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

Happy Learning!!!

1. CHURLISH (adjective) – अशिष्ट

Pronunciation: chuh-lish

Meaning: unfriendly, bad-tempered, or impolite

Synonyms: rude, ill-mannered, discourteous, impolite, ungracious

Antonym: polite

Usage: It would be churlish to refuse such a generous offer.

2. TUBBY (adjective) – गोलमटोल

Pronunciation: tuh-bi

Meaning: short and fat

Synonyms: chubby, plump, stout, roly-poly, dumpy, chunky

Antonyms: thin, slender, skinny

Usage: The chef was a tubby man.

3. BOOTLEG (adjective, verb) – अवैध

Pronunciation: boot-leg

Meaning: (of alcoholic drink or a recording) made, distributed, or sold illegally

Synonyms: illegal, illicit, unlawful, unauthorized, unsanctioned, unlicensed

Usage:

- I would suggest that you do not purchase bootleg liquor. (adjective)
- If you bootleg a movie, you are a criminal. (verb)

4. GUTLESS (adjective) – कायर, बुज़दिल

Pronunciation: gut-lus

Meaning: lacking courage or determination

Synonyms: cowardly, faint-hearted, lily-livered, chicken-hearted, pigeon-hearted, spiritless, spineless, timid

Antonyms: brave, courageous

Usage: This government is too gutless to take on the big long-term problems such as pollution.

5. UNDULATE (verb, adjective) – लहराता हुआ, लहरदार होना

Pronunciation: un-dyu-leit, un-dyu-lut

Meaning: move or go with a smooth up-and-down motion; (especially of a leaf) having a wavy surface or edge

Synonyms: surge, wave, billow

Usage:

- On the cruise, I watched several sea animals undulate in the ocean. (verb)
- These leaves have undulate edges. (adjective)

6. PHLEGMATIC (adjective) – आवेगहीन

Pronunciation: fleg-matik

Meaning: a person who does not usually get emotional or excited about things

Synonyms: calm, cool, composed, cool-headed, controlled, serene, tranquil, placid, impassive, self-possessed

Antonyms: excitable, quick-tempered

Usage: The minister of my church is a phlegmatic man who never seems to get upset about anything.

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7. DAUNTLESS (adjective) – निडर, बेबाक

Pronunciation: dont-lus

Meaning: showing fearlessness and determination

Synonyms: fearless, determined, resolute, indomitable, intrepid, doughty, plucky, spirited

Usage: The dauntless entrepreneurs let their imagination fly in all directions.

8. BLITHESOME (adjective) – प्रफुल्ल, खुशदिल

Pronunciation: blai-th-sum

Meaning: (of a person) having a cheerful attitude; filled with pleasure, or causing pleasure

Synonyms: cheerful, cheery, happy, merry, jolly, joyful, gleeful, glad

Antonyms: depressed, serious, sedate

Usage: She has a blithesome nature.

9. SADDLE (verb) – जिम्मेदारी डालना

Pronunciation: sad(u)l

Meaning: give someone a burdensome responsibility or task

Synonyms: burden, encumber, lumber, hamper

Usage: Don't try to saddle your work on me!

10. SALIENT (adjective) – मुख्य, प्रमुख

Pronunciation: seili-unt

Meaning: most noticeable or important

Synonyms: main, principal, major, chief, primary, notable

Antonyms: unimportant, inconspicuous

Usage: She began to summarize the salient points of the proposal.

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