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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. MUDDLE (verb) – अव्यवस्था, गड़बड़ी

Pronunciation: mud(u)l

Meaning: bring into a disordered or confusing state; a mistake arising from or resulting in confusion

Synonyms: mix up, jumble, disarrange, disorganize; bungle, mix-up, misunderstanding, hash

Antonym: orderly

Usage:

- I fear he may have muddled the message.
- I often muddle up Richard with his brother as they are twins and resemble one another.

2. DILEMMA (noun) – दुविधा, कशमकश

Pronunciation: di-lema / dai-lema

Meaning: a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more alternatives

Synonyms: quandary, predicament, difficulty, problem, puzzle, conundrum

Usage: I am in a dilemma whether to do Math or English.

3. FRAGILE (adjective) – नाज़ुक

Pronunciation: fra-ja-il

Meaning: (of an object) easily broken or damaged; easily destroyed; (of a person) not strong

Synonyms: breakable, brittle, frangible; tenuous, vulnerable, perilous; weak, delicate, frail, debilitated

Antonyms: strong, sound, durable, robust

Usage: Be careful with that vase, it's very fragile.

4. UPTURN (noun) – चढ़ाव

Pronunciation: up-turn

Meaning: an improvement or upward trend, especially in economic conditions or someone's fortunes

Synonyms: increase, rise, jump, leap, surge, upswing, upsurge, boost, acceleration, escalation, soaring

Antonyms: fall, slump, downturn

Usage: They do not expect an upturn in the economy until the end of the year.

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5. PEP (noun, verb) – सजीवता

Pronunciation: pep

Meaning: energy and high spirits; make someone or something more lively or interesting

Synonyms: dynamism, energy, liveliness, animation; improve, enliven, animate

Antonym: subdue

Usage:

- He was an enthusiastic player, full of pep. (noun)
- The good news pepped her up. (verb)

6. BEFUDDLE (verb) – संभ्रमित

Pronunciation: bi-fud(u)l

Meaning: cause to become unable to think clearly

Synonyms: addled, bewildered, disoriented

Antonym: clear

Usage: Even in a befuddled state, I could find my key.

7. TREATY (noun) – संधि

Pronunciation: treeti

Meaning: a formally concluded and ratified agreement between states

Synonyms: agreement, settlement, pact, deal, entente, concordat

Usage: Both sides have agreed to sign the treaty.

8. SUNDRY (adjective) – विविध

Pronunciation: sun-dri

Meaning: of various kinds

Synonyms: various, varied, miscellaneous, assorted, mixed

Usage: This ointment can be used to treat sundry minor injuries.

9. SOLACE (noun, verb) – सांत्वना

Pronunciation: so-lis

Meaning: comfort or consolation in a time of great distress or sadness; give solace to

Synonyms: comfort, consolation, cheer, support, relief, console, support

Antonym: dishearten

Usage: The prisoners find solace in prayer.

10. RAPTURE (noun) – हर्षतिरेक

Pronunciation: rap-chur

Meaning: a feeling of intense pleasure or joy

Synonyms: ecstasy, bliss, euphoria, elation, exaltation, joy

Antonyms: boredom, indifference

Usage: The kids were in rapture after watching magic tricks.



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