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Here some exceptional English words from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are given with their synonyms/antonyms and Sentence. Hopefully, this will help you improve your vocabulary.
Happy Learning!!

1. DOUR (adj) – कठोर

Pronunciation: doh•uh

Meaning: relentlessly severe, stern, or gloomy in manner or appearance.

Synonyms: stern, unsmiling, unfriendly

Antonyms: benign, friendly, gentle

Sentence: No wonder he looked so dour.

2. REBUFF (noun) – रोक

Pronunciation: ruh•buhf

Meaning: an abrupt or ungracious refusal or rejection of an offer, request, or friendly gesture.

Synonyms: rejection, snub, slight

Antonyms: acceptance, embrace, welcome

Sentence: He received a humiliating rebuff from his manager.

3. DEFT (adj) – निपुण

Pronunciation: deft

Meaning: accomplished with the trained ability

Synonyms: adroit, artful, dexterous

Antonyms: amateur, unprofessional, unskillful

Sentence: He's very deft at handling awkward situations.

4. TREPIDATION (noun) – घबराहट

Pronunciation: treh•puhd•ay•shn

Meaning: a feeling of fear or agitation about something that may happen.

Synonyms: fear, apprehension, worry

Antonyms: boldness, confidence, courage

Sentence: Shaking with trepidation, I stepped into the old abandoned house.

5. VITRIOLIC (adj) – कटु

Pronunciation: vi•tree•awl•uhk

Meaning: filled with bitter criticism or malice.

Synonyms: acrimonious, rancorous, bitter

Antonyms: encomiastic, respectful, praiseful

Sentence: The newspaper launched a vitriolic attack on the president.

6. CACOPHONY (noun) – कोलाहल**Pronunciation:** kuh•kaw•fuh•nee**Meaning:** a harsh discordant mixture of sounds.**Synonyms:** noise, discord, dissonance**Antonyms:** quiet, silence, hush**Sentence:** All around was bubbling a cacophony of voices.**7. FREEBIE (noun) – मुफ्त****Pronunciation:** free•bee**Meaning:** a thing given free of charge.**Synonyms:** bequest, favor, present**Antonyms:** bribe, douceur**Sentence:** The journalists were all given a freebie lunch.**8. RUMMAGE (verb) – चप्पा चप्पा छान मारना****Pronunciation:** ruh•muhj**Meaning:** search unsystematically and untidily through a mass or receptacle.**Synonyms:** search (through), hunt through, scrabble around in**Antonyms:** hide, neglect, lose**Sentence:** He rummaged through the desk drawer trying to find the spare keys.**9. FALTER (verb) – लड़खड़ाना****Pronunciation:** fawl•tuh**Meaning:** start to lose strength or momentum.**Synonyms:** hesitate, wobble, waver**Antonyms:** dive (in), plunge (in)**Sentence:** The nurse saw him falter and made him lean on her.**10. RAILLERY (noun) – मज़ाक****Pronunciation:** rayl•uh•ree**Meaning:** good-humored teasing.**Synonyms:** teasing, chaff, banter**Antonyms:** Flattery, praise, respect, love**Sentence:** She was greeted with raillery from her fellow workers.



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