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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. KALEIDOSCOPIC (adjective) – सर्वदा बदलनेवाला

Pronunciation: kuh·lai·duh·sko·puhk
Meaning: having complex patterns of colors
Synonyms: multicolored, psychedelic, variegated, motley, complex, intricate, complicated
Antonyms: monochrome, fixed, constant
Usage: The <u>kaleidoscopic</u> quality of the book is brilliantly realized on stage.

2. RECLUSE (noun) - वैरागी

Pronunciation: ruh·kloos
Meaning: a person who lives a solitary life and tends to avoid other people
Synonyms: hermit, ascetic, monk, nun, introvert, eremite
Antonym: extrovert
Usage: He was a natural recluse who found all human relationships difficult.

3. SLAPDASH (adjective) – उतावला

Pronunciation: slap.dash
Meaning: done too hurriedly and carelessly
Synonyms: careless, slipshod, hurried, lackadaisical, hasty, disorganized, haphazard
Antonyms: careful, meticulous, painstaking
Usage: The student's <u>slapdash</u> presentation looked like it had been put together on the school bus.

4. HYPOCRISY (noun) – पाखंड

Pronunciation: huh·po·kruh·see

Meaning: the practice of claiming to have higher standards or more noble beliefs than is the case

Synonyms: sanctimony, pietism, falsity, humbug, pretence, posturing, insincerity **Antonyms:** honesty, sincerity

Usage: When you agree to serve a cause and then back out, I would call that hypocrisy.

5. TUMULT (noun) – कोलाहल

Pronunciation: choo·muhlt

Meaning: a loud, confused noise, especially one caused by a large mass of people



Synonyms: din, racket, uproar, commotion, ruckus, rumpus, hubbub **Antonyms:** silence, quiet, stillness **Usage:** The <u>tumult</u> in the streets awakened everyone in the house.

6. ASPERITY (noun) – तीक्ष्णता

Pronunciation: a·speh·ruh·tee

Meaning: harshness of tone or manner

Synonyms: harshness, sharpness, roughness, severity, acerbity, astringency, bitterness **Antonyms:** mildness, gentleness, tenderness

Usage: Because the teacher was mad, she addressed the students with <u>asperity</u> as she gave them detention slips.

7. TRUCE (noun) – युद्धविराम

Pronunciation: troos

Meaning: a time period in which opposing sides agree to stop fighting **Synonyms:** ceasefire, armistice, peace, break, respite, lull, moratorium **Antonyms:** fighting, hostilities

Usage: When the <u>truce</u> ends at noon tomorrow, it will only be a matter of time before gunfire is heard again.

8. ENTHRALL (verb) – मंत्रमुग्ध करना

Pronunciation: uhn thrawlMeaning: capture the fascinated attention ofSynonyms: captivate, charm, enchant, bewitch, fascinate, beguile, entranceAntonyms: bore, repel, dullUsage: This book will <u>enthrall</u> readers of all ages.

9. INSCRUTABLE (adjective) – गूढ़

Pronunciation: uhn·skroo·tuh·bl
Meaning: impossible to understand or interpret
Synonyms: enigmatic, mysterious, unreadable, impenetrable, cryptic, unexpressive
Antonyms: expressive, transparent
Usage: The riddle remains inscrutable to us.

10. EXTIRPATE (noun) – उखाड़ना, विनाश करना

Pronunciation: ek·stuh·peit **Meaning:** eradicate or destroy completely **Synonyms:** destroy, eradicate, eliminate, suppress, crush, abolish Antonyms: found, support Usage: The new police chief promises to <u>extirpate</u> corruption from the county.

