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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. SEDITION (NOUN): देशद्रोह

Pronunciation: suh·di·shn

Meaning: conduct or speech inciting rebellion against the authority of a state or monarch.

Synonyms: Rebellion, Treason, Insurrection

Antonyms: Loyalty, Obedience

Sentence: The government arrested the individuals involved in sedition for their attempts to overthrow the established regime.

2. ABEYANCE (NOUN): स्थगित

Pronunciation: nuh·bay·uhns

Meaning: temporary suspension or cessation of activity or condition.

Synonyms: Suspension, Dormancy, Inactivity

Antonyms: Continuation, Resumption, Activity

Sentence: The project is currently in abeyance due to funding issues, but it is expected to resume once the financial situation improves.

3. RIGOUR (NOUN): कठोरता

Pronunciation: rig·er

Meaning: strictness, severity, or harshness in actions, conditions.

Synonyms: Severity, Hardness, Hardship

Antonyms: Leniency, Flexibility, Relaxation

Sentence: The teacher graded the exam with great rigour, ensuring that each answer was thoroughly evaluated.

4. RAMPANT (ADJECTIVE): प्रचंड

Pronunciation: ram·pnt

Meaning: spreading uncontrollably or unchecked; widespread and uncontrolled.

Synonyms: Unrestrained, riotous, wild

Antonyms: Subdued, Controlled, Moderate

Sentence: Corruption was rampant in the government, affecting all levels of administration.

5. HACKNEYED (ADJECTIVE): घिसा-पटा

Pronunciation: hak·need

Meaning: (used about phrases, ideas, fashion etc.) boring because it has been used too often.

Synonyms: Trite, Cliché, Stereotyped

Antonyms: Fresh, Original, New

Sentence: The speaker's hackneyed phrases failed to captivate the audience, as they had heard them many times before.

6. PROLIFERATION (NOUN): प्रसार

Pronunciation: pruh·li·fuh·ray·shn

Meaning: Rapid or continuous increase in number or amount.

Synonyms: Expansion, Increase, Gain

Antonyms: Reduction, Decrease, Decline

Sentence: The proliferation of smart phones has greatly changed the way people communicate and access information.

7. COERCE (VERB): मजबूर करना

Pronunciation: koh·uhs

Meaning: to persuade or force someone to do something through threats or intimidation.

Synonyms: Force, Compel, Oblige

Antonyms: Persuade, Convince, Encourage

Sentence: The dictator used his power to coerce the citizens into obeying his orders.

8. AUGMENTATION (NOUN): वृद्धि

Pronunciation: awg·muhn·tay·shn

Meaning: the act of increasing or enlarging something in size, quantity, or intensity.

Synonyms: Increase, Expansion, Growth

Antonyms: Reduction, Decrease, Contraction

Sentence: The company announced an augmentation of its workforce to meet the growing demand for its products.

9. ASSASSINATION (NOUN): हत्याकांड

Pronunciation: uh·sa·suh·nay·shn

Meaning: the act of intentionally killing a prominent person, typically for political or ideological reasons.

Synonyms: Murder, Homicide, Killing

Antonyms: Protection, Security, Safeguarding

Sentence: The president's assassination shocked the nation and sparked widespread outrage and investigation.

10. NADIR (NOUN): निचलतम स्थिति**Pronunciation:** naa·dir**Meaning:** the lowest point; the point of greatest adversity or despair.**Synonyms:** Lowest point, Bottom, Rock bottom**Antonyms:** Apex, Zenith, Peak**Sentence:** After losing his job and going through a series of personal setbacks, he felt like he had reached the nadir of his life.**11. PARTISAN (ADJECTIVE): पक्षपाती****Pronunciation:** paa·tuh·zan**Meaning:** biased or showing strong support for a particular party, group, or cause.**Synonyms:** biased, prejudiced, partial**Antonyms:** unbiased, impartial, fair**Sentence:** The media accused the journalist of writing a partisan article favoring one political party.**12. MOONLIGHTING (VERB): अतिरिक्त काम करना****Pronunciation:** moon·lite·uhng**Meaning:** practice of working a second job, especially secretly or at night, in addition to one's regular job.**Synonyms:** Second job, sideline, side hustle**Antonyms:** Primary job, Full-time job, primary**Sentence:** Tom was caught moonlighting at a local restaurant, even though his contract prohibited him from taking a second job.**13. MUDDLED (ADJECTIVE): अव्यवस्थित****Pronunciation:** muh·dld**Meaning:** confused or mixed up, not clear or well-organized.**Synonyms:** Confused, Jumbled, chaotic**Antonyms:** Clear, Organized, Orderly**Sentence:** The muddled instructions made it difficult for the students to complete the assignment correctly.**14. BALK (VERB): बाधा डालना****Pronunciation:** bawk**Meaning:** to prevent from achieving a goal.**Synonyms:** block, hinder, thwart**Antonyms:** incentive, catalyst, aid

Sentence: Monica knew that her husband would balk at going shopping for new clothes, so she told him they were going to see the new action movie.

15. SCUFFLING (VERB): हाथापाई करना

Pronunciation: skuh·fuhl·uhng

Meaning: engage in a short, confused fight or struggle at close quarters.

Synonyms: fight, struggle, tussle

Antonyms: gliding, sliding, coasting

Sentence: The teacher noticed two students scuffling in the corridor.

16. INDIGENT (ADJECTIVE): दरिद्र

Pronunciation: in·duh·jnt

Meaning: poor, needy.

Synonyms: poor, impecunious, destitute

Antonyms: prosperous, opulent, rich

Sentence: Because he was indigent, the court-appointed a lawyer to represent him.

17. AVER (VERB): दृढ़ता से कहना

Pronunciation: uh·vuh

Meaning: state or assert to be the case.

Synonyms: declare, assert, state

Antonyms: deny, gainsay, reject

Sentence: I aver that I have spoken the truth.

18. ANOMALOUS (ADJECTIVE): नियम वरुद्ध

Pronunciation: uh·naw·muh·luhs

Meaning: deviating from what is standard, normal, or expected.

Synonyms: abnormal, atypical, non-typical

Antonyms: natural, normal, regular

Sentence: The existence of two governing bodies is anomalous and detrimental.

19. MARQUEE (NOUN): शा मयाना

Pronunciation: maa·kee

Meaning: a very large tent that is used for parties, shows, etc.

Synonyms: shelter, tent, canopy,

Antonyms: unknown, undistinguished, inferior

Sentence: The studio chiefs wanted a marquee name in the lead role, not some unknown.

20. APPORTION (VERB): बाटना

Pronunciation: uh·paw·shn

Meaning: to divide something among people; to give a share of something to somebody.

Synonyms: allocate, allot, assign

Antonyms: deny, withhold, retain

Sentence: When we know how much is profit, then we can apportion the money among/between us.

21. EMBELLISH (VERB): सजाना

Pronunciation: uhm·beh·luhsh

Meaning: to make something more beautiful by adding decoration to it.

Synonyms: decorate, adorn, ornament

Antonyms: reasonable, realistic, simplify

Sentence: These ornaments are made in silver, and precious and semi-precious gems are used to embellish them.

22. SCOFF (VERB): उपहास

Pronunciation: skawf

Meaning: speak to someone or about something in a scornfully derisive or mocking way.

Synonyms: mock, taunt, ridicule

Antonyms: admire, approve, compliment

Sentence: The rude little rich girl thought it was fun to scoff at the poor children at her school.

23. MUNIFICENCE (NOUN): उदारता

Pronunciation: myoo·ni·fuh·sns

Meaning: the quality or action of being lavishly generous; great generosity.

Synonyms: generosity, bountifulness, magnanimity

Antonyms: miserliness, stinginess, ruthlessness

Sentence: The munificent woman is a well-known philanthropist who funds many university scholarships.

24. JUVENILE (NOUN/ADJECTIVE): कशोर

Pronunciation: joo·vuh·nile

Meaning: relating to or characteristic of young people; a person below the age of majority.

Synonyms: youthful, adolescent, teenage

Antonyms: mature, adult, old

Sentence: The juvenile was sent to a rehabilitation center for his involvement in the crime.

25. MISOGYNIST (ADJECTIVE): नारी वरोधी

Pronunciation: mi.saw.juh.nuhst

Meaning: a person who dislikes, distrusts, or has prejudice against women.

Synonyms: Woman-hater, sexist, chauvinist

Antonyms: Feminist, idealist, optimist

Sentence: His derogatory remarks about women clearly showed that he was a misogynist.

26. DEFT (ADJECTIVE): निपुण

Pronunciation: deft

Meaning: (used especially about movements) skilful and quick.

Synonyms: Skillful, adept, nimble

Antonyms: Clumsy, inept, unskilled

Sentence: The chef's deft hands swiftly prepared the intricate dish with precision and finesse.

27. THROES (NOUN): दम तोड़ना

Pronunciation: throze

Meaning: severe or violent pains, especially at the moment of death.

Synonyms: Agony, anguish, pain

Antonyms: Ease, comfort, tranquility

Sentence: The country was in the throes of a political crisis, with protests and unrest spreading across the nation.

28. ELUCIDATION (NOUN): व्याख्या

Pronunciation: uh·loo·suhd·ay·shn

Meaning: explanation or clarification of a concept or idea.

Synonyms: Explanation, clarification, interpretation

Antonyms: Confusion, obscurity, ambiguity

Sentence: The teacher provided a detailed elucidation of the scientific theory, helping the students better understand its principles.

29. APARTHEID (NOUN): रंग-भेद

Pronunciation: uh·paat·ide

Meaning: a system under which people of different races were kept separate by law, and white people were given more political rights and educational and other advantages.

Synonyms: segregation, discrimination, racism

Antonyms: integration, union, impartial

Sentence: Nelson Mandela helped to end Apartheid, which was racial discrimination in South Africa.

30. PANDEMONIUM (NOUN): हंगामा**Pronunciation:** pan·duh·moh·nee·uhm**Meaning:** wild and noisy disorder or confusion; uproar.**Synonyms:** disturbance, turmoil, stir**Antonyms:** calm, rest, tranquility**Sentence:** Even though the teacher had instructed the children to be on their best behavior, pandemonium broke loose the minute Santa Claus walked through the door.**31. SWELTERING (Adjective) : उमस****Pronunciation:** svel.tuh.ruhng**Meaning:** Uncomfortably hot or oppressive.**Synonyms:** Scorching, torrid, sultry**Antonyms:** Cool, frigid, chilly**Sentence :** The sweltering heat challenged players at Edgbaston.**32. BRUTALIZE (Verb) : क्रूरता****Pronunciation:** broo.tuh.lyz**Meaning:** To treat someone cruelly or make them savage.**Synonyms:** Dehumanize, barbarize, savage**Antonyms:** Humanize, civilize, soften.**Sentence:** Police actions were accused of brutalizing Narayanpatana tribals.**33. FORTIFY (Verb) : मज़बूत****Pronunciation:** faw.tuh.fai**Meaning:** To strengthen or protect against attack.**Synonyms:** Reenforce, strengthen, secure**Antonyms:** Weaken, expose, undermine**Sentence:** Tetrapods were used to fortify Puthenthode's coastline.**34. INSIDIOUS (Adjective) : गुप्त****Pronunciation:** uhn.si.dee.uhs**Meaning:** spreading gradually or without being noticed, but causing serious harm.**Synonyms:** false, subtle, cunning**Antonyms:** direct, plain, frank**Sentence:** It need by no means be obvious: it can be insidious and subtle.**35. FICKLE (Adjective) : चंचल****Pronunciation:** fi-kl**Meaning:** Changing frequently, especially in loyalties or mood.

Synonyms: Unpredictable, inconsistent, variable

Antonyms: Steady, constant, reliable

Sentence: Public opinion is often fickle during election season.

36. BASHFUL (Adjective) : शर्मीला

Pronunciation: bash-fuhl

Meaning: often feeling uncomfortable with other people and easily embarrassed.

Synonyms: Shy, timid, reserved

Antonyms: Bold, confident, outgoing

Sentence: The bashful boy avoided speaking in front of the class.

37. VIGILANT (Adjective) : सतर्क

Pronunciation: vi-juh-luhnt

Meaning: Keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties.

Synonyms: Watchful, alert, attentive

Antonyms: Careless, inattentive, negligent

Sentence: The guards remained vigilant throughout the night.

38. TEDIOUS (Adjective) : नीरस

Pronunciation: tee-dee-uhs

Meaning: Too long, slow, or dull; tiresome.

Synonyms: Boring, monotonous, dreary

Antonyms: Exciting, interesting, lively

Sentence: The lecture was so tedious that several students dozed off.

39. VORACIOUS (Adjective) : बहुत भूखा

Pronunciation: vuh-ray-shuhs

Meaning: Wanting or devouring great quantities of food or information.

Synonyms: Ravenous, gluttonous, greedy

Antonyms: Satisfied, full, content

Sentence: He had a voracious appetite after the long trek.

40. IMPECCABLE (Adjective) : त्रुटिहीन

Pronunciation: uhm-peh-kuh-bl

Meaning: without any mistakes or faults; perfect.

Synonyms: Perfect, flawless, immaculate

Antonyms: Imperfect, flawed, faulty

Sentence: Her impeccable manners impressed the guests.

41. RHETORIC (Noun) : भाषण कला**Pronunciation:** ruh-taw-rik**Meaning:** The art or study of effective or persuasive speaking or writing.**Synonyms:** Oratory, eloquence, persuasion**Antonyms:** Plain-spokenness, conciseness, inarticulateness**Sentence:** The politician's carefully crafted rhetoric masked his actual intent.**42. DEVOLVE (Verb) : हस्तांतरित करना****Pronunciation:** duh-vawlv**Meaning:** To delegate or transfer power or responsibility.**Synonyms:** worsen, decline, sink**Antonyms:** improve, upgrade, develop**Sentence:** The central government plans to devolve more power to state administrations.**43. INIMICAL (Adjective) : वरोधी****Pronunciation:** uh-ni-muh-kl**Meaning:** harmful to something; making it difficult for something to happen or exist.**Synonyms:** Adverse, hostile, antagonistic**Antonyms:** Friendly, supportive, benevolent**Sentence:** the policy was inimical to Britain's real interests.**44. PERVASIVE (Adjective) : व्यापक****Pronunciation:** puh-vays-uhv**Meaning:** Spreading widely throughout an area or group of people.**Synonyms:** Ubiquitous, prevalent, widespread**Antonyms:** Rare, confined, limited**Sentence:** Misinformation has become a pervasive problem across social media platforms.**45. SALIENT (Adjective) : मुख्य****Pronunciation:** say-lee-uhnt**Meaning:** Most noticeable or important.**Synonyms:** Prominent, main, notable**Antonyms:** Minor, insignificant, trivial**Sentence:** The report highlighted the salient features of the proposed law.**46. INERT (Adjective) : जड़****Pronunciation:** i-nuht**Meaning:** Lacking the ability or strength to move; inactive.**Synonyms:** dormant, off, vacant

Antonyms: Active, dynamic, lively

Sentence: The economy remained inert despite efforts to jump-start it.

47. DICHOTOMY (Noun) : दो भागों में वभाजन

Pronunciation: dai-kaw-tuh-mee

Meaning: A division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different.

Synonyms: paradox, riddle, puzzle

Antonyms: Unity, wholeness, similarity

Sentence: There's a clear dichotomy between urban and rural challenges in policy making.

48. PARCHED (Adjective) : सूखा

Pronunciation: paacht

Meaning: Extremely dry due to heat or lack of water.

Synonyms: Arid, dehydrated, scorched

Antonyms: Moist, damp, hydrated

Sentence: The parched fields desperately awaited the monsoon rains.

49. LANGUID (Adjective) : सुस्त

Pronunciation: lang-gvuhd

Meaning: Displaying or having a disinclination for physical exertion; weak or slow.

Synonyms: tired, weak, limp

Antonyms: Energetic, lively, active

Sentence: She gave him a languid smile as she lay on the couch.

50. BLAZING (Adjective) : जलता हुआ

Pronunciation: blayz-uhng

Meaning: to burn with bright strong flames.

Synonyms: Fiery, flaming, burning

Antonyms: Dim, cold, dull

Sentence: The blazing sun made the desert trek unbearable.

51. CONSERVATISM (NOUN): रूढ़िवाद

Pronunciation: nkuhn·suhv·uh·ti·zm

Meaning: the disapproval of new ideas and change.

Synonyms: conservativeness, bigotry, fogeyism

Antonyms: Liberalism, progressivism, radicalism

Sentence: His views on social issues reflect his deep conservatism and resistance to change.

52. DISCONCERT (VERB): चंताजनक**Pronunciation:** dis·kuhn·suht**Meaning:** disturb the composure of; unsettle.**Synonyms:** confuse, fluster, rattle**Antonyms:** relieve, soothe, comfort**Sentence:** John would disconcert his parents by not coming home after school.**53. ADDLED (ADJECTIVE): व्याकुल****Pronunciation:** a·dld**Meaning:** unable to think clearly; confused.**Synonyms:** dazed, bewildered, confused**Antonyms:** conscious, clearheaded, alert**Sentence:** Because my grandmother is in her mid-nineties, she is a bit addled at times and requires the aid of a personal caregiver.**54. CATHARSIS(NOUN): वरेचन****Pronunciation:** kuh·thaa·suhs**Meaning:** the process of releasing strong emotions through a particular activity or experience, such as writing or theatre, in a way that helps you to understand those emotions.**Synonyms:** Emotional release, purgation**Antonyms:** Suppression, inhibition, repression**Sentence:** Crying is a great catharsis for releasing pain and anger.**55. FOLLY (NOUN): मूर्खता****Pronunciation:** faw·lee**Meaning:** an act that is not sensible and may have a bad result.**Synonyms:** insanity, idiocy, absurdity**Antonyms:** wisdom, prudence, discretion**Sentence:** It was sheer folly to invest all his money in a risky business venture without proper research and planning.**56. JOCUND (ADJECTIVE): प्रफुल्ल****Pronunciation:** joh·knd**Meaning:** cheerful and lighthearted, in a happy mood.**Synonyms:** merry, jolly, festive**Antonyms:** melancholy, sorrowful, sad**Sentence:** As soon as I walked towards the front door of the luxury hotel, a jocund doorman greeted me with a smile.

57. DILATION (NOUN): फैलाव**Pronunciation:** dai·lay·shn**Meaning:** the action or condition of becoming or being made wider, larger, or more open.**Synonyms:** dispersion, expansion, inflation**Antonyms:** contraction, decrease, lessening**Sentence:** The doctor will repair the narrowed vessels by inserting a tube to dilate them.**58. CURTAIL (VERB): घटाना****Pronunciation :** kuh·tayl**Meaning:** to reduce or restrict; to cut short or diminish.**Synonyms:** Reduce, decrease, limit**Antonyms:** Expand, increase, extend, amplify**Sentence:** The company had to curtail its expenses in order to stay within the budget.**59. REDRESS (VERB/NOUN): सुधार करना****Pronunciation:** ruh·dres**Meaning:** to correct something that is wrong or unfair.**Synonyms:** reparation, damages, refund**Antonyms:** Aggravate, worsen, exacerbate**Sentence:** The organization is working towards providing redress to the victims of the fraud.**60. WANTON (ADJECTIVE): प्रचंड****Pronunciation:** vawn·tn**Meaning:** (used about an action) done in order to hurt somebody or damage something for no good reason.**Synonyms:** Reckless, malicious, cruel**Antonyms:** Careful, responsible, conscientious**Sentence:** The wanton destruction of the property angered the community.

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