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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. DEFY (VERB): अवहेलना करना

Pronunciation: duh·fai

Meaning: openly resist or refuse to obey.

Synonyms: resist, withstand, confront

Antonyms: obey, follow, comply (with)

Sentence: I wouldn't have dared to defy my teachers.

2. FRENZY (NOUN): उन्माद

Pronunciation: fren·zee

Meaning: a state or period of uncontrolled excitement or wild behavior.

Synonyms: hysteria, madness, mania

Antonyms: calm, peace, composure

Sentence: The mental patient was known to go into a frenzy if he didn't get his snack on time.

3. CAMOUFLAGE (NOUN/VERB): छलावरण

Pronunciation: ka.muh.flaaɹ

Meaning: the act of disguising or concealing something or oneself to blend with the surroundings or deceive others.

Synonyms: Disguise, Concealment, Masking

Antonyms: Revelation, Exposure, Unmasking

Sentence: He dressed in green camouflage which did the job at the time.

4. CLAIRVOYANT (NOUN): भेदक

Pronunciation: kleuh·voy·uhnt

Meaning: a person who claims to have a supernatural ability to perceive events in the future or beyond normal.

Synonyms: sixth sense, foreknowledge, second sight

Antonyms: ignorance, inconsideration

Sentence: One does not need to be clairvoyant to realize my school's basketball team is going to win the state championship.

5. PROLIFERATION (NOUN): प्रसार

Pronunciation: pruh·li·fuh·ray·shn

Meaning: the fact of something increasing a lot and suddenly in number or amount.

Synonyms: increase, addition, boost

Antonyms: reduction, depletion, decrease

Sentence: The doctor explained that the proliferation of the cancer cells shows that the cancer is spreading more rapidly than expected.

6. SURMISE (VERB): अंदाजा लगाना

Pronunciation: sur·mise

Meaning: suppose that something is true without having evidence to confirm it.

Synonyms: guess, conjecture, supposition

Antonyms: ascertain, determine, find out

Sentence: He surmised that something must be wrong.

7. BEGUILE (ADJECTIVE): छलना

Pronunciation: buh·gile

Meaning: to persuade, attract, or interest someone, sometimes in order to deceive them.

Synonyms: fascinate, enchant, captivate

Antonyms: unappealing, repel, weary

Sentence: Games are usually used to beguile small children.

8. REMINISCE (VERB): याद दिलाना

Pronunciation: reh·muh·nis

Meaning: to talk or write about past experiences that you remember with pleasure.

Synonyms: remember, recollect, recall

Antonyms: forget, ignore, neglect

Sentence: My grandfather used to reminisce about his years in the navy.

9. SPURT (NOUN/VERB): उछाल

Pronunciation: spuht

Meaning: a sudden burst or surge of something; to gush or flow forcefully and suddenly.

Synonyms: Burst, Surge, Jet

Antonyms: Slow, Dwindle, calm

Sentence: The company experienced a spurt of growth in sales last quarter.

10. DEFLATION (NOUN): अपस्फीति

Pronunciation: duh·flay·shn

Meaning: a general decline in prices for goods and services.

Synonyms: Reduction, Decline, Slump

Antonyms: Inflation, Growth, Rise

Sentence: The central bank implemented measures to combat deflation and stimulate economic growth.

11.PORTEND (VERB): संकेत मलना

Pronunciation: paw·tend

Meaning: To be a sign that something bad is likely to happen in the future

Synonyms: augur , presage, foretell

Antonyms: describe, tell, relate

Sentence: Having a black cat pass your path is said to portend bad luck.

12.PENETRABLE (ADJECTIVE): समझना

Pronunciation: peh·nuh·truh·bl

Meaning: Allowing things to pass through; permeable.

Synonyms: pervious, open, porous

Antonyms: impervious, impenetrable, dense

Sentence: The flashlights barely penetrated the gloom.

13. GLIMMER (VERB): झल मलाना

Pronunciation: gli·muh

Meaning: (of light) to shine without strength or not continuously.

Synonyms: Gleam , Glow, Shine

Antonyms: losing, hiding, pile

Sentence: A candle glimmered faintly in the darkened room.

14.INDISCRIMINATE (ADJECTIVE): ववेकहीन

Pronunciation: in·duh·skri·muh·nuht

Meaning: Not showing careful thought or planning.

Synonyms: Haphazard , Unplanned, Varied

Antonyms: Systematic , Definite, Like

Sentence: Cancer is completely indiscriminate in whom it strikes.

15. FLIMSY (ADJECTIVE): कमजोर

Pronunciation: flim·zee

Meaning: comparatively light and insubstantial; easily damaged.

Synonyms: fragile, insubstantial, feeble

Antonyms: sturdy, substantial, strong

Sentence: The storm flattened the flimsy wooden huts that the villagers lived in.

16. PENITENT (ADJECTIVE): अनुतापी**Pronunciation:** peh·nuh·tnt**Meaning:** feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong; repentant.**Synonyms:** repentant, remorseful, ashamed**Antonyms:** impenitent, unrepentant, unapologetic**Sentence:** “I’m sorry,” she said with penitent smile.**17. FREEBIE (NOUN): मुफ्त****Pronunciation:** free·bee**Meaning:** a thing given free of charge.**Synonyms:** gift, donation, bonus**Antonyms:** expensive, extortionate, overpriced**Sentence:** The store gives customers a freebie with their purchases.**18. ANIMADVERSION (NOUN) : निन्दा****Pronunciation:** a·nuh·mad·vuh·shn**Meaning:** criticism or censure.**Synonyms:** harsh criticism, disapproval**Antonyms:** extol, laud, praise**Sentence:** He was infuriated by their constant animadversion.**19. SLACK (NOUN/VERB) : सुस्त****Pronunciation:** slak**Meaning:** having or showing laziness or negligence, decrease or reduce in intensity, quantity, or speed.**Synonyms:** careless, lax, negligent**Antonyms:** careful, cautious, punctilious**Sentence:** Those about him said that he became extraordinarily slack and physically feeble during his stay in that town.**20. QUOTIDIAN (ADJECTIVE): दैनिक****Pronunciation:** kvoh·ti·dee·uhn**Meaning:** of or occurring every day, daily.**Synonyms:** usual, ubiquitous, ordinary**Antonyms:** extraordinary, unusual, infrequent**Sentence:** Television has become part of our quotidian existence.**21. DERELICTION (NOUN): त्याग****Pronunciation:** deh·ruh·lik·shn

Meaning: neglect or abandonment of duty; failure to fulfill responsibilities.

Synonyms: Negligence, abandonment, irresponsibility

Antonyms: Diligence, responsibility, attentiveness

Sentence: The employee's dereliction of duty resulted in significant losses for the company.

22. KNOTTY (ADJECTIVE): जटिल

Pronunciation: nawt•ee

Meaning: extremely difficult or complex.

Synonyms: Complicated, complex, intricate

Antonyms: Simple, straightforward, uncomplicated

Sentence: The math problem was so knotty that even the best students struggled to solve it.

23. CONNOISSEUR (NOUN): वशेषज्ञ

Pronunciation: kaw•nuh•suh

Meaning: a person who knows a lot about art, good food, music, etc.

Synonyms: Expert, specialist, authority

Antonyms: Novice, beginner, amateur

Sentence: Sarah is a connoisseur of classical music and can discuss the nuances of different composers and their works.

24. EXHILARATE (VERB): उत्साहित करना

Pronunciation: uhg•zi•luh•rayt

Meaning: to make someone feel very happy, animated, or elated; to thrill or excite.

Synonyms: Thrill, delight, invigorate

Antonyms: Depress, discourage, dampen

Sentence: The thrilling roller coaster ride exhilarated the children and brought smiles to their faces.

25. POMPOUS (ADJECTIVE): शोभायमान

Pronunciation: pawmp•uhs

Meaning: showing that you think you are more important than other people.

Synonyms: Showy, Arrogant, Haughty

Antonyms: Humble, modest, unpretentious

Sentence: The CEO's pompous behavior during the meeting annoyed the employees and created a negative atmosphere.

26. IOTA (NOUN): बिंदुमात्र

Pronunciation: ai·oh·tuh

Meaning: a very small or insignificant amount; a tiny bit.

Synonyms: Bit, trace, smidgen

Antonyms: Abundance, plenty, whole

Sentence: She didn't show an iota of interest in his story and continued to focus on her book.

27. GLITZY (ADJECTIVE): जादुई

Pronunciation: glit·see

Meaning: attracting attention with showy or flashy display; glamorous.

Synonyms: pomp, swank, falsh

Antonyms: Plainness, Modesty, Severity

Sentence: The hotel's grand ballroom was decorated with glitzy decorations and sparkling lights for the New Year's Eve party.

28. PARAMOUNT (ADJECTIVE): प्रमुख

Pronunciation: pa·ruh·mawnt

Meaning: of supreme importance or significance; highest in rank or authority.

Synonyms: Supreme, Dominant , Preeminent

Antonyms: Insignificant, Secondary , Minor

Sentence: The safety of the passengers is paramount for the airline industry.

29. LATCHED(VERB): कुंडी लगा दी

Pronunciation: lacht

Meaning: Fasten (a door or gate) with a latch.

Synonyms: Secure , Tied, Lock

Antonyms: Disconnected , Divided, Split

Sentence: Her fingers found the door latch.

30. EVANESCENT (ADJECTIVE): 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.

31. COVENANT (NOUN): अनुबंध करना

Pronunciation: kuh·vuh·nuhnt

Meaning: a formal and binding agreement or contract between two or more parties.

Synonyms: agreement, contract, treaty

Antonyms: disagreement, discord, denial

Sentence: They signed a covenant agreeing to share the profits equally.

32. REMORSEFUL (ADJECTIVE): पश्चात्तापी

Pronunciation: ruh·maws·ful

Meaning: feeling or expressing sincere regret or remorse.

Synonyms: repentant, regretful, sorry

Antonyms: unrepentant, impenitent, shameless

Sentence: After realizing the harm he had caused, he was remorseful and apologized to those he had hurt.

33. STODGY (ADJECTIVE): फूला हुआ

Pronunciation: stawj·ee

Meaning: dull and uninspired, lacking in excitement or originality; Food which is heavy and difficult to digest.

Synonyms: Dull, boring, unexciting

Antonyms: Interesting, exciting, dynamic

Sentence: The novel was criticized for its stodgy prose and lack of narrative tension.

34. HANKER (VERB): लालायित होना

Pronunciation: hang·kuh

Meaning: to have a strong desire or longing for something.

Synonyms: Crave, Yearn, Long

Antonyms: Dislike, Abhor, Aversion

Sentence: I have always hankered for adventure and travel, so I decided to take a year off and backpack across Europe.

35. DEPRAVED (ADJECTIVE): दुष्ट

Pronunciation: duh·prayvd

Meaning: Morally corrupt, wicked.

Synonyms: Corrupt, immoral, vicious

Antonyms: Virtuous, moral, ethical

Sentence: The depraved individual was found guilty of committing heinous crimes.

36. TRAVAIL (NOUN) : कड़ा परिश्रम

Pronunciation: tra·vayl

Meaning: painful or laborious effort, a physical or mental exertion.

Synonyms: distress, pain, torment

Antonyms: ease, rest, leisure

Sentence: She went through much travail to become a doctor.

37. DESICCATED (ADJECTIVE): सुखाया हुआ

Pronunciation: deh•suh•kayt•uhd

Meaning: used about food dried in order to keep it for a long time.

Synonyms: dried up, dehydrated, lifeless

Antonyms: hydrated, moist, wet

Sentence: After sitting in the hot sun all day, the once lush green grass had become desiccated and brown.

38. TACITURN (ADJECTIVE): अल्पभाषी

Pronunciation: ta•suh•tuhn

Meaning: reserved or uncommunicative in speech; tending not to speak much.

Synonyms: untalkative, uncommunicative, reticent

Antonyms: blabby, chatty, talkative

Sentence: John is a taciturn man who rarely speaks more than a few words at a time.

39. INTENT (NOUN/ADJECTIVE): इरादा

Pronunciation: uhn•tent

Meaning: having the mind or attention firmly fixed on something; (n) intention or purpose.

Synonyms: aim, goal, objective

Antonyms: aimless, unfocused, distracted

Sentence: The athlete had an intent look on his face as he prepared for the race.

40. CANARD (NOUN): झूठी खबर

Pronunciation: ka•naad

Meaning: an unfounded rumour or story.

Synonyms: hoax, fabrication, myth

Antonyms: truth, fact, reality

Sentence: The politician was known for spreading canards about his opponents to gain an advantage in the election.

41. BREACH (Noun) : उल्लंघन

Pronunciation: breech

Meaning: A break or violation, often of trust, law, or relations.

Synonyms: Violation, offence, sin

Antonyms: observance, upholding, respecting

Sentence: they heard the waters pour through the breach in the sea wall.

42. INCITED (Verb) : उकसाना

Pronunciation: uhn.site.uhd

Meaning: To stir up or provoke to action, often negatively.

Synonyms: Provoked, spurred, instigated.

Antonyms: Calmed, restrained, discouraged.

Sentence: any priests refused to collaborate with the authorities, and some incited disobedience.

43. REBUKE (Verb) : निन्दा करना

Pronunciation: ruh.byookt

Meaning: to speak angrily to somebody because he/she has done something wrong.

Synonyms: Reprimand, scold, censure

Antonym: citation, tribute, honor

Sentence: she had rebuked him for drinking too much.

44.RAMPANT (ADJECTIVE): अनियंत्रित

Pronunciation: ram.pnt

Meaning: (used about something bad) existing or spreading everywhere in a way that is very difficult to control.

Synonyms: unrestrained, unchecked, uncontrolled

Antonyms: controlled, hampered, hindered

Sentence: a rich soil soon becomes home to rampant weeds.

45.IMMEDIATE (ADJECTIVE): तत्काल

Pronunciation: i.mee.dee.uht

Meaning: existing now and needing urgent attention.

Synonyms: instant, swift, speedy

Antonyms: distant, slow, tardy

Sentence: Roads in the immediate vicinity of the port.

46.INCUMBENT (ADJECTIVE): पदधारी

Pronunciation: uhng.kuhm.bnt

Meaning: a person who is currently in an official position.

Synonyms: obligatory, mandatory, binding

Antonyms: optional, applicant, hopeful

Sentence: the present incumbent will soon be retiring.

47. AGITATION (NOUN): व्याकुलता**Pronunciation:** a.juh.tay.shn**Meaning:** a state of excitement, disturbance, or worry.**Synonyms:** perturbation, disquiet, distress**Antonyms:** calmness, still, peace**Sentence:** She was wringing her hands in agitation.**48. ADJOURNMENT (NOUN):** स्थगन**Pronunciation:** uh.juhn.muht**Meaning:** a pause or rest during a formal meeting or trial.**Synonyms:** lull, pause, rest**Antonyms:** continuation, run, stretch**Sentence:** she sought an adjournment of the trial.**49. CASTIGATE (VERB):** आलोचना करना**Pronunciation:** ka.stuh.gayt**Meaning:** to criticize, strongly oppose or punish somebody/something severely.**Synonyms:** berate, rag, lambast**Antonyms:** praise, approve, laud**Sentence:** She was castigated for not setting a good example.**50. RESUMPTION (NOUN):** पुनरारंभ**Pronunciation:** ruh.zuhmp.shn**Meaning:** beginning again or continuing after a pause or interruption.**Synonyms:** restarting, reopening**Antonyms:** suspension, abandonment**Sentence:** with peace came the resumption of foreign imports.**51. DISPENSE (VERB):** छोड़ देना**Pronunciation:** duh·spens**Meaning:** to give or provide people with something.**Synonyms:** omit, drop, waive**Antonyms:** include, keep, collect**Sentence:** Let's dispense with the formalities, shall we?**52. TENACITY (NOUN):** दृढ़ता**Pronunciation:** tuh·na·suh·tee**Meaning:** the determination to continue what you are doing.**Synonyms:** determination, perseverance, persistence

Antonyms: irresoluteness, hesitation, timidity

Sentence: She fought with tenacity born of anxiety.

53. RECTITUDE (NOUN): निष्कपटता

Pronunciation: rek·tuh·chood

Meaning: morally correct behaviour or thinking; righteousness.

Synonyms: goodness, virtue, morality

Antonyms: infamy, evil, sin

Sentence: The necessity of moral rectitude was itself an incentive.

54. ABREAST (ADVERB): पास-पास

Pronunciation: uh·brest

Meaning: next to or level with somebody/something and going in the same direction.

Synonyms: up to date with, in touch with, side by side

Antonyms: out of touch with, insensible, unheeding

Sentence: In modern times, one has to keep abreast of developments.

55. IMPREGNABLE (ADJECTIVE): अजेय

Pronunciation: uhm·preg·nuh·bl

Meaning: incapable of being overcome, challenged, or defeated.

Synonyms: invincible, invulnerable, unconquerable

Antonyms: susceptible, vulnerable, open

Sentence: The prison's impregnable security wall makes it impossible for inmates to leave the grounds.

56. PLURALISM (NOUN): बहुवाद

Pronunciation: ploo·ruh·li·zm

Meaning: the existence of different types of people, who have different beliefs and opinions, within the same society.

Synonyms: diversity, heterogeneity, multiplicity

Antonyms: uniformity, similarity, consistency

Sentence: We know it's not easy to maintain pluralism in a country.

57. VOUCH (VERB): ज़मानत देना

Pronunciation: vawch

Meaning: assert or confirm as a result of one's own experience that something is true.

Synonyms: certify, attest, ensure

Antonyms: undermine, enfeeble, weaken

Sentence: Ally said she would vouch to her boss that her friend was a strong candidate for the job at her work.

58. FLIMSY (ADJECTIVE): कमजोर

Pronunciation: flim·zee

Meaning: comparatively light and insubstantial; easily damaged.

Synonyms: fragile, insubstantial, feeble

Antonyms: sturdy, substantial, strong

Sentence: The storm flattened the flimsy wooden huts that the villagers lived in.

59. STRINGENT (ADJECTIVE): कठोर

Pronunciation: strin·jnt

Meaning: strict, precise, and exacting (of regulations, requirements, or conditions)

Synonyms: strict, rigorous, rigid

Antonyms: lenient, flexible, slack

Sentence: The quantity of exports has declined since the early 80s due to the stringent procedures by the government.

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