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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. INCURSION (noun) : आक्रमण

Pronunciation: uhng·kuh·shn

Meaning: an invasion or attack, especially a sudden or brief one.

Synonyms: attack on, assault on, raid on

Antonyms: retreat, settlement, repulsion

Sentence: There were incursions from the border every summer.

2. CONFEDERATE (noun) : साथी

Pronunciation: con·fed·er·ate

Meaning: a person one works with, especially in something secret or illegal; an accomplice.

Synonyms: associate, partner, accomplice

Antonyms: cleave, rend, rip

Sentence: The police were able to track down his confederates once the thief started talking.

3. ELUCIDATIVE (adj.) : स्पष्ट

Pronunciation: elu·ci·date

Meaning: serving to explain

Synonyms: exegetical, explanative, explanatory

Antonyms: cloud, complicate, confuse

Sentence: Most editions of Shakespeare's plays now have elucidative footnotes to help the modern reader.

4. ETHOS (noun) : प्रकृति

Pronunciation: ee·thaws

Meaning: the characteristic spirit of a culture, era, or community as manifested in its beliefs and aspirations.

Synonyms: spirit, character, tenor

Antonyms: body, physicality

Sentence: The revolution in the ethos of agriculture must also involve the farmers' unions.

5. PORTENTOUS (adj.) : अमंगल

Pronunciation: paw·tent·uhs

Meaning: of or like a portent.

Synonyms: ominous, warning, foreshadowing

Antonyms: unthreatening, auspicious, benign

Sentence: There was nothing portentous or solemn about him.

6. DECIMATION (noun) : बरबादी

Pronunciation: deh·suh·may·shn

Meaning: the state or fact of being rendered non-existent

Synonyms: annihilation, demolishment, demolition

Antonyms: building, construction, protection

Sentence: The virtual decimation of the coastal town was caused by the hurricane.

7. 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.

8. PUNY (adj.) : छोटा

Pronunciation: pyoo·nee

Meaning: small and weak.

Synonyms: diminutive, dinky, dwarfish

Antonyms: large, massive, big

Sentence: What a puny little creature!

9. 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.

10. CAGEY (adj.) : गुप्त

Pronunciation: kay·jee

Meaning: reluctant to give information owing to caution or suspicion.

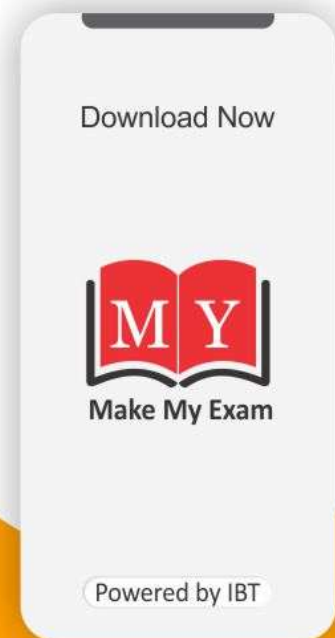
Synonyms: secretive, guarded, noncommittal

Antonyms: disposed, open

Sentence: Manufacturers are cagey about the recipes they use to create a wine.

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