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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. GNARLED (adjective) – रूँठा हुआ

Pronunciation: naald

Meaning: rough and twisted (especially with age)

Synonyms: knotty, knotted, gnarly, lumpy, bumpy

Antonym: straight

Usage: His hands were gnarled with arthritis.

2. HARLEQUIN (adjective) – बहुरंगा

Pronunciation: haali-kwin

Meaning: in varied colours

Synonyms: varicoloured, variegated, colourful, particoloured, multicoloured

Antonyms: plain

Usage: The kid was happy in his harlequin costume.

3. OLEAGINOUS (adjective) – अति विनम्र

Pronunciation: oli-aji-nus

Meaning: very much eager to praise, obey, or serve someone

Synonyms: servile, ingratiating, unctuous, sycophantic, fawning

Antonym: domineer

Usage: Candidates made oleaginous speeches praising government policies.

4. MALIGN (adjective, verb) – दुष्ट; चुगली करना

Pronunciation: mul-ain

Meaning: evil in nature or effect; speak about someone in critical manner

Synonyms: harmful, evil, bad, baleful, hostile, inimical; defame, slander, libel, smear

Antonyms: beneficial, praise

Usage:

- Your behaviour had a malign influence on the children. (adjective)
- I wish to malign no one. (verb)

5. NOVICE (noun) – नौसिखिया

Pronunciation: novis

Meaning: a person new to and inexperienced in a job or situation

Synonyms: beginner, learner, neophyte, newcomer

Antonyms: expert, veteran

Usage: I'm a complete novice at skiing.

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6. PROVIDENT (adjective) – अग्रदर्शी

Pronunciation: provi-d(u)nt

Meaning: making or indicative of timely preparation for the future

Synonyms: prudent, far-sighted, judicious, shrewd, circumspect, forearmed

Antonym: improvident

Usage: A provident father plans for his children's education.

7. CONTRAVENE (verb) – अवहेलना करना

Pronunciation: kontra-veen

Meaning: to do something that a law or rule does not allow, or to break a law or rule

Synonyms: break, breach, violate, infringe

Antonym: uphold

Usage: The content of the settlement agreement shall not contravene the law.

8. CONTRITE (adjective) – पश्चातापी

Pronunciation: kun-tr-ait / kon-tr-ait

Meaning: feeling very sorry and guilty for something bad that someone has done

Synonyms: remorseful, repentant, penitent, regretful, sorry

Antonyms: unrepentant, defiant

Usage: She must be humble and contrite.

9. DERISORY (adjective) – अपर्याप्त

Pronunciation: di-rai-s(u)ri / di-rai-z(u)ri

Meaning: ridiculously small or inadequate

Synonyms: insufficient, tiny, small, minimal, trifling

Usage: We were awarded a derisory sum of money.

10. DEPRECATORY (adjective) – अस्वीकार करना; क्षमायाचक

Pronunciation: dep-ruk-ei-turi

Meaning: expressing disapproval; apologetic

Synonyms: disapproving, censorious, censuring, critical, scathing, damning; apologetic, regretful

Antonym: unrepentant

Usage:

- Other ranking officers have also made deprecatory and abusive comments about the defence minister at international meetings.
- Austin waved them away with a deprecatory gesture and a smile.



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