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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. NOTABLE (ADJECTIVE): उल्लेखनीय

Pronunciation: note·uh·bl

Meaning: noteworthy.

Synonyms: Remarkable, Outstanding

Antonyms: Insignificant

Sentence: The gardens are notable for their collection of magnolias and camellias.

2. IMPRUDENT (ADJECTIVE): अविवेकी

Pronunciation: uhm·proo·dnt

Meaning: unwise.

Synonyms: Injudicious, Incautious

Antonyms: Prudent

Sentence: It would be imprudent to leave her winter coat behind.

3. INCURSION (NOUN): चढ़ाई

Pronunciation: uhng·kuh·shn

Meaning: attack on.

Synonyms: Assault on, Raid on

Antonyms: Retreat

Sentence: Soldiers went for incursions into enemy territory.

4. UPHOLD (VERB): सही ठहराना

Pronunciation: uhp·holed

Meaning: confirm.

Synonyms: endorse sustain

Antonyms: overturn

Sentence: The court upheld his claim for damages.

5. COMBATANT (NOUN): योद्धा

Pronunciation: kawm·buht·uhnt

Meaning: contender.

Synonyms: antagonist, adversary

Antonyms: ally

Sentence: He is a long-time combatant for the control of Newcastle FC.

6. AUTHORITARIAN (ADJECTIVE): सत्तावादी

Pronunciation: aw·thaw·ruh·teuh·ree·uhn

Meaning: autocratic.

Synonyms: dictatorial totalitarian

Antonyms: democratic

Sentence: The transition from an authoritarian to a democratic regime.

7. ABROGATE (VERB): अभिनिषेध करना

Pronunciation: a·bruh·gayt

Meaning: repudiate.

Synonyms: revoke, repeal

Antonyms: institute

Sentence: Investments banks won't abrogate any condition for profit.

8. INCUR (VERB): झेलना

Pronunciation: uhng·kuh

Meaning: suffer.

Synonyms: sustain, experience

Antonyms: avoid

Sentence: I will pay any expenses incurred.

9. DESPERATE (ADJECTIVE): आशाहीन

Pronunciation: deh·spuh·rayt

Meaning: despairing.

Synonyms: hopeless, anguished

Antonyms: cheerful

Sentence: A desperate sadness enveloped him.

10. DISCERN (VERB): पहचानना

Pronunciation: duh·suhn

Meaning: perceive.

Synonyms: make out, pick out

Antonyms: overlook

Sentence: She could faintly discern the shape of a skull.

11. SPIRAL (VERB): वृद्धि होना

Pronunciation: spai·ruhl

Meaning: soar.

Synonyms: shoot up, rocket

Antonyms: fall

Sentence: Inflation continued to spiral.

12. VICE (NOUN): अनैतिकता

Pronunciation: vice

Meaning: immorality.

Synonyms: wrongdoing, wrong

Antonyms: virtue

Sentence: A mobile phone network is being used to peddle vice.

13. INDISPUTABLE (ADJECTIVE): निर्विवाद

Pronunciation: in·duh·spyoot·uh·bl

Meaning: incontrovertible.

Synonyms: incontestable, undeniable

Antonyms: questionable

Sentence: What he said was a far from indisputable fact.

14. ILLUSORY (ADJECTIVE): भ्रामक

Pronunciation: uh·loo·suh·ree

Meaning: delusory.

Synonyms: delusional delusive

Antonyms: real

Sentence: She knew the safety of her room was illusory.

15. FABLED (ADJECTIVE): प्रसिद्ध

Pronunciation: fay·bld

Meaning: famed.

Synonyms: celebrated, renowned

Antonyms: unknown

Sentence: We all saw a fabled art collection.

16. PALPABLE (ADJECTIVE): सुस्पष्ट

Pronunciation: pal·puh·bl

Meaning: perceptible.

Synonyms: visible, noticeable

Antonyms: intangible

Sentence: It was a palpable sense of loss for me.

17. CHASTISE (VERB): दंड देना**Pronunciation:** chas·tise**Meaning:** scold.**Synonyms:** upbraid, berate**Antonyms:** praise**Sentence:** He chastised his colleagues for their laziness.**18. INSIDIOUS (ADJECTIVE): कपटी****Pronunciation:** uhn·si·dee·uhs**Meaning:** stealthy.**Synonyms:** subtle, surreptitious**Antonyms:** Straightforward**Sentence:** Harassment is a serious and insidious problem.**19. DENT (VERB): कम करना****Pronunciation:** dent**Meaning:** diminish.**Synonyms:** reduce, lessen**Antonyms:** increase**Sentence:** She didn't seem to dent the plate of food.**20. NAUSEOUS (ADJECTIVE): वमनजनक****Pronunciation:** naw·zee·uhs**Meaning:** sickening.**Synonyms:** nauseating, stomach-turning**Antonyms:** charming**Sentence:** The thought of stale food made her feel nauseous.**21. WRECK (VERB): बिगाड़ देना****Pronunciation:** rek**Meaning:** ruin.**Synonyms:** spoil, disrupt**Antonyms:** facilitate**Sentence:** An eye injury wrecked his chances of a professional career.**22. EXODUS (NOUN): प्रस्थान****Pronunciation:** ek·suh·duhsa**Meaning:** leaving.**Synonyms:** withdrawal, evacuation

Antonyms: Arrival

Sentence: The condemnation gave rise to an exodus to Rome.

23. STRAINED (ADJECTIVE): अस्वाभाविक

Pronunciation: straynd

Meaning: forced.

Synonyms: constrained, laboured

Antonyms: natural

Sentence: She gave a strained laugh.

24. MERITORIOUS (ADJECTIVE): सराहनीय

Pronunciation: meh·ruh·toh·ree·uhs

Meaning: praiseworthy.

Synonyms: laudable commendable

Antonyms: worthless

Sentence: I got a medal for my meritorious conduct.

25. CRAMP (VERB): बाधा डालना

Pronunciation: kramp

Meaning: hinder.

Synonyms: impede, inhibit

Antonyms: facilitate

Sentence: Tighter rules cramp economic growth.

26. RESCIND (VERB): रद्द कर देना

Pronunciation: ruh·sind

Meaning: revoke.

Synonyms: repeal, cancel

Antonyms: enforce

Sentence: The government eventually rescinded the directive.

27. COUNTER (ADJECTIVE): विरोध

Pronunciation: kawn·tuh

Meaning: opposing.

Synonyms: opposed, opposite

Antonyms: Complimentary

Sentence: After years of argument and counterargument, there is no conclusive answer.

28. ERSTWHILE (ADJECTIVE): भूतपूर्व

Pronunciation: uhs·tvile

Meaning: former.

Synonyms: old, past

Antonyms: present

Sentence: He fled to America with Gia Manek, an erstwhile friend of his wife's.

29. PROMPT (ADJECTIVE): शीघ्र

Pronunciation: prawmt

Meaning: quick.

Synonyms: swift, rapid

Antonyms: slow

Sentence: She would have died but for the prompt action of two ambulance men.

30. HARASS (VERB): सताना

Pronunciation: huh·raas

Meaning: pester.

Synonyms: badger, hound

Antonyms: leave in peace

Sentence: Being harassed at work can leave you feeling confused and helpless.

31. FLAG (VERB): थकना

Pronunciation: flag

Meaning: tire.

Synonyms: weaken, falter

Antonyms: revive

Sentence: If you begin to flag, there is an excellent cafe to revive you.

32. DEFER (VERB): समर्पण करना

Pronunciation: di·fuh

Meaning: yield.

Synonyms: submit, give way

Antonyms: stand up to

Sentence: He was not a man to defer this kind of pressure.

33. NEGATE (VERB): प्रतिवाद करना

Pronunciation: nuh·gayt

Meaning: make ineffective; nullify.

Synonyms: annihilate, disallow

Antonyms: allow, assist

Sentence: The criminal will negate all charges if you fail to prove him guilty.

34. QUEER (ADJECTIVE): विचित्र

Pronunciation: kveeuh

Meaning: abnormal.

Synonyms: erratic, weird

Antonyms: sensible, sound

Sentence: They are queer in behaviour and extremely uncultured in their lifestyle.

35. STIMULATE (VERB): उत्तेजित करना

Pronunciation: sti·myoo·layt

Meaning: provoke.

Synonyms: elate, arouse

Antonyms: neglect, dishearten

Sentence: The teacher has to stimulate the students in order to create a hunger in them.

36. CORNUCOPIA (NOUN): प्रचुरता

Pronunciation: kaw·nyoo·koh·pee·uh

Meaning: abundance.

Synonyms: bounty, fullness

Antonyms: need, lack

Sentence: I shall come from London Town with a cornucopia of presents.

37. FRET (VERB): चिड़चिड़ाना

Pronunciation: fret

Meaning: feel uneasy.

Synonyms: be upset, be anxious

Antonyms: please, delight

Sentence: She was always fretting about something or the other.

38. ETHEREAL (ADJECTIVE): कोमल

Pronunciation: uh·theeuh·ree·uhl

Meaning: extremely delicate.

Synonyms: light, sublime

Antonyms: earthly, indelicate

Sentence: In this ethereal realm are the currents that make possible wireless telegraphy.

39. UNLETTERED (ADJECTIVE): निरक्षर

Pronunciation: uhn·leh·tuhd

Meaning: uneducated.

Synonyms: ignorant, illiterate

Antonyms: educated, literate

Sentence: Such misconceptions have not been confined to the unlettered masses.

40. SPRIGHTLY (ADJECTIVE): प्रमुदित

Pronunciation: sprite·lee

Meaning: lively.

Synonyms: agile, active

Antonyms: spiritless, lethargic

Sentence: The sprightly old woman walks two miles every day.

41. PRESTIGIOUS (ADJECTIVE): प्रतिष्ठित

Pronunciation: preh·sti·jee·uhs

Meaning: reputable.

Synonyms: distinguished, respected

Antonyms: disreputable

Sentence: He works at a much more prestigious academic post.

42. ENSUING (ADJECTIVE): आगामी

Pronunciation: uhn·syoo·uhng

Meaning: subsequent.

Synonyms: following, succeeding

Antonyms: previous

Sentence: The theory was developed subsequent to the earthquake of 1906.

43. INDIGENOUS (ADJECTIVE): स्वदेशी

Pronunciation: in·dee·juh·nuhs

Meaning: native.

Synonyms: aboriginal, local

Antonyms: expatriate

Sentence: We met indigenous people of Siberia.

44. DEVOTION (NOUN): निष्ठा

Pronunciation: duh·voh·shn

Meaning: loyalty.

Synonyms: faithfulness, fidelity

Antonyms: disloyalty

Sentence: His devotion to duty never wavered.

45. MISLEAD (VERB): बहकाना**Pronunciation:** mi·slead**Meaning:** deceive.**Synonyms:** delude, lie to**Antonyms:** be honest**Sentence:** The government misled the public about the road's environmental impact.**46. IMMORAL (ADJECTIVE): अनैतिक****Pronunciation:** uh·maw·ruhl**Meaning:** unethical.**Synonyms:** bad, wrongful**Antonyms:** moral**Sentence:** Her behaviour was seemingly immoral.**47. CONTEMPT (NOUN): निंदा****Pronunciation:** kuhn·tempt**Meaning:** scorn.**Synonyms:** disregard, disrespect**Antonyms:** respect**Sentence:** She treated everyone with much contempt.**48. PLUNGE (NOUN): गिरावट****Pronunciation:** pluhnj**Meaning:** fall.**Synonyms:** drop, tumble**Antonyms:** rise**Sentence:** The central bank declared a 76% plunge in its profits.**49. BELITTLE (VERB): छोटा करना****Pronunciation:** buh·li·tl**Meaning:** disparage.**Synonyms:** denigrate, run down**Antonyms:** praise**Sentence:** She belittled my riding and driving skills.**50. OPTIMISM (NOUN): आशावाद****Pronunciation:** awp·tuh·mi·zm**Meaning:** hope.**Synonyms:** confidence, buoyancy

Antonyms: pessimism

Sentence: The talks had been amicable and there were grounds for optimism.

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