANDIZE (verb) : वृद्धि करना****Pronunciation:** ag·gran·dize**Meaning:** increase the power, status, or wealth.**Synonyms:** deify, dignify, elevate**Antonyms:** abate, decrease, diminish**Sentence:** The dictator sought to aggrandize himself with new conquests.**17. ALLEGIANCE (noun) : निष्ठा****Pronunciation:** uh·lee·jns**Meaning:** loyalty or commitment of a subordinate to a superior or of an individual to a group or cause.**Synonyms:** loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity**Antonyms:** disloyalty, faithlessness, falseness**Sentence:** FBI demands its employees' absolute allegiance to this bureau.**18. BEREAVE (verb) : वंचित करना****Pronunciation:** buh·reev**Meaning:** be deprived of a loved one through a profound absence, especially due to the loved one's death.**Synonyms:** deprive, dispossess, strip**Antonyms:** cheerful, glad, happy**Sentence:** The plane crash bereaved her of her husband.**19. ABSTRUSE (adj.) : अव्यक्त****Pronunciation:** uhb·stroos**Meaning:** difficult to understand; obscure.**Synonyms:** obscure, arcane, esoteric**Antonyms:** easy, facile, simple**Sentence:** Einstein's theory of relativity is very abstruse.**20. EMBEZZLE (verb) : हड़प लेना****Pronunciation:** uhm·beh·zl

Meaning: steal or misappropriate (money placed in one's trust or belonging to the organization for which one works).

Synonyms: steal, rob, pilfer

Antonyms: compensate, give, pay

Sentence: He embezzled thousands of dollars from the charity.

21. FUTILITY (noun) : निरर्थकता

Pronunciation: fyoo•til•uh•tee

Meaning: pointlessness or uselessness.

Synonyms: fruitlessness, vanity, pointlessness

Antonyms: use, usefulness, utility

Sentence: The sheer futility of it all exasperates her.

22. BEGET (verb) : उत्पन्न करना

Pronunciation: buh•get

Meaning: give rise to; bring about.

Synonyms: cause, give rise to, lead to

Antonyms: impede, limit, restrict

Sentence: One change in the natural environment will beget others.

23. PALPABLE (adj.) : स्पष्ट

Pronunciation: pal•puh•bl

Meaning: (of a feeling or atmosphere) so intense as to seem almost tangible.

Synonyms: perceptible, perceivable, visible

Antonyms: impalpable, imperceptible, inappreciable

Sentence: The tension between Amy and Jim is palpable.

24. QUIXOTIC (adj.) : विलक्षण

Pronunciation: kvuhk•saw•tuhk

Meaning: exceedingly idealistic; unrealistic and impractical.

Synonyms: idealistic, unbusinesslike, visionary

Antonyms: clear-eyed, clear-sighted

Sentence: This is a vast, exciting, and perhaps quixotic project.

25. ENAMOR (verb) : आनंदित करना

Pronunciation: en•am•or

Meaning: be filled with a feeling of love for.

Synonyms: in love with, infatuated with, besotted with

Antonyms: allergic, averse

Sentence: Her beauty enamored the prince.

26. OSTENSIBLY (adv.) : प्रत्यक्ष तौर पर

Pronunciation: aw•sten•suh•blee

Meaning: apparently or purportedly, but perhaps not actually.

Synonyms: apparently, seemingly, on the face of it

Antonyms: implausibly, impossibly, improbably

Sentence: Troops were sent in, ostensibly to protect the civilian population.

27. SINEWY (adj.) : बलवान

Pronunciation: si•nyoo•ee

Meaning: having muscles capable of exerting great physical force

Synonyms: muscular, brawny, strong

Antonyms: delicate, feeble, frail

Sentence: I admire her sinewy prose style.

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28. REVERENCE (noun) : श्रद्धा

Pronunciation: reh•vuh•ruhns

Meaning: deep respect for someone or something.

Synonyms: high esteem, high regard, great respect

Antonyms: blaspheme, desecrate, profane

Sentence: Rituals showed honor and reverence for the dead.

29. NIMBLE (adj.) : चतुर

Pronunciation: nim•bl

Meaning: quick and light in movement or action; agile.

Synonyms: agile, lithe, sprightly

Antonyms: vacuous, weak-minded, witless

Sentence: She showed some nimble footwork and looked a promising player.

30. DISCERNIBLE (adj.) : नमूदार**Pronunciation:** duh•suhn•uh•bl**Meaning:** able to be discerned; perceptible.**Synonyms:** detectable, noticeable, perceptible**Antonyms:** impalpable, imperceptible, inappreciable**Sentence:** Her face was barely discernible in the gloom.**31. MENACE (verb) : खतरा****Pronunciation:** meh•nuhs**Meaning:** threaten, especially in a malignant or hostile manner.**Synonyms:** threaten, scare, imperil**Antonyms:** guard, protect, save**Sentence:** Africa's elephants are still menaced by poaching.**32. COMPLACENCY (noun) : शालीनता****Pronunciation:** kuhm•play•suhns•ee**Meaning:** a feeling of smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements.**Synonyms:** smugness, self-satisfaction, self-approval**Antonyms:** humbleness, humility, modesty**Sentence:** Doctors have warned against complacency in fighting common diseases.**33. SYNCHRONOUS (adj.) : एक समय का****Pronunciation:** sing•kruh•nuhs**Meaning:** existing or occurring at the same time.**Synonyms:** coetaneous, coeval, coexistent**Antonyms:** asynchronous, noncontemporary, nonsimultaneous**Sentence:** Thus, tidal forces can lead to synchronous rotation.**34. AMASSED (verb) : जमा कर रखे****Pronunciation:** uh•mast**Meaning:** gather together or accumulate (a large amount or number of valuable material or things) over a period of time.**Synonyms:** gather, collect, assemble**Antonyms:** dispelled, dispersed, dissipated**Sentence:** They amassed huge wealth by plundering the colonies.**35. FORTUITOUS (adj.) : आकस्मिक****Pronunciation:** faw•tyoo•uh•tuhs**Meaning:** happening by accident or chance rather than design.

Synonyms: chance, unexpected, unanticipated

Antonyms: hapless, intentional, planned

Sentence: The similarity between the paintings may not be simply fortuitous.

36. UNABATED (adj.) : अक्षीण

Pronunciation: uhn·uh·bayt·uhd

Meaning: without any reduction in intensity or strength.

Synonyms: assiduous, conscientious, diligent

Antonyms: indolent, lackadaisical, laggard

Sentence: Their effort continued unabated despite the many pitfalls they faced.

37. MEDIOCRITY (noun) : सामान्यता

Pronunciation: mee·dee·aw·kruh·tee

Meaning: the quality or state of being mediocre.

Synonyms: ordinariness, commonplaceness, averageness

Antonyms: distinction, excellence, excellency

Sentence: She's a perfectionist who refuses to settle for mediocrity.

38. SOUVENIR (noun) : यादगार

Pronunciation: soo·vuh·neeuh

Meaning: a thing that is kept as a reminder of a person, place, or event.

Synonyms: memento, keepsake, reminder

Antonym: forgotten

Sentence: The recording provides a souvenir of a great production.

39. CORROBORATE (verb) : की पुष्टि

Pronunciation: kuh·raw·buh·rayt

Meaning: confirm or give support to (a statement, theory, or finding).

Synonyms: confirm, verify, endorse

Antonyms: confuting, disproving, refuting

Sentence: Recent research seems to corroborate his theory.

40. MINUSCULE (adj.) : छोटा

Pronunciation: mi·nuh·skyool

Meaning: extremely small; tiny.

Synonyms: tiny, minute, microscopic

Antonyms: mammoth, massive, gigantic

Sentence: All she gave him to eat was two minuscule pieces of toast.

41. ELIDE (verb) : काटना

Pronunciation: uh·lide

Meaning: to make less in extent or duration

Synonyms: abridge, curtail, shorten

Antonyms: elongate, extend, lengthen

Sentence: The product presentation was not elided—it's always only 15 minutes long.

42. DILATORY (adj.) : धीमा

Pronunciation: di·luht·uh·ree

Meaning: slow to act.

Synonyms: slow, unhurried, tardy

Antonyms: expeditious, accelerated, hastened

Sentence: The Government has been dilatory in condemning the outrage.

43. FITFUL (adj.) : अस्थिर

Pronunciation: fit·ful

Meaning: active or occurring spasmodically or intermittently; not regular or steady.

Synonyms: intermittent, sporadic, spasmodic

Antonyms: constant, continuous, regular

Sentence: It was a cool day with fitful sunshine.



44. WEASEL (adj.) : चालक आदमी

Pronunciation: vee·zl

Meaning: a deceitful or treacherous person.

Synonyms: scoundrel, wretch, serpent

Antonyms: innocent, saint, Kind

Sentence: He was a double-crossing weasel.

45. IMPRESARIO (noun) : आयोजक

Pronunciation: im·pruh·saa·ree·oh

Meaning: a person who organizes and often finances concerts, plays, or operas.

Synonyms: organizer, manager, producer

Antonyms: worker, employee

Sentence: It was the actor's dream to work under the renowned impresario.

46. WHIFF (noun) : एहसास

Pronunciation: vif

Meaning: an almost imperceptible sign of something

Synonyms: flicker, glimmer, hint

Antonyms: permeation, pervasion, saturation

Sentence: Even a whiff of appreciation for everything I've done for her would have been nice.

47. ALIBIS (noun) : बहाना

Pronunciation: a·luh·bize

Meaning: an explanation that frees one from fault or blame

Synonyms: apologies, reasons, excuses

Antonyms: denial, question, request

Sentence: Those students always have a very creative alibi for undone homework.

48. PROPENSITY (noun) : प्रवृत्ति

Pronunciation: pruh·pen·suh·tee

Meaning: an inclination or natural tendency to behave in a particular way.

Synonyms: tendency, ability, inclination

Antonyms: disinclination, dislike, inability

Sentence: Men have a slightly increased propensity towards baldness.

49. SMIDGEN (noun) : थोड़ा

Pronunciation: smi·jn

Meaning: a small amount of something.

Synonyms: ace, bit, dribble

Antonyms: abundance, barrel, boatload

Sentence: Could I have a smidgen more wine?

50. RECRIMINATION (noun) : अभियोग

Pronunciation: ruh·kri·muh·nay·shn

Meaning: an accusation in response to one from someone else.

Synonyms: incrimination, charge, complaint

Antonyms: approval, commendation, praise.

Sentence: Let's not indulge in recrimination.

51. SCHISM (noun) : फूट**Pronunciation:** ski·zm**Meaning:** a split or division between strongly opposed sections or parties, caused by differences in opinion or belief.**Synonyms:** discord, strife, discordance**Antonyms:** harmony, peace, concord**Sentence:** Schism within the charitable organization was preventing it from achieving its goals.**52. COMMONALITY (noun) : समानता****Pronunciation:** kaw·muhn·a·luh·tee**Meaning:** a point at which two or more things share in common**Synonyms:** similarity, resemblance, parallel**Antonyms:** difference, dissimilarity, discrepancy**Sentence:** We don't have the same commonality of interest.**53. CLEMENCY (noun) : दया****Pronunciation:** kleh·muhn·see**Meaning:** kind, gentle, or compassionate treatment especially towards someone who is undeserving of it.**Synonyms:** mercy, leniency, sympathy**Antonyms:** vengeance, revenge, retribution**Sentence:** The judge chose to show clemency to the truly repentant embezzler.**54. SCAPEGOAT (noun) : बलि का बकरा****Pronunciation:** skapp·gote**Meaning:** a person who is blamed for the wrongdoings, mistakes, or faults of others, especially for reasons of expediency.**Synonyms:** victim, whipping boy, fall guy**Antonyms:** assailant, attacker, cock sparrow**Sentence:** He has been made a scapegoat for the company's failures.**55. SMEAR (verb) : बदनाम करना****Pronunciation:** smeeuh**Meaning:** damage the reputation of (someone) by false accusations; slander.**Synonyms:** libel, slander, defame**Antonyms:** honor, exalt, glorify**Sentence:** He is willing to smear his opponent if doing so would win the election.

56. ENCUMBRANCE (noun) : बाधा

Pronunciation: uhn·kuhm·bruhns

Meaning: something that makes movement or progress difficult

Synonyms: obstacle, hurdle, hindrance

Antonyms: advantage, impetus, benefit

Sentence: I felt I was being an encumbrance to them.

57. TRAVAIL (noun) : कड़ा परिश्रम

Pronunciation: tra·vayl

Meaning: painful or laborious effort.

Synonyms: toil, labor, effort

Antonyms: rest, leisure, relaxation

Sentence: He gained the medal through his painful travail.

58. HINTERLAND (noun) : आंतरिक इलाके

Pronunciation: hin·tuh·land

Meaning: a rural region that forms the edge of the settled or developed part of a country

Synonyms: countryside, outlands

Antonym: civilisation

Sentence: A century ago, eastern Germany was an agricultural hinterland.

59. CUE (noun) : संकेत

Pronunciation: cue

Meaning: thing said or done that serves as a signal; as in clue

Synonyms: clue, indication, hint

Antonyms: detach, add, ignore.

Sentence: The actor missed his cue and came onto the stage late.

60. MENDACITY (noun) : असत्य

Pronunciation: men·da·suh·tee

Meaning: a statement known by its maker to be untrue and made in order to deceive

Synonyms: lie, untruth, falsity

Antonyms: truth, veracity, honesty

Sentence: We demand legal warfare on deliberate political mendacity and its dissemination in the press.

61. SHEEN (noun) : चमक

Pronunciation: sheen

Meaning: a soft luster on a surface.

Synonyms: shine, luster, gleam

Antonyms: dimness, dinginess, dirtiness

Sentence: The conditioner gives the hair a beautiful soft sheen.

62. RUMBLINGS (noun) : गड़गड़ाहट

Pronunciation: ruh·m·buhl·uhngz

Meaning: a continuous deep, resonant sound.

Synonyms: mumbles, murmurs, rumbles

Antonyms: clamor, howl, hubbub

Sentence: There were rumblings of discontent among the students.

63. PROPHYLACTIC (adj.) : प्रतिबंधक

Pronunciation: praw·fuh·lak·tuhk

Meaning: concerned with or serving to keep something from happening

Synonyms: precautionary, preventative, preventive

Antonyms: aiding, assisting, easing

Sentence: The many prophylactic measures that city officials could have taken to reduce the scope of the disaster

64. THRONG (noun) : भीड़

Pronunciation: thrawng

Meaning: a large, densely packed crowd of people or animals.

Synonyms: crowd, mass, gathering

Antonyms: prosecution, spread, few

Sentence: A huge throng had gathered around the speaker.

65. PELLUCID (adj.) : पारदर्शक

Pronunciation: peh·loo·suhd

Meaning: translucently clear.

Synonyms: translucent, transparent, clear

Antonyms: cloudy, opaque

Sentence: They sat there watching the water of the pellucid stream rush by.

66. SCHISM (noun) : फूट

Pronunciation: ski·zm

Meaning: a split or division between strongly opposed sections or parties, caused by differences in opinion or belief.

Synonyms: division, split, rift

Antonyms: accord, agreement, concord

Sentence: Schism within the charitable organization was preventing it from achieving its goals.

67. REPINE (verb) : विलाप करना

Pronunciation: ruh·pine

Meaning: feel or express discontent; fret.

Synonyms: fret, be/feel unhappy, mope

Antonyms: delight, rejoice

Sentence: The old woman repined at her misfortune.

68. PRECARIOUS (adj.) : अनिश्चित

Pronunciation: pruh·keuh·ree·uhs

Meaning: not securely held or in position; dangerously likely to fall or collapse.

Synonyms: treacherous, uncertain, dicey

Antonyms: innocent, innocuous, nonhazardous

Sentence: The world is a precarious and unstable place.

69. CONNOTATION (noun) : अर्थ

Pronunciation: kaw·nuht·ay·shn

Meaning: an idea or feeling that a word invokes in addition to its literal or primary meaning.

Synonyms: undertone, undercurrent, implication

Antonyms: meaninglessness, insignificant, insignificance

Sentence: A good dictionary will give us the connotation of a word as well as its denotation.

70. ORNITHOLOGIST (noun) : पक्षी विज्ञानी

Pronunciation: aw·nuh·thaw·luh·juhst

Meaning: a person who studies or is an expert on birds.

Synonyms: ornithologist, bird watcher

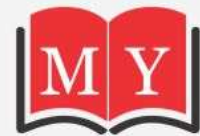
Antonym: flora

Sentence: His father had been an avid ornithologist.

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