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Some exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read their usages to learn how to use them in sentences. This will really help you boost up your learning.

Happy Learning!!!

1. REPULSE (verb, noun) – खदेड़ना

Pronunciation: ri-puls

Meaning: drive back (an attack or attacker) by force; reject or rebuff (an approach or offer or the person making it)

Synonyms: repel, fight back, beat off, beat back, push back, hold off; rebuff, reject, spurn, snub, disdain

Antonyms: welcome, accept

Usage:

- The armed forces were prepared to repulse any attacks. (verb)
- Her request for a donation met with a repulse. (noun)

2. PERTINACIOUS (adjective) – दृढ़

Pronunciation: puhti-nei-sh(u)s

Meaning: holding firmly to an opinion or a course of action

Synonyms: determined, tenacious, persistent, persevering, assiduous

Antonyms: irresolute, tentative

Usage: Like most successful politicians, she is pertinacious and single-minded in the pursuit of her goals.

3. MERCENARY (adjective, noun) – स्वार्थलोलुप; भाड़े का सिपाही

Pronunciation: muhsi-nuri

Meaning: primarily concerned with making money at the expense of ethics; a professional soldier hired to serve in a foreign army

Synonyms: money-oriented, grasping, greedy, acquisitive, avaricious; soldier of fortune, hireling, merc

Antonyms: altruistic, philanthropic; volunteer, conscript

Usage:

- His actions are entirely mercenary. (adjective)
- At first glance, he resembled a mercenary soldier. (noun)

4. INTERCESSOR (noun) – हिमायती, मध्यस्थ

Pronunciation: intuh-sesuh

Meaning: a person who intervenes on behalf of another, especially by prayer

Synonyms: mediator, moderator, go-between, negotiator, middleman

Usage: You have no intercessor between you and your Creator.

5. ANATHEMA (noun) – नागवार, घृणास्पद

Pronunciation: una-thuh-muh

Meaning: something that is strongly disliked

Synonyms: abhorrent, hateful, odious, repugnant, repellent, offensive

Antonyms: beloved, darling, dear, honey, sweetheart

Usage:

- His political views were anathema to me.
- I consider my mother-in-law an anathema because she keeps scolding me all the time.

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6. EXECRATE (verb) – नफ़रत करना, कोसना

Pronunciation: eksi-kreit

Meaning: to have or show feelings of hate towards someone or something

Synonyms: revile, denounce, decry, condemn, vilify

Antonyms: praise, adore

Usage: I execrate people who deceive and tell lies.

7. WISECRACK (noun, verb) – हास्यजनक और आलोचनात्मक टिप्पणी

Pronunciation: waiz-karak

Meaning: a funny remark, especially one that criticizes someone; make a witty remark or joke

Synonyms: joke, quip, jest

Usage:

- He made a wisecrack about my ability. (noun)
- Joyce Wadler is a witty woman who is able to wisecrack in a sophisticated style. (verb)

8. PETITE (noun) – पतली दुबली स्त्री; छोटा सा

Pronunciation: puh-teet

Meaning: (of a woman) attractively small; delicately small and pretty

Synonyms: small, dainty, diminutive, slight, little, tiny, elfin

Usage: Dress sizes range from petite to extra large.

9. HALF-BAKED (adjective) – अनियोजित, मूर्खतापूर्ण

Pronunciation: haaf-beikt

Meaning: poorly developed or carried out; lacking adequate planning or forethought; lacking in judgment, intelligence, or common sense

Synonyms: undeveloped, unformed, hare-brained, unplanned, ill-conceived, ill-judged; foolish, stupid, silly, idiotic, doltish, asinine

Antonym: sensible

Usage:

- Don't listen to his half-baked ideas.
- The government has set up some half-baked scheme for training teachers on the job.

10. MARKEDLY (adverb) – स्पष्ट रूप से

Pronunciation: maakidli

Meaning: to an extent which is clearly noticeable

Synonyms: noticeably, decidedly, strikingly, distinctly, remarkably, clearly

Antonym: imperceptibly

Usage: Her family background is markedly different from her husband's.



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