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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. NULLITY (noun) : व्यर्थता

Pronunciation: nuhl·uh·tee

Meaning: a person of no importance or influence

Synonyms: insignificance, nonentity, inferior

Antonyms: bigwig, eminence, notable

Sentence: The judge's order was a nullity and no effective variation was made of the earlier flawed order of the justices.

2. QUANDARY (noun) : व्याकुलता

Pronunciation: kvawn·duh·ree

Meaning: a state of perplexity or uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation.

Synonyms: dilemma, plight, predicament

Antonyms: solution, boon, success.

Sentence: The government appears to be in a quandary about what to do with so many people.

3. CATAclysmic (adj.) : दुर्घटना

Pronunciation: ka·tuh·kliz·muhk

Meaning: relating to or denoting a violent natural event.

Synonyms: disastrous, catastrophic, calamitous

Antonyms: non-destructive, protective

Sentence: These countries are on the brink of cataclysmic famine.

4. SQUISHY (adj.) : मुलायम

Pronunciation: skvish·ee

Meaning: soft and moist.

Synonyms: soft, spongy, squashy

Antonyms: firm, hard, solid

Sentence: The ground was soft and squishy, and she felt mud oozing over the top of her shoes.

5. GRATING (adj.) : कर्कश

Pronunciation: grayt·uhng

Meaning: sounding harsh and unpleasant.

Synonyms: croaking, croaky, gravel

Antonyms: gentle, gliding, melodious

Sentence: She recognized the grating voice of Dr. Sarnoff.

6. FECUND (adj.) : फलप्रद

Pronunciation: fe-kənd 'fē

Meaning: producing abundantly

Synonyms: fertile, fructuous, fruitful

Antonyms: infertile, sterile, unproductive

Sentence: The pampas are still among the most fecund lands in the world.

7. PORTEND (verb) : संकेत मिलता

Pronunciation: paw·tend

Meaning: be a sign or warning that (something, especially something momentous or calamitous) is likely to happen.

Synonyms: presage, augur, foreshadow

Antonyms: describe, narrate, recite

Sentence: The change did not portend a basic improvement in social conditions.

8. HOBNOBBED (verb) : सामाजिक रूप से मिलना

Pronunciation: hawb·nawbd

Meaning: mix socially, especially with those of higher social status.

Synonyms: associate, mix, fraternize

Antonyms: eschewed, shunned, alienated

Sentence: He was often seen hobnobbing with influential business people.

9. CURSORY (adj.) : जल्दबाजी

Pronunciation: kuh·suh·ree

Meaning: hasty and therefore not thorough or detailed.

Synonyms: perfunctory, desultory, casual

Antonyms: deliberate, unhurried, unrushed

Sentence: He put aside the papers after a cursor study.

10. HIATUS (noun) : विराम

Pronunciation: hai·uh·tuhs

Meaning: a pause or gap in a sequence, series, or process.

Synonyms: pause, break, interval

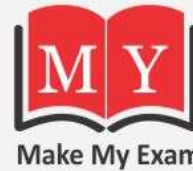
Antonyms: continuation, continuity

Sentence: There was a brief hiatus in the war.

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