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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. PENCHANT (NOUN): लगन

Pronunciation: pawn·shawn

Meaning: a strong liking or preference for something.

Synonyms: Affinity, Fondness

Antonyms: Detestation, Dislike

Sentence: She has a penchant for cooking and spends hours experimenting with different recipes.

2. QUEER (ADJECTIVE): अजीब या असामान्य

Pronunciation: kveeu

Meaning: strange, unusual, or unconventional.

Synonyms: Peculiar, Eccentric

Antonyms: Normal, Traditional

Sentence: The film explores queer themes and challenges societal norms.

3. GOTHIC (ADJECTIVE): गोथिक

Pronunciation: gaw·thik

Meaning: something that is characterized by mystery, horror, and gloom.

Synonyms: Dark, Mysterious

Antonyms: Bright, Cheerful

Sentence: The gothic novel was filled with suspense, horror, and supernatural elements.

4. FROSTY (ADJECTIVE): रूखा और अमैत्रीपूर्ण

Pronunciation: frawst·ee

Meaning: cold and unfriendly.

Synonyms: Chilly, Glacial

Antonyms: Warm, Cordial

Sentence: The ground was covered in a frosty layer of ice on the winter morning.

5. VENGEANCE (NOUN): प्रतिशोध

Pronunciation: ven·jns

Meaning: the act of seeking revenge or inflicting punishment on someone.

Synonyms: Payback, Retaliation

Antonyms: Mercy, Pardon

Sentence: After years of mistreatment, he finally sought vengeance against his oppressors.

6. NUMB (ADJECTIVE): सुन्न (अंग)

Pronunciation: nuhm

Meaning: a lack of sensation or feeling

Synonyms: Frozen, Insensitive

Antonyms: Alert, Responsive

Sentence: After sitting in the cold for hours, her fingers became numb and she couldn't feel them.

7. PELTED (VERB): पत्थर मारना

Pronunciation: pelt·uhd

Meaning: the action of repeatedly striking or hitting someone or something with great force.

Synonyms: Barraged, Hailed

Antonyms: Evaded, Missed

Sentence: Protesters pelted the police with rocks and bottles.

8. INCESSANT (ADJECTIVE): निरंतर

Pronunciation: uhn·seh·snt

Meaning: something that continues without interruption or pause.

Synonyms: Continuous, Perpetual

Antonyms: Intermittent, Occasional

Sentence: The baby's incessant crying kept the parents awake all night.

9. VILE (ADJECTIVE): बहुत खराब या अप्रिय

Pronunciation: vile

Meaning: something extremely unpleasant, morally repulsive.

Synonyms: Loathsome, Repugnant

Antonyms: Virtuous, Admirable

Sentence: The vile smell coming from the garbage bin made everyone hold their noses.

10. OPACITY (NOUN): अस्पष्टता

Pronunciation: oh·pa·suh·tee

Meaning: something is not transparent or does not allow light to pass through.

Synonyms: Murkiness, Cloudiness

Antonyms: Clarity, Transparency

Sentence: The frosted glass window had a high level of opacity, preventing anyone from seeing inside the room.

11. PRUDENT (ADJECTIVE): सावधान/विवेकी

Pronunciation: pru·dent

Meaning: acting with or showing care and thought for the future.

Synonyms: wise, judicious

Antonyms: imprudent, careless

Sentence: It is always prudent to save money for emergencies.

12. BOLSTER (VERB): मजबूत करना

Pronunciation: bol·ster

Meaning: a long, thick pillow that is placed under other pillows for support.

Synonyms: strengthen, reinforce

Antonyms: weaken, undermine

Sentence: The new evidence will bolster her case.

13. CLANDESTINE (ADJECTIVE): गुप्त

Pronunciation: clan·des·tine

Meaning: kept secret or done secretly, especially because illicit

Synonyms: covert, concealed

Antonyms: open, public

Sentence: They held a clandestine meeting to discuss the strategy.

14. MITIGATE (VERB): कम करना

Pronunciation: mit·i·gate

Meaning: make (something bad) less severe, serious, or painful

Synonyms: alleviate, lessen

Antonyms: aggravate, worsen

Sentence: Proper planning can mitigate the risks of failure.

15. ERRATIC (ADJECTIVE): अनियमित

Pronunciation: er·rat·ic

Meaning: unpredictable

Synonyms: inconsistent, irregular

Antonyms: stable, consistent

Sentence: His erratic behavior worried his parents.

16. VIGILANT (ADJECTIVE): सतर्क

Pronunciation: vig·i·lant

Meaning: keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

Synonyms: alert, cautious

Antonyms: careless, negligent

Sentence: The guards remained vigilant throughout the night.

17. EXEMPLIFY (VERB): उदाहरण देना

Pronunciation: ex·em·pli·fy

Meaning: illustrate or clarify by giving an example

Synonyms: demonstrate, typify

Antonyms: confuse, obscure

Sentence: Her career exemplifies success through hard work.

18. DORMANT (ADJECTIVE): निष्क्रिय

Pronunciation: dor·mant

Meaning: temporarily inactive or inoperative

Synonyms: idle, latent

Antonyms: active, functioning

Sentence: The volcano has remained dormant for centuries.

19. FOSTER (VERB): प्रोत्साहित करना

Pronunciation: faw·stuh

Meaning: encourage the development of (something, especially something desirable)

Synonyms: nurture, promote

Antonyms: hinder, neglect

Sentence: Schools should foster creativity in children.

20. APPREHENSIVE (ADJECTIVE): चिंतित/भयभीत

Pronunciation: a·pruh·hens·uhv

Meaning: relating to perception or understanding

Synonyms: fearful, uneasy

Antonyms: confident, assured

Sentence: She felt apprehensive before the interview.

21. COMMENDABLE (ADJECTIVE): सराहनीय

Pronunciation: kuh-MEN-duh-buhl

Meaning: deserving praise

Synonyms: admirable, creditable

Antonyms: blameworthy, shameful

Example: Her efforts to help the poor are truly commendable.

22. PETULANT (ADJECTIVE): ढीठ

Pronunciation: peh·tyu·luhnt

Meaning: childishly sulky or bad-tempered.

Synonyms: irritable, peevish

Antonyms: genial, extraverted

Example: I didn't appreciate being accused of acting like a petulant toddler.

23. OMINOUS (ADJECTIVE): अशुभ

Pronunciation: aw·muh·nuhs

Meaning: giving the worrying impression that something bad is going to happen.

Synonyms: menacing, sinister

Antonyms: promising, auspicious

Example: There were ominous signs of an approaching storm.

24. CURTAIL (VERB): कम करना

Pronunciation: kuh·tayl

Meaning: impose a restriction on.

Synonyms: shorten, limit

Antonyms: expand, prolong

Example: The government curtailed the budget for defense.

25. DISCREET (ADJECTIVE): विवेकपूर्ण

Pronunciation: duh·skreet

Meaning: careful and prudent in one's speech or actions, especially in order to keep something confidential

Synonyms: prudent, tactful

Antonyms: careless, reckless

Example: She was always discreet about her personal matters.

26. PERSIST (VERB): डटे रहना

Pronunciation: puh·sist

Meaning: continue in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.

Synonyms: endure, persevere

Antonyms: quit, give up

Example: Despite the difficulties, he persisted with his studies.

27. ABUNDANT (ADJECTIVE): प्रचुर

Pronunciation: uh·buhn·dnt

Meaning: existing or available in large quantities

Synonyms: ample, bountiful

Antonyms: scarce, insufficient

Example: This region has abundant natural resources.

28. COHERENT (ADJECTIVE): सुसंगत

Pronunciation: koh·heeuh·ruhnt

Meaning: logical and consistent

Synonyms: consistent, rational

Antonyms: illogical, confusing

Example: She presented a coherent argument in court.

29. VINDICATE (VERB): साबित करना

Pronunciation: vin·duh·kayt

Meaning: clear (someone) of blame or suspicion

Synonyms: prove, uphold

Antonyms: condemn, accuse

Example: The evidence helped vindicate the accused.

30. EXUBERANT (ADJECTIVE): उत्साही

Pronunciation: uhgz·yoo·buh·ruhnt

Meaning: full of energy, excitement and cheerfulness

Synonyms: lively, energetic

Antonyms: dull, depressed

Example: The children were exuberant at the thought of a picnic.

31. CRITICAL (ADJECTIVE): जरूरी

Pronunciation: kri·tuh·kl

Meaning: crucial

Synonyms: vital, essential

Antonyms: unimportant

Sentence: Temperature is a critical factor in fruit storage.

32. SUSCEPTIBLE (ADJECTIVE): भोला

Pronunciation: suh·sep·tuh·bl

Meaning: impressionable

Synonyms: vulnerable, prone

Antonyms: guarded

Sentence: They only do it to tease him as he's too susceptible.

33. LOOMING (VERB, ADJECTIVE): धुंधला दिखाई देना

Pronunciation: loom•uhng

Meaning: appearing as a vague or shadowy form.

Synonyms: expected, threatening

Antonyms: distant, bygone

Sentence: The government has not woken up to the looming crisis.

34. STREAM (NOUN): श्रृंखला

Pronunciation: streem

Meaning: continuous flow of something.

Synonyms: cascade, deluge

Antonyms: coagulate

Sentence: A woman screamed a stream of abuse.

35. INCLEMENT (ADJECTIVE): खराब

Pronunciation: uhn•kleh•muhnt

Meaning: (Used about the weather) unpleasant, cold or wet etc.

Synonyms: Overcast, Stormy, Rough

Antonyms: Placid, calm

Sentence: The game was postponed due to inclement weather forecast.

36. PERTURBED (ADJECTIVE): व्याकुल

Pronunciation: puh•tuhbd

Meaning: anxious.

Synonyms: worried, concerned

Antonyms: confident

Sentence: The unexpected news left her feeling perturbed.

37. Languish (Verb): दुर्बल

Pronunciation: lang•gyuhsh

Meaning: to be or live in a state of depression or decreasing vitality.

Synonyms: Weaken, Wilt

Antonyms: Recover, Recuperate

Sentence: The abandoned building languished, becoming a home for rats and weeds.

38. BLISTERING (ADJECTIVE): छाले पड़ना

Pronunciation: bli•stuh•ruhng

Meaning: intense.

Synonyms: vicious, fierce

Antonyms: mild

Sentence: There was a blistering attack on the government's transport policy.

39. EARMARK (VERB): चिह्नित करना

Pronunciation: eeuh·maak

Meaning: designate for a particular purpose.

Synonyms: reserve, appropriate

Antonyms: neglect

Sentence: The cash had been earmarked for a big expansion of the programme.

40. EXPERIMENTAL (ADJECTIVE): प्रयोगात्मक

Pronunciation: uhk·speh·ruh·men·tl

Meaning: innovative.

Synonyms: new, original

Antonyms: conclusive

Sentence: She is a huge admirer of experimental music.

41. FACTION (NOUN): विरोध

Pronunciation: fak·shn

Meaning: infighting.

Synonyms: dissension, dissent

Antonyms: harmony

Sentence: Gradually, the army faction had increased.

42. Guile (Noun): चालाकी/छल

Pronunciation: gile

Meaning: sly or cunning intelligence.

Synonyms: Cunning, deceit

Antonyms: Honesty, sincerity

Sentence: She used her guile to convince him.

43. PROTRACT (VERB): बढ़ाना

Pronunciation: pruh·trakt

Meaning: prolong.

Synonyms: extend, draw out

Antonyms: curtail

Sentence: He had certainly taken his time, even protracting the process.

44. CAPACIOUS (ADJECTIVE): लंबा-चौड़ा**Pronunciation:** kuh·pay·shuhs**Meaning:** roomy.**Synonyms:** commodious, spacious**Antonyms:** cramped**Sentence:** She looked for a hairpin in her capacious handbag.**45. PETULANT (Adjective):** तुनक मिज़ाज**Pronunciation:** peh·tyu·luhnt**Meaning:** bad-tempered and unreasonable, especially because you cannot have or do what you want.**Synonyms:** Peevish, Moody**Antonyms:** Calm, Tranquil**Sentence:** The tired child became petulant when her parents told her it was time to leave the playground.**46. Obligate (Verb):** लाचार**Pronunciation:** ob·li·gate**Meaning:** force somebody to do something.**Synonyms:** Obligate, Oblige, Compel**Antonyms:** Facultative**Sentence:** The contract will obligate both parties to fulfill their promises.**47. VINDICATION (NOUN):** दोष-निवारण**Pronunciation:** vin·duh·kay·shn**Meaning:** justifying or defending one's actions, beliefs, or decisions.**Synonyms:** Exoneration, Acquitted**Antonyms:** Accusation, Denunciation**Sentence:** After years of false accusations, the new evidence finally brought vindication to the wrongly accused man, and he was set free from prison.**48. PROPULSION (NOUN):** संचालक शक्ति**Pronunciation:** pruh·puhl·shn**Meaning:** the force that pushes or drives a vehicle, etc. forward.**Synonyms:** Drive, Propelling**Antonyms:** Stillness, Halt**Sentence:** The new spaceship design incorporates advanced propulsion systems that allow it to travel at incredible speeds across the universe.

49. COERCION (NOUN): बलप्रयोग

Pronunciation: koh·uh·shn

Meaning: the use of force to persuade someone to do something that they are unwilling to do.

Synonyms: Compulsion, Harassment

Antonyms: Consent, Free Will

Sentence: The workers felt under constant coercion to work overtime, which led to widespread discontent among them.

50. SURFEIT (NOUN): अधिकता

Pronunciation: suh·fuht

Meaning: too much of something

Synonyms: Excess, abundance

Antonyms: Deficiency

Sentence: The market was flooded with a surfeit of cheap, low-quality products.

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