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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.OBSEQUIOUS (adj.) : चापलूस

Pronunciation: uhb·see·kvee·uhs

Meaning: obedient or attentive to an excessive or servile degree.

Synonyms: servile, ingratiating, unctuous

Antonyms: insurgent, mutinous, mulish

Sentence: The salesman's obsequious manner was beginning to irritate me.

2.ABSURDITY (noun) : मूर्खता

Pronunciation: uhb·suhd·uh·tee

Meaning: the quality or state of being ridiculous or wildly unreasonable.

Synonyms: preposterousness, ridiculousness, ludicrousness

Antonyms: prudence, sagacity, wisdom

Sentence: The absurdity of the situation made everyone laugh.

3.LINGER (verb) : दीर्घ काल तक रहना

Pronunciation: ling·guh

Meaning: stay in a place longer than necessary because of a reluctance to leave.

Synonyms: wait around, stay, remain

Antonyms: vanish, disappear

Sentence: Unfortunately, the tax will linger until April.

4.POIGNANT (adj.) : मार्मिक

Pronunciation: poy·nynt

Meaning: evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret.

Synonyms: touching, pitiful, sad

Antonyms: unaffecting, unemotional, unimpressive

Sentence: I found his speech deeply poignant.

5.ADDENDUM (noun) : परिशिष्ट

Pronunciation: uh·den·dm

Meaning: an item of additional material, typically omissions, added at the end of a book or other publication.

Synonyms: appendix, codicil, postscript

Antonyms: introduction, preface, prologue

Sentence: I follow this letter with the addendum duly signed for your attention.

6.VAINGLORIOUS (adj.) : गुमानी

Pronunciation: vayn·glaw·ree·uhs

Meaning: excessively proud of oneself or one's achievements; overly vain.

Synonyms: assured, biggety, complacent

Antonyms: egoless, humble, modest

Sentence: The vainglorious trainer spent more flexing his muscles than he did helping build his client's.

7.HUMBUG (noun) : पाखण्ड

Pronunciation: huhm·buhg

Meaning: deceptive or false talk or behavior.

Synonyms: hypocrisy, insincerity, dishonesty

Antonyms: original, genuine

Sentence: There were all the usual humbug and obligatory compliments from ministers.

8.SACKED (verb) : बर्खास्त

Pronunciation: sakt

Meaning: to let go from office, service, or employment

Synonyms: dismissed, fired, discharged

Antonyms: employed, engaged, hired

Sentence: He was sacked for computer misuse.

9.UNBOSOM (verb) : प्रकट करना

Pronunciation: uhn·bu·zm

Meaning: disclose (one's thoughts or secrets).

Synonyms: disclose, discover, divulge

Antonyms: cloak, conceal, enshroud

Sentence: You'll feel better if you unbosom your sorrows to me.

10.DERANGE (verb): उन्मत्त कर देना

Pronunciation: duh·raynj

Meaning: cause (someone) to become insane.

Synonyms: demented, unhinge

Antonyms: relax, soothe, tranquilize

Sentence: Being stranded at night on a lonely road would derange anyone.

11.SPURT (noun):- उछाल**Pronunciation:** spuht**Meaning:** gush out in a sudden and forceful stream.**Synonyms:** shoot, spray, fountain**Antonyms:** calm, doldrums, slump**Sentence:** He cut his finger, and blood spurred over the sliced potatoes.**12.BEMUSE (verb) :- भ्रमित****Pronunciation:** buh•myooz**Meaning:** puzzle, confuse, or bewilder (someone).**Synonyms:** bewildered, confused, puzzled**Antonyms:** assure, enlighten, inform**Sentence:** Sarah looked totally bemused.**13.RAMPANT (adj.) :- अनियंत्रित****Pronunciation:** ram•pnt**Meaning:** (especially of something unwelcome or unpleasant) flourishing or spreading unchecked.**Synonyms:** uncontrolled, unrestrained, unchecked**Antonyms:** bridled, constrained, controlled**Sentence:** Rampant corruption brought about the downfall of the government.**14.JAUNTY (adj.) :- प्रफुल्ल****Pronunciation:** jawn•tee**Meaning:** having or expressing a lively, cheerful, and self-confident manner.**Synonyms:** cheerful, cheery, happy**Antonyms:** inactive, inanimate, lackadaisical**Sentence:** He tried to be jaunty about it and almost succeeded.**15.HEFTY (adj.) :- पुष्ट****Pronunciation:** hef•tee**Meaning:** large, heavy, and powerful.**Synonyms:** burly, heavy, sturdy**Antonyms:** light, weightless**Sentence:** She was quite a hefty woman.**16.DISBURSE (verb) :- चुकाना****Pronunciation:** duhs•buhs**Meaning:** payout (money from a fund).

Synonyms: payout, spend, expend

Antonyms: acquire, earn, gain

Sentence: The funds were to be disbursed in two installments.

17.EXTOL (verb) :- प्रशंसा करना

Pronunciation: uhk•stole

Meaning: praise enthusiastically.

Synonyms: admire, praise, compliment

Antonyms: blame, humiliate, criticize

Sentence: She is forever extolling the virtues of her children.

18.SEER (noun) :- पैगंबर

Pronunciation: seeuh

Meaning: a person who is supposed to be able, through supernatural insight, to see what the future holds.

Synonyms: prophet, prophetess, sibyl

Antonyms: contestant , pessimist , underwit , uninformed fool

Sentence: A seer had foretold that the earl would assume the throne.

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19.DANGLE (verb) :- लटकना

Pronunciation: dang•gl

Meaning: hang or swing loosely.

Synonyms: hang (down), droop, sag

Antonyms: alienate , bore , disenchant , disinterest

Sentence: His attempts to dangle babies on his knee had proved disastrous.

20.RUCKUS (noun) :- हंगामा

Pronunciation: ruh•kuhs

Meaning: a disturbance or commotion.

Synonyms: bother, bustle, clatter

Antonyms: calm, peace, quiet

Sentence: Quit creating such a ruckus—I'm trying to sleep!

21.MORPH (verb) : परिवर्तन**Pronunciation:** mawf**Meaning:** to take on a different shape, appearance, or state**Synonyms:** transform, change, transfigure**Antonyms:** maintain, stagnate, keep.**Sentence:** When it emerged from its chrysalis, the caterpillar morphed into a striking butterfly.**22.PARRY (noun) : बचाव****Pronunciation:** pa·ree**Meaning:** ward off (a weapon or attack) with a countermove.**Synonyms:** ward off, fend off, stave off**Antonyms:** face, deal with, encounter**Sentence:** He parried the blow by holding his sword vertically.**23.SLANDER (verb) : झूठी निंदा करना****Pronunciation:** slaan·duh**Meaning:** make false and damaging statements about (someone).**Synonyms:** defame, insult, libel**Antonyms:** glorify, honor, praise**Sentence:** They were accused of slandering the head of state.**24.FLACCID (adj.) : नरम****Pronunciation:** fla·suhd**Meaning:** not stiff in structure**Synonyms:** soft, loose, flabby**Antonyms:** rigid, stiff, inflexible**Sentence:** Paralyzed muscles lost tone and became flaccid**25.LANGUOR (noun) : शिथिलता****Pronunciation:** lang·guh**Meaning:** the state or feeling, often pleasant, of tiredness or inertia.**Synonyms:** lassitude, lethargy, listlessness**Antonyms:** vigor, enthusiasm, vivacity**Sentence:** He remembered the languor and warm happiness of those golden afternoons.**26.METTLE (noun) : उत्साह****Pronunciation:** meh·tl

Meaning: a person's ability to cope well with difficulties or to face a demanding situation in a spirited and resilient way.

Synonyms: spirit, fortitude, tenacity

Antonyms: cowardice, cravenness, dastardliness

Sentence: The team showed their true mettle in the second half.

27.HEADY (adj.) : चतुर

Pronunciation: hed·ee

Meaning: having or showing a practical cleverness or judgment

Synonyms: smart, astute, experienced

Antonyms: naive, guileless, innocent

Sentence: one of the headiest politicians around, he knows how to read the public mood at any given moment.

28.FACETIOUS (adj.) : हासकर

Pronunciation: fuh·see·shuhs

Meaning: treating serious issues with deliberately inappropriate humor; flippant.

Synonyms: flippant, glib, frivolous

Antonyms: serious, solemn, sober

Sentence: Stop being facetious, this is serious.

29.SHAM (noun) : दिखावा

Pronunciation: shaam

Meaning: a thing that is not what it is purported to be.

Synonyms: pretence, fake, act

Antonyms: real, genuine, authentic

Sentence: The latest crime figures are a complete sham.

30.PENDENCY (noun): लम्बित

Pronunciation: pen·duhn·see

Meaning: the state, condition, or period of being pending or awaiting settlement.

Synonyms: unresolved, unsettled

Antonyms: accuracy, assurance, boldness

Sentence: The defendant should be restrained from further public comment during the pendency of the trial.

31.PROCLIVITY (noun):- झुकाव

Pronunciation: pruh·kli·vuh·tee

Meaning: a tendency to choose or do something regularly; an inclination or predisposition toward a particular thing.

Synonyms: tendency, leaning, propensity

Antonyms: aversion, disfavor, disinclination

Sentence: The child showed no proclivity towards aggression.

32.SPRUCE (verb) :- सजाना

Pronunciation: sproos

Meaning: make a person or place smarter or tidier.

Synonyms: smarten up, make smarter, tidy up

Antonyms: dirty, filthy, untidy

Sentence: The fund will be used to spruce up historic buildings.

33.HIDEOUS (adj.) :- कुरूप

Pronunciation: hi•dee•uhs

Meaning: ugly or disgusting to look at.

Synonyms: ugly, unsightly, repulsive

Antonyms: attractive, good-looking, impressive

Sentence: His smile made him look more hideous than ever.

34.CONTAGIOUS (adj.) :- संक्रामक

Pronunciation: kuhn•tay•juhs

Meaning: (of a disease) spread from one person or organism to another by direct or indirect contact.

Synonyms: infectious, communicable, transmittable

Antonyms: noncommunicable, noninfectious

Sentence: It's a highly contagious infection.

35.PONDEROUS (adj.) :- भारी-भरकम

Pronunciation: pawn•duh•ruhs

Meaning: slow and clumsy because of great weight.

Synonyms: clumsy, slow, heavy

Antonyms: lightweight, fluffy

Sentence: Her footsteps were heavy and ponderous.

36.PEEVISH (adj.) :- चिड़चिड़ा

Pronunciation: peev•uhsh

Meaning: easily irritated, especially by unimportant things

Synonyms: irritable, irascible, fractious

Antonyms: affable, companionable, cordial

Sentence: Sebastian was a sickly, peevish child.

37.MISOGYNIST (noun) :- स्त्री जाति से द्वेष करनेवाला

Pronunciation: mi•saw•juh•nuhst

Meaning: a person who dislikes, despises, or is strongly prejudiced against women.

Synonyms: woman-hater, anti-feminist, male chauvinist

Antonyms: feminist, optimist, idealist

Sentence: She felt she was struggling against thinly disguised misogyny.

38.OVERT (adj.) :- अपरोक्ष

Pronunciation: oh•vuht

Meaning: done or shown openly; plainly or readily apparent, not secret or hidden.

Synonyms: undisguised, unconcealed, clear

Antonyms: unapparent, unclarified, unclear

Sentence: His opponent's intention is quite overt.

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39.STAID (adj.) :- शांत

Pronunciation: stayd

Meaning: serious, old-fashioned and rather boring

Synonyms: sedate, respectable, quiet

Antonyms: joking, kittenish, ludic

Sentence: He had grown staid and dull.

40.PUTREFY (verb) :- सड़ना

Pronunciation: pyoo•truh•fai

Meaning: (of a body or other organic matter) decay or rot and produce a fetid smell.

Synonyms: decay, rot, decompose

Antonyms: develop, grow, mature

Sentence: The body was beginning to putrefy.

41. JUXTAPOSITION (noun): निकटता**Pronunciation:** juhk•stuh•puhz•i•shn**Meaning:** the fact of two things being seen or placed close together with contrasting effects.**Synonyms:** contrast, proximity, closeness**Antonyms:** distance, remoteness**Sentence:** This juxtaposition of brutal reality and lyrical beauty runs through Park's stories.**42. BLIGHT (verb) : नुकसान****Pronunciation:** blite**Meaning:** have a severely detrimental effect on.**Synonyms:** ruin, wreck, spoil**Antonyms:** ameliorate, better, enhance**Sentence:** The scandal blighted the careers of several leading politicians.**43. IGNOMINY (noun) : बदनामी****Pronunciation:** ig•nuh•muh•nee**Meaning:** public shame or disgrace.**Synonyms:** shame, humiliation, embarrassment**Antonyms:** esteem, honor, respect**Sentence:** He feared the ignominy of being exposed as a spy.**44. MISCONCEIVE (verb) : गलत धारणा****Pronunciation:** mis•kuhn•seev**Meaning:** fail to understand correctly.**Synonyms:** misunderstand, misinterpret, misapprehend**Antonyms:** understand, apprehend, perceive**Sentence:** His arguments are totally misconceived.**45. ALTERCATE (verb) : विवाद करना****Pronunciation:** awl•tuh•kayt**Meaning:** dispute or argue noisily and publicly.**Synonyms:** argue, argufy, bicker**Antonyms:** accept, agree, assent**Sentence:** Don't altercate over such trivia.**46. INSINUATE (verb) : इशारा करना****Pronunciation:** in•si•nyoo•ayt

Meaning: suggest or hint (something bad or reprehensible) in an indirect and unpleasant way.

Synonyms: imply, suggest, hint

Antonyms: announce, declare, proclaim

Sentence: What are you trying to insinuate?

47.CRITIQUE (noun) : आलोचना

Pronunciation: kruh•teek

Meaning: a detailed analysis and assessment of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory.

Synonyms: analysis, evaluation, assessment

Antonyms: compliment, flattery, praise.

Sentence: The book presents a critique of the Government's policies.

48.PERNICIOUS (adj.) : हानिकारक

Pronunciation: puh•ni•shuhs

Meaning: having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way.

Synonyms: harmful, damaging, destructive

Antonyms: anodyne, benign, harmless

Sentence: The pernicious effect of this advertising on children is a problem that we ignore at our peril.

49.APOTHEOSIS (noun) : परिणति

Pronunciation: uh•paw•thee•oh•suhs

Meaning: the highest point in the development of something; culmination or climax.

Synonyms: culmination, climax, zenith

Antonyms: abyss, base, foot

Sentence: His appearance as Hamlet was the apotheosis of his career.

50.ADORATION (adj.) : आराधना

Pronunciation: a•duh•ray•shn

Meaning: deep love and respect.

Synonyms: love, devotion, worship

Antonyms: condemnation, disapproval, disdain

Sentence: He gazed at her with pure adoration.

51.PRECARIOUS (adj.): अनिश्चित

Pronunciation: pruh•keuh•ree•uhs

Meaning: not securely held or in position; dangerously likely to fall or collapse.

Synonyms: treacherous, uncertain, dicey

Antonyms: innocent, innocuous, nonhazardous

Sentence: The world is a precarious and unstable place.

52.OSTENSIBLY (adv.) : जाहिरा तौर पर

Pronunciation: aw•sten•suh•blee

Meaning: apparently or purportedly, but perhaps not actually.

Synonyms: apparently, seemingly, ostensibly

Antonyms: implausibly, impossibly, improbably

Sentence: Ostensibly a university student studying abroad, he was actually an espionage agent.

53.RECALCITRANT (adj.) : आज्ञा न माननेवाला

Pronunciation: ruh•kal•suh•truht

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

Synonyms: uncooperative, disobedient, intractable

Antonyms: amenable, biddable, compliant

Sentence: The University suspended the most recalcitrant demonstrators.

54.CONNOTATION (noun) : अर्थ

Pronunciation: kaw•nuht•ay•shn

Meaning: an idea or feeling that a word invokes in addition to its literal or primary meaning.

Synonyms: undertone, undercurrent, implication

Antonyms: inconsequentiality, insignificance, irrelevance

Sentence: A good dictionary will give us the connotation of a word as well as its denotation.

55.INDOMITABLE (adj.) : अदम्य

Pronunciation: uhn•daw•muh•tuh•bl

Meaning: impossible to subdue or defeat.

Synonyms: invincible, unconquerable, unbeatable

Antonyms: surmountable, vincible, vulnerable

Sentence: Alice was a woman of indomitable spirit.

56.ASSAILANT (noun) : आक्रमण करनेवाला

Pronunciation: uh•sayl•uhnt

Meaning: a person who physically attacks another.

Synonyms: attacker, mugger

Antonyms: ally, friend.

Sentence: Can you describe your assailant?

57.GRIEVOUS (adj.) : क्षतिकर

Pronunciation: greev•uhs

Meaning: (of something bad) very severe or serious.

Synonyms: serious, severe, grave

Antonyms: gratifying, pleasing, comfortable

Sentence: The loss of his father was a grievous blow.

58.CONFLAGRATION (noun) : आग

Pronunciation: kawn•fluh•gray•shn

Meaning: an extensive fire that destroys a great deal of land or property.

Synonyms: fire, blaze, flames

Antonyms: demilitarization, demobilization, disarmament.

Sentence: A conflagration in 1947 reduced 90 percent of the houses to ashes.

59.ANIMOSITY (noun) : बैर

Pronunciation: a•nuh•maw•suh•tee

Meaning: strong hostility.

Synonyms: antipathy, hostility, animus

Antonyms: amity, civility, cordiality

Sentence: He felt no animosity towards his critics.

60.DECADENCE (noun) : पतन

Pronunciation: deh•kuh•dns

Meaning: moral or cultural decline as characterized by excessive indulgence in pleasure or luxury.

Synonyms: dissipation, dissoluteness, degeneracy

Antonyms: ascent, rise, morality

Sentence: The decadence of morals is bad for a nation.

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