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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. MIDDLING (adj.) : मध्य

Pronunciation: mi·duhl·uhng

Meaning: moderate or average in size, amount, or rank.

Synonyms: average, standard, normal

Antonyms: excessive, extreme, unlimited

Sentence: The village contained no poor households but a lot of middling ones.

2. PELF (noun) : धन

Pronunciation: pelf

Meaning: money, especially when gained in a dishonest or dishonorable way.

Synonyms: bucks, cash, money

Antonyms: sour, soothe, outgo

Sentence: He was a politician who seems more interested in pelf than in policy.

3. PIQUE (noun) : मनमुटाव

Pronunciation: pique

Meaning: a feeling of irritation or resentment resulting from a slight, especially to one's pride.

Synonyms: irritation, annoyance, resentment

Antonyms: appeasement, mollification, pacification

Sentence: In a fit of pique, he posted embarrassing photos of his friend on the Internet.

4. ERGO (adv.) : फलस्वरूप

Pronunciation: uh·goh

Meaning: for this or that reason

Synonyms: therefore, consequently, so

Antonyms: although, however, even though

Sentence: She was the sole beneficiary of the will, ergo the prime suspect.

5. SPRY (adj.) : फुर्तीला

Pronunciation: sprai

Meaning: (especially of an old person) active; lively.

Synonyms: sprightly, lively, energetic

Antonyms: dull, lethargic, listless

Sentence: He continued to look spry and active well into his eighties.

6. SPURN (verb) : अस्वीकार करना

Pronunciation: spuhn

Meaning: reject with disdain or contempt.

Synonyms: refuse, decline, say no to

Antonyms: accept, agree (to), approve

Sentence: She spurned my offers of help.

7. MISERLINESS (noun) : कंजूसी

Pronunciation: mai-zuh-lee-nuhs

Meaning: excessive desire to save money; extreme meanness.

Synonyms: avarice, acquisitiveness, parsimony

Antonyms: bounty, generosity, largesse

Sentence: The party earned a damaging reputation for miserliness by cutting pensions.

8. ANECDOTE (noun) : उपाख्यान

Pronunciation: a-nuhk-dote

Meaning: a short amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person.

Synonyms: story, tale, narrative

Antonyms: truth, fact, reality, non-fiction

Sentence: This research is based on anecdote, not fact.

9. ASPERITY (noun) : तीक्ष्णता

Pronunciation: a-speh-ruh-tee

Meaning: harshness of tone or manner.

Synonyms: harshness, sharpness, roughness

Antonyms: mildness, softness, gentleness

Sentence: He spoke to the boy with asperity.

10. DESTITUTE (adj.) : निराश्रित

Pronunciation: deh-stuh-tyoot

Meaning: without the basic necessities of life.

Synonyms: penniless, impoverished, impecunious

Antonyms: affluent, opulent, rich

Sentence: The flood left thousands of people destitute.

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