

Exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here.

Happy learning!!!

1. SKIRMISH (NOUN): झड़प

Pronunciation: skuh·muhsh

Meaning: an episode of irregular or unpremeditated fighting, especially between small or outlying parts of armies or fleets.

Synonyms: fight, battle, clash

Antonyms: agreement, accord

Sentence: The young soldier was killed in a skirmish with government troops.

2. QUIBBLING (NOUN): आपत्तियां उठाना

Pronunciation: kwib-uh-ling

Meaning: the action of raising objections about a trivial matter.

Synonyms: criticizing, niggling

Antonyms: approving, supporting, uncritical

Sentence: He spent the entire evening quibbling about the historical inaccuracies in the television series on World War II.

3. STRENUOUS (ADJECTIVE): ज़ोरदार

Pronunciation: streh·nyoo·uhs

Meaning: requiring or using great exertion.

Synonyms: aggressive, forceful, muscular

Antonyms: effortless, nonemphatic, unemphatic

Sentence: The doctor advised Ken to avoid strenuous exercise.

4. NITTY-GRITTY (ADJECTIVE): दैनिक

Pronunciation: nit-ee-grit-ee

Meaning: having to do with the practical details of regular life.

Synonyms: everyday, mundane, prosaic

Antonyms: rare, singular, uncommon

Sentence: A look at the nitty-gritty aspects of putting out a newspaper.

5. RECIPROCITY (NOUN): आदान-प्रदान करना

Pronunciation: reh·suh·praw·suh·tee

Meaning: the practice of exchanging things with others for mutual benefit, especially privileges granted by one country or organization to another.

Synonyms: collaboration, mutualism, harmony

Antonyms: antagonism, antipathy, enmity

Sentence: The proposal calls for reciprocity in trade relations.

6. CONTEMPORANEOUS (ADJECTIVE): समकालीन

Pronunciation: kuhn·tem·puh·ray·nee·uhs

Meaning: existing or occurring in the same period of time.

Synonyms: coetaneous, coeval, coexistent

Antonyms: asynchronous, non contemporary

Sentence: The two events were more or less contemporaneous, with only months between them.

7. VERITABLE (ADJECTIVE): सच्चा

Pronunciation: veh·ruh·tuh·bl

Meaning: formal true or real —used to emphasize a description.

Synonyms: authentic, genuine, real

Antonyms: doubtful, dubious, equivocal

Sentence: The area is a veritable paradise for those who love walking.

8. SLOVENLY (ADJECTIVE): गंदा

Pronunciation: sluh·vuhn·lee

Meaning: (especially of a person or their appearance) messy and dirty.

Synonyms: scruffy, untidy, messy

Antonyms: stainless, clean, tidy

Sentence: Their table manners perfectly reflect the slovenly appearance.

9. AVARICIOUS (ADJECTIVE): लालची

Pronunciation: a·vuh·rish·uhs

Meaning: having or showing an extreme greed for wealth or material gain.

Synonyms: grasping, acquisitive, covetous

Antonyms: sated, satisfied, controlled

Sentence: An avaricious man is always needy.

10. CONSONANCE (NOUN): समझौता

Pronunciation: kawn·suh·nuhns

Meaning: agreement or compatibility between opinions or actions.

Synonyms: agreement, concord, accord

Antonyms: discordance, conflict, disagreement

Sentence: This type of democracy is in consonance with our own African heritage.

11. THAW (VERB): पिघलना

Pronunciation: thaw

Meaning: (of ice, snow, or another frozen substance, such as food) become liquid or soft as a result of warming.

Synonyms: liquefy, melt, dissolve

Antonyms: harden, set, solidify

Sentence: The snow started to thaw as the temperature kept up.

12. FANATICAL (ADJECTIVE): कट्टर

Pronunciation: fuh·na·tuhk·uhl

Meaning: filled with excessive and single-minded zeal.

Synonyms: zealous, extremist, rabid

Antonyms: nonmilitant, nonrevolutionary, liberal

Sentence: As a boy he was a fanatical patriot.

13. CONTEMN (VERB): नफ़रत करना

Pronunciation: kuhn·tem

Meaning: treat or regard with contempt.

Synonyms: despise, disdain, treat with contempt

Antonyms: honor, respect

Sentence: Arrogant critics who condemn the general public's taste in art.

14. EXTIRPATED (VERB): समाप्त करना

Pronunciation: ek-stur-pay-tid

Meaning: root out and destroy completely.

Synonyms: destroy, eradicate, root out

Antonyms: conserved, preserved, protected

Sentence: The triumph of modern medicine in extirpating certain diseases.

15. CLANDESTINE (ADJECTIVE): गुप्त

Pronunciation: klan·deh·stn

Meaning: kept secret or done secretly, especially because illicit.

Synonyms: secret, covert, furtive

Antonyms: open, overt, public

Sentence: The group held weekly clandestine meetings in a church.

16. HOLLERING (VERB): चिल्लाना

Pronunciation: haw·luh·ruhng

Meaning: (of a person) give a loud shout or cry.

Synonyms: shout, yell, cry

Antonyms: mumbling, murmuring, whispering

Sentence: Hollering at me isn't going to find us a parking place.

17. TEMPTING (ADJECTIVE): मोहक

Pronunciation: tempt·uhng

Meaning: appealing to or attracting someone, even if wrong or inadvisable.

Synonyms: enticing, alluring, attractive

Antonyms: boring, irksome, tedious

Sentence: And maybe, I don't want you tempting me to do something I shouldn't.

18. BONHOMIE (NOUN): खुशमिज़ाजी

Pronunciation: baw·naw·mee

Meaning: cheerful friendliness; geniality.

Synonyms: geniality, congeniality, conviviality

Antonyms: animosity, antagonism, antipathy

Sentence: He was full of bonhomie.

19. EXUDED (VERB): बहाना

Pronunciation: uhg·zyoo·duhd

Meaning: to flow forth slowly through small openings.

Synonyms: give off/out, discharge, release

Antonyms: taking in, holding, concealing

Sentence: A sticky resin exudes from the bark of the tree.

20. REVILE (VERB): बुरा-भला कहना

Pronunciation: ruh·vile

Meaning: criticize in an abusive or angrily insulting manner.

Synonyms: criticize, censure, condemn

Antonyms: acclaim, applaud, commend

Sentence: They feared that he would revile them if they displeased him.

21. APATHETIC (ADJECTIVE): उदासीन

Pronunciation: a·puh·teh·tuhk

Meaning: showing or feeling no interest, enthusiasm, or concern.

Synonyms: uninterested, indifferent, unconcerned
Antonyms: interested, conscientious, concerned
Sentence: I realised I was becoming increasingly depressed and apathetic.

22. DWINDLING (ADJECTIVE): कम होना

Pronunciation: dvind·ling
Meaning: gradually diminishing in size, amount, or strength.
Synonyms: decreasing, diminishing, subsiding
Antonyms: increasing, growing, rising
Sentence: The elephant population is dwindling.

23. TEED OFF (VERB): गुस्सा होना

Pronunciation: tee-d awf
Meaning: feeling or showing anger.
Synonyms: ballistic, angry, infuriated
Antonyms: pleased, accepting, delighted
Sentence: He teed off on the Labour Government policies.

24. SINGE (VERB): जलाना

Pronunciation: sinj
Meaning: burn (something) superficially or lightly.
Synonyms: scorch, burn, sear
Antonyms: smother, chok
Sentence: My jumper started to singe when I leaned over a burning candle.

25. GOOF (NOUN): मूर्ख

Pronunciation: goof
Meaning: a stupid person.
Synonyms: idiot, moron, stupid
Antonyms: genius, brain, whiz
Sentence: I just stood there like a goof waiting for him to introduce her.

26. DULCET (ADJECTIVE): आनंदकर

Pronunciation: duhl·suht
Meaning: giving pleasure or contentment to the mind or senses.
Synonyms: delightful, enjoyable, felicitous
Antonyms: unpalatable, unpleasant, disturbing
Sentence: She recorded the dulcet tones of her family and friends.

27. INSULARITY (NOUN): संकीर्णता

Pronunciation: ins·yoo·la·ruh·tee
Meaning: ignorance of or lack of interest in cultures, ideas, or peoples outside one's own experience.
Synonyms: narrow-mindedness, parochialism, provincialism
Antonyms: tolerance, liberalism
Sentence: But will Dublin's insularity prove to be its downfall?

28. VIRTUOSO (NOUN): कलाप्रवीण व्यक्ति

Pronunciation: vuh·tyoo·oh·soh
Meaning: a person highly skilled in music or another artistic pursuit.
Synonyms: genius, expert, prodigy
Antonyms: amateur, amateurish, inexperienced
Sentence: He was gaining a reputation as a remarkable virtuoso.

29. EXHORT (VERB): समझाना

Pronunciation: uhg·zawt
Meaning: strongly encourage or urge (someone) to do something.
Synonyms: urge, encourage, adjure
Antonyms: deter, discourage, dissuade
Sentence: The governor exhorted the prisoners not to riot.

30. INKLING (NOUN): आभास

Pronunciation: ing·kluhng
Meaning: a slight knowledge or suspicion; a hint.
Synonyms: idea, sense, notion
Antonyms: answer, solution
Sentence: The records give us an inkling of how people saw the world.

31. PUERILE (ADJECTIVE): बचकाना

Pronunciation: pyu·rile
Meaning: having or showing the annoying qualities (as silliness) associated with children.
Synonyms: childish, immature, infantile
Antonyms: adult, experienced, mature
Sentence: I find his sense of humor rather puerile.

32. DEPORTATION (NOUN): निर्वासन

Pronunciation: dee·pawt·ay·shn

Meaning: the action of deporting a foreigner from a country.

Synonyms: expulsion, expelling, banishment

Antonyms: repatriation, return, immigration

Sentence: Several of the asylum seekers now face deportation.

33. DISTRAUGHT (ADJECTIVE): व्याकुल

Pronunciation: duh·strawt

Meaning: deeply upset and agitated.

Synonyms: worried, upset, distressed

Antonyms: calm, peaceful, placid

Sentence: Her distraught mother had spent all night waiting by the phone.

34. RECALCITRANT (ADJECTIVE): आज्ञा न मानने वाला

Pronunciation: ruh·kal·suh·truhnt

Meaning: having an obstinately uncooperative attitude toward authority or discipline.

Synonyms: uncooperative, obstinately disobedient, intractable

Antonyms: amenable, biddable, compliant

Sentence: The University suspended the most recalcitrant students.

35. CAVALIER (ADJECTIVE): अभिमानी

Pronunciation: ka·vuh·leeuh

Meaning: showing a lack of proper concern; offhand.

Synonyms: arrogant, assumptive, bumptious

Antonyms: humble, lowly, modest

Sentence: The club's owner showed a cavalier attitude to the licensing laws.

36. DEARTH (NOUN): कमी

Pronunciation: duhth

Meaning: a scarcity or lack of something.

Synonyms: lack, scarcity, shortage

Antonyms: abundance, adequacy, opulence

Sentence: There seems to be a dearth of good young players at the moment.

37. THROES (NOUN): पीड़ा

Pronunciation: throze

Meaning: intense or violent pain and struggle, especially accompanying birth, death, or great change.

Synonyms: agony, pain, paroxysm

Antonyms: comfort, peace

Sentence: The country is presently in the throes of the worst recession since the second world war.

38. SLIPSHOD (ADJECTIVE): असावधानी पूर्ण

Pronunciation: slip·shawd

Meaning: (typically of a person or method of work) characterized by a lack of care, thought, or organization.

Synonyms: careless, lackadaisical, slapdash

Antonyms: attentive, careful, conscientious

Sentence: He'd caused many problems with his slipshod management.

39. FOLLY (NOUN): मूर्खता

Pronunciation: faw·lee

Meaning: lack of good sense; foolishness.

Synonyms: insanity, idiocy, absurdity

Antonyms: wisdom, prudence, discretion

Sentence: Too much cleverness is folly.

40. FILLIP (NOUN): प्रोत्साहन

Pronunciation: fi·luhp

Meaning: something which acts as a stimulus or boost to an activity.

Synonyms: boost, encouragement, incitement

Antonyms: dull, dampen

Sentence: The news gave the stock market a big fillip.

41. TRANCHE (NOUN): अंश

Pronunciation: traanch

Meaning: a portion of something, especially money.

Synonyms: fraction, tiny part, bit

Antonyms: entirety, aggregate, whole

Sentence: They risk losing the next tranche of funding.

42. ATTRITION (NOUN): कमी होना

Pronunciation: uh·tri·shn

Meaning: the action or process of gradually reducing the strength or effectiveness of someone or something through sustained attack or pressure.

Synonyms: decay, weakening, debilitation

Antonyms: buildup, increase, gain

Sentence: The council is trying to wear down the opposition by attrition.

43. JOCUND (ADJECTIVE): प्रफुल्ल

Pronunciation: joh·knd

Meaning: cheerful and lighthearted.

Synonyms: cheerful, happy, jolly

Antonyms: melancholy, sorrowful, sad

Sentence: Old friends engaged in jocund teasing.

44. IMPEDIMENT (NOUN): बाधा

Pronunciation: uhm·peh·duh·muhnt

Meaning: a hindrance or obstruction in doing something.

Synonyms: hindrance, obstruction, obstacle

Antonyms: catalyst, goad, impetus

Sentence: He was satisfied there was no legal impediment to the marriage.

45. CUMBERSOME (ADJECTIVE): बोझिल

Pronunciation: kuhm·buh·sm

Meaning: Difficult to use or operate especially because of size, weight, or design.

Synonyms: clumsy, awkward, unwieldy

Antonyms: practical, useful, functional

Sentence: A long-handled wrench that is too cumbersome for tight spots, such as under the sink.

46. CONDEMNATION (NOUN): निंदा

Pronunciation: kawn·dem·nay·shn

Meaning: An often public or formal expression of disapproval.

Synonyms: censure, disapproval, criticism

Antonyms: endorsement, indorsement, commendation

Sentence: He is bitter in his condemnation of terrorism.

47. CONSENSUS (NOUN): सर्वसम्मति

Pronunciation: kuhn·sen·suhs

Meaning: The state of being of one opinion about something.

Synonyms: agreement, unison, unanimity

Antonyms: disagreement, conflict, opposition

Sentence: He was the first to break the consensus and criticize the proposal.

48. SUBSUME (VERB): सम्मिलित

Pronunciation: suhb·syoom

Meaning: To have as part of a whole.

Synonyms: include, contain, involve

Antonyms: exclude, leave (out), prevent

Sentence: How can subsume these items?

49. TACIT (ADJECTIVE): मौनसहमति

Pronunciation: ta·suht

Meaning: Understood although not put into words.

Synonyms: unspoken, implied, implicit

Antonyms: explicit, express, obvious

Sentence: By tacit agreement, Clark's friends all avoided any mention of his mentally ill wife.

50. COMBINE (VERB): मिलाना

Pronunciation: kum·byn

Meaning: To come together to form a single unit.

Synonyms: connect, unite, fuse

Antonyms: split, separate, section

Sentence: Hydrogen and oxygen combine to form water.

51. BUTTRESS (VERB): समर्थन करना

Pronunciation: buh·truhs

Meaning: to give support to or strengthen something.

Synonyms: support, brace, reinforce, strengthen

Antonyms: undermine, weaken

Sentence: The new evidence served to buttress his argument for the defendant's innocence.

52. RELINQUISH (VERB): त्यागना

Pronunciation: ruh·ling·kvuhsh

Meaning: voluntarily cease to keep or claim; give up.

Synonyms: surrender, render, abandon

Antonyms: retain, keep, withhold

Sentence: He had to relinquish his position as CEO due to his health issues.

53. CRYPTIC (ADJECTIVE): गुप्त

Pronunciation: kript·uhk

Meaning: having a meaning that is mysterious or obscure.

Synonyms: enigmatic, mysterious, hard to understand

Antonyms: understandable, clear, plain, transparent

Sentence: The message was written in cryptic code that only a few people could decipher.

54. GRASSROOTS (NOUN): आधार

Pronunciation: graa·sroots

Meaning: the most basic level of an activity or organization.

Synonyms: central, constitutional, elemental

Antonyms: uncommon, incidental, incident

Sentence: He pointed out that grassroots local government gave communities the power to improve their lives materially in practical ways.

55. TRUCULENT (ADJECTIVE): उग्र, लड़ाकू

Pronunciation: truh·kyoo·luhnt

Meaning: eager or quick to argue or fight; aggressively defiant.

Synonyms: aggressive, barbarous

Antonyms: cooperative, gentle

Sentence: The truculent dog barked aggressively at anyone who dared to approach its territory.

56. BATTERED (ADJECTIVE): क्षतिग्रस्त

Pronunciation: ba·tuhd

Meaning: hurt by being repeatedly hit; damaged, especially by being used a lot.

Synonyms: beaten up, damaged, worn out, weathered, dilapidated

Antonyms: undamaged, unspoiled, new, pristine

Sentence: The old, battered car was still running, but it was clearly on its last legs.

57. BEFUDDLE (VERB): स्वयं को मूर्ख बनाना

Pronunciation: be·fud·dle

Meaning: unable to think clearly.

Synonyms: Baffle, bewilder

Antonyms: Clarify, clear up

Sentence: The complex instructions befuddled the new recruits, leaving them unsure of what to do next.

58. DOYEN (NOUN): अनुभवी व्यक्ति

Pronunciation: doh·yayng

Meaning: the most respected or prominent person in a particular field.

Synonyms: Chief, commander, Director, head

Antonyms: Employee, follower

Sentence: The professor was considered the doyen of the academic community due to his extensive knowledge and experience.

59. STIGMA (NOUN): कलंक

Pronunciation: stig·muh

Meaning: a mark of disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

Synonyms: shame, disgrace, dishonour, stain

Antonyms: honour, credit

Sentence: Often people are afraid to admit they have a mental illness because of the stigma attached to psychiatric disorders.

60. DECRY (VERB): निंदा

Pronunciation: duh·krai

Meaning: publicly denounce; to criticize something as bad, without value, or unnecessary

Synonyms: criticize, denigrate, denounce, condemn

Antonyms: applaud, laud, praise, extol

Sentence: Several religious organizations have chosen to decry the obscene cartoon about Jesus.