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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. TEDIOUS (ADJECTIVE): थकाऊ

Pronunciation: tee·dee·uhs

Meaning: boring and lasting for a long time

Synonyms: Monotonous, Repetitive, Dreary

Antonyms: Engaging, Stimulating, Interesting

Sentence: The long and tedious meeting left everyone feeling exhausted and unproductive.

2. GRIEVANCE (NOUN): शिकायत

Pronunciation: greev·uhns

Meaning: a real or imagined cause for complaint, especially unfair treatment.

Synonyms: Complaint, grumble

Antonyms: Contentment, satisfaction

Sentence: She filed a grievance with the company regarding her unfair treatment.

3. PUTREFY (VERB): बदबूदार होना

Pronunciation: pyoo·truh·fai

Meaning: decay or rot and produce a fetid smell.

Synonyms: Decay, rot, decompose, spoil

Antonyms: Preserve, freshen, revive

Sentence: The neglected food began to putrefy and emit a foul odor.

4. DREARY (ADJECTIVE): उदास, निराशाजनक

Pronunciation: dreeuh·ree

Meaning: depressingly dull and bleak or repetitive.

Synonyms: Gloomy, dismal

Antonyms: Bright, cheerful

Sentences: She couldn't help but feel dreary after receiving the disappointing news.

5. EVANESCENT (ADJECTIVE): क्षणभंगुर

Pronunciation: eh·vuh·nes·uhnt

Meaning: soon passing out of sight, memory, or existence; quickly fading or disappearing.

Synonyms: vanishing, fading, fleeting

Antonyms: endless, eternal, everlasting

Sentence: Talk is evanescent but writing leaves footprints.

6. TAINING (VERB): दूषित

Pronunciation: taynt·uhng

Meaning: contaminate or pollute (something).

Synonyms: contaminate, pollute, befoul

Antonyms: decontaminate, purify, filter

Sentence: Smog has long tainted the air of the city, making it difficult to breathe.

7. SMEAR (VERB): बदनाम करना

Pronunciation: smeeuh

Meaning: damage the reputation of (someone) by false accusations.

Synonyms: libel, slander, defame

Antonyms: honor, exalt, glorify

Sentence: Someone was trying to smear her by faking letters.

8. DIVISIVE (ADJECTIVE): विभाजक

Pronunciation: duh·vise·uhv

Meaning: tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people.

Synonyms: discordant, disharmonious

Antonyms: unifying, accordant

Sentence: The divisive proposal split the committee into two opposing sides.

9. SQUAD (NOUN): सैनिकों का छोटा समुदाय

Pronunciation: skvawd

Meaning: a small organized group of military personnel.

Synonyms: Crew, Gang

Antonyms: Participant, Individual

Sentence: The club is under investigation by the fraud squad.

10. COVETED (VERB): लोभ करना

Pronunciation: kuh·vuht·uhd

Meaning: strongly desired by many

Synonyms: Crave, Desire

Antonyms: Hate, Dislike

Sentence: She always coveted power but never quite achieved it.

11. CAPACIOUS (ADJECTIVE): विशाल

Pronunciation: kuh·pay·shuhs

Meaning: a space or container that is able to hold or accommodate a significant amount.

Synonyms: Spacious, Roomy, Ample

Antonyms: Compact, Cramped, Narrow

Sentence: The house had a capacious living room with high ceilings and large windows, providing a sense of openness and comfort.

12. PRANCE (VERB): उछल-कूद

Pronunciation: praans

Meaning: to move with high spirits or lively steps, especially in a playful or proud manner.

Synonyms: Dance, Skip, Strut, Caper, Frolic

Antonyms: Stumble, Trudge, Plod, Lumber

Sentence: The little girl couldn't contain her excitement and began to prance around the room, twirling and leaping with joy.

13. VEILED (ADJECTIVE): घूँघट में

Pronunciation: vayld

Meaning: concealed or hidden.

Synonyms: Covered, Masked, Obscured

Antonyms: Revealed, Exposed, Clear

Sentence: The veiled figure stood silently in the corner, her face hidden beneath a black veil.

14. VANDALISED (VERB): तोड़-फोड़

Pronunciation: van·dal·ized

Meaning: to intentionally damage, destroy, or deface property or public belongings.

Synonyms: Defaced, Desecrated

Antonyms: Restored, Repaired, Preserved

Sentence: The abandoned building had been vandalized with graffiti and broken windows, leaving a sad and neglected impression on the neighborhood.

15. PRUDENCE (NOUN): सावधानी

Pronunciation: proo·dns

Meaning: behavior that is careful and avoids risks.

Synonyms: caution, circumspection, care

Antonyms: recklessness, brashness, carelessness

Sentence: The captain said we ought to shorten sail anyway, out of common prudence.

16. IRIDESCENT (ADJECTIVE): रंग-बिरंग

Pronunciation: i·ruh·deh·snt

Meaning: showing luminous colors that seem to change when seen from different angles.

Synonyms: shimmery, glittering, colorful

Antonyms: dull, dreary

Sentence: Her latest fashion collection features shimmering iridescent materials.

17. PESTILENT (ADJECTIVE): बिनाशक

Pronunciation: peh·stuh·luhnt

Meaning: likely to cause or capable of causing death.

Synonyms: lethal, deadly, harmful

Antonyms: salubrious, beneficial, salutary

Sentence: Smallpox is a pestilent disease.

18. CORPUS (NOUN): संग्रह

Pronunciation: kaw·puhs

Meaning: a collection of written texts, especially the entire works of a particular author or a body of writing on a particular subject.

Synonyms: collection, compilation, body

Antonyms: part

Sentence: I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings is probably the most well-known work among the corpus of poems.

19. HUSK (NOUN): भूसी निकालना

Pronunciation: huhsk

Meaning: the dry outer covering of some fruits or seeds.

Synonyms: Shell, Covering

Antonyms: Inside, Interior

Sentence: Money may be the husk of many things, but not the kernel.

20. SNUBBED (VERB): नीचा बनाना

Pronunciation: snuhbd

Meaning: to reject or dismiss someone in a rude or disdainful manner.

Synonyms: spurn, disregard

Antonyms: Acknowledge, greet, welcome

Sentence: He snubbed the invitation to the party, preferring to stay home instead.

21. VITUPERATE (VERB): तिरस्कार करना, निंदा करना

Pronunciation: vuh·tyoo·puh·rayt

Meaning: criticize harshly.

Synonyms: abuse, accuse

Antonyms: honour, praise

Sentence: We shouldn't vituperate anyone without any proper information.

22. GIMMICK (NOUN): हथकंडा, चाल, तिकड़मयानौटकी

Pronunciation: gi·muhk

Meaning: trick

Synonyms: ruse, ploy

Antonyms: truth, honesty

Sentence: It's just a public relations gimmick.

23. WRANGLE (NOUN): लड़ाई

Pronunciation: rang·gl

Meaning: fight.

Synonyms: argument, bickering

Antonyms: agreement, harmony

Sentence: Localities were the witnessed of the dirty wrangle of the two political leaders.

24. WINNOW (VERB): फटकना

Pronunciation: vi·noh

Meaning: expel.

Synonyms: separate, terminate

Antonyms: include, hire

Sentence: Most of the faulty employees were winnowed out by these processes.

25. VIRILE (ADJECTIVE): साहसी

Pronunciation: vi·rile

Meaning: potent.

Synonyms: powerful, energetic

Antonyms: weak, feeble

Sentence: He was a virile dancer who brought out the best in the modern Bollywood.

26. APPRAISE (VERB): मूल्यांकन करना

Pronunciation: uh·prayz

Meaning: judge.

Synonyms: estimate, evaluate

Antonyms: ignore, neglect

Sentence: Many companies were prompted to appraise their recruitment policies.

27. BROACH (VERB): सीख**Pronunciation:** broche**Meaning:** open up discussion.**Synonyms:** bring up, moot**Antonyms:** take back, deny**Sentence:** The parents of the boy did not even broach the issue of marriage with Renee.**28. DITHER (NOUN): तड़पना****Pronunciation:** di·dhuh**Meaning:** upset.**Synonyms:** tizzy, flap**Antonyms:** calm, peace**Sentence:** I am in such a dither I forget to put the water in.**29. RENEGADE (ADJECTIVE): पाखण्डी****Pronunciation:** reh·nuh·gayd**Meaning:** rebellious.**Synonyms:** difficult, resistant**Antonyms:** obedient, dutiful**Sentence:** The renegade policeman revealed details of the murder.**30. PALTRY (ADJECTIVE): तुच्छ****Pronunciation:** pawl·tree**Meaning:** meager.**Synonyms:** insignificant, worthless**Antonyms:** considerable, substantial**Sentence:** He was fined the paltry sum of \$50.**31. PALATABLE (ADJECTIVE): स्वादिष्ट****Pronunciation:** pa·luht·uh·bl**Meaning:** eatable.**Synonyms:** tasty, appetizing**Antonyms:** unpalatable, insipid**Sentence:** It is a healthy and palatable vegetable, easily digested when cooked.**32. PERTINACIOUS (ADJECTIVE): आग्रही****Pronunciation:** puh·tuh·nay·shuhs**Meaning:** unyielding.**Synonyms:** stubborn, obdurate

Antonyms: irresolute, flexible

Sentence: If you have a pertinacious behaviour you may face several problems.

33. GRUFF (ADJECTIVE): कर्कश

Pronunciation: gruhf

Meaning: harsh

Synonyms: rough, throaty

Antonyms: smooth, mellifluous

Sentence: He picked up the phone expecting to hear the chairman's gruff voice.

34. GRUBBY (ADJECTIVE): गंदा

Pronunciation: gruhb·ee

Meaning: dirty.

Synonyms: grimy, unwashed

Antonyms: clean, spotless

Sentence: His white coat was grubby and stained.

35. PAUCITY (NOUN): कमी

Pronunciation: paw·suh·tee

Meaning: sparseness.

Synonyms: dearth, shortage

Antonyms: abundance, plentiful

Sentence: The paucity of evidence made the case unsolved.

36. PAROCHIAL (ADJECTIVE): कमी

Pronunciation: puh·roh·kee·uhl

Meaning: narrow-minded.

Synonyms: petty, limited

Antonyms: cosmopolitan, liberal

Sentence: A parochial approach is not enough to get success in life.

37. PARITY (NOUN): समता

Pronunciation: pa·ruh·tee

Meaning: equality.

Synonyms: uniformity, sameness

Antonyms: inequality, oddness

Sentence: Women have yet to achieve parity with men in many fields.

38. STRIFE (NOUN): संघर्ष

Pronunciation: strife

Meaning: disputes, disagreements, or hostility, and can result in tension or even physical confrontations.

Synonyms: contention, rivalry

Antonyms: Harmony, peace

Sentence: The strife between the two political parties had reached a point where compromise seemed impossible.

39. THAWING (NOUN): पिघलना, गलना या नरम होना**Pronunciation: thaw·uhng**

Meaning: the process of a substance changing from a frozen or solid state to a softer or liquid state due to an increase in temperature.

Synonyms: Melting, liquefaction, defrosting

Antonyms: Freezing, solidification, congealing

Sentence: After a long winter, the thawing of the lake allowed people to go ice skating.

40. SWATTED (VERB): मुंह तोड़ प्रहार मारना**Pronunciation: svawt·uhd**

Meaning: to strike or hit something with a quick, sharp, or sudden motion, often using one's hand or a tool.

Synonyms: Hit, strike, smack

Antonyms: Miss, avoid, spare

Sentence: The online streamer was swatted by a malicious prank caller, leading to a dangerous situation when police arrived at his house.

41. BICKERING (Noun): कल-कल के साथ बहना**Pronunciation: bi·kuh·ruhng**

Meaning: the act of engaging in petty or trivial arguments or disputes.

Synonyms: Quarreling, arguing

Antonyms: Agreeing, compromising

Sentence: The constant bickering between the siblings over who got to use the television remote became a source of annoyance for their parents.

42. BONHOMIE (Noun): खुशमिजाजी**Pronunciation: baw·naw·mee**

Meaning: a sense of warmth, geniality and goodwill in social interactions.

Synonyms: Friendliness, warmth, affability

Antonyms: Hostility, animosity, aloofness

Sentence: Despite their initial differences, a sense of bonhomie developed among the neighbours, and they began helping each other out.

43. IMPROMPTU (Adverb, Adjective): बिना तैयारी के, तात्कालिक, याआशु**Pronunciation:** im·prawmp·too**Meaning:** it refers to actions, performances or events that occur on the spur of the moment.**Synonyms:** extemporaneous, unprepared**Antonyms:** A Planned, rehearsed**Sentence:** She delivered an impromptu speech that captivated the audience despite not having prepared in advance.**44. STATUS QUO (Noun): यथापूर्वस्थिति या यथास्थिति****Pronunciation:** STAY-tuhs KWOH**Meaning:** the way things are at a particular point in time, often with the implication that this state is being maintained or preserved.**Synonyms:** Current state, existing state**Antonyms:** Change, innovation**Sentence:** The company decided to maintain the status quo and not make any significant changes to its operations.**45. RIPPLE (Noun & Verb):लहर****Pronunciation:** rip·pl**Meaning:** to form or cause a series of small, wave-like motions on the surface of a liquid, typically due to some external force or disturbance.**Synonyms:** undulation, wave, swell**Antonyms:** Calm, stillness, stagnation**Sentence:** The pebble created a beautiful ripple on the calm surface of the pond.**46. VEERING (Verb): घूमना फिरना****Pronunciation:** veeuh·ruhng**Meaning:** changing direction or course suddenly, often referring to a shift away from the current path or trajectory.**Synonyms:** Deviating, Shifting**Antonyms:** Staying, Following**Sentence:** She noticed the conversation veering towards sensitive topics and tried to change the subject.**47. GIMMICK (Noun): हथकंडा, 'चाल', 'तिकड़म' या 'नौटंकी****Pronunciation:** gi·muhk**Meaning:** A novel or unusual feature or trick used to attract attention, often for promotional or advertising purposes.**Synonyms:** Trick, Ploy

Antonyms: Authenticity, Reality

Sentence: The speaker used a gimmick of magic tricks to engage the audience before delivering the main message of the presentation.

48. SUBTERFUGE (Noun): छल

Pronunciation: suhb·tuh·fyooj

Meaning: deceptive or deceitful behavior or tactics used to achieve a goal, evade a difficult situation, or hide the truth.

Synonyms: Guile, Ruse, Cunning

Antonyms: Sincerity, Transparency

Sentence: The detective was skilled at uncovering even the most intricate subterfuges used by criminals to conceal their activities.

49. BLUDGEONING (Noun): मारना

Pronunciation: bluh·juhn·uhng

Meaning: the act of striking or hitting someone or something repeatedly and forcefully with a heavy object, typically to cause harm or injury.

Synonyms: Thrashing, Assault

Antonyms: Protection, Compassion

Sentence: The bludgeoning of the victim left him with severe injuries and a long road to recovery.

He was bludgeoning the door with a crowbar, trying to force it open.

50. IMPRUDENT (Adjective): ढीठ

Pronunciation: uhm·proo·dnt

Meaning: lacking wisdom or good judgment; not showing care for the consequences of one's actions; rash or thoughtless.

Synonyms: Foolish, Reckless

Antonyms: Cautious, Thoughtful

Sentence: It would be imprudent to spend all your money on luxuries when you have bills to pay and no savings.

51. ANACHRONISM (NOUN): तिथि व समय की अशुद्धता

Pronunciation: uh·na·kruh·ni·zm

Meaning: a person, custom, or object that belongs to a different era.

Synonyms: old-fashioned, outdated

Antonyms: modern, current

Sentence: In the historical movie, there was an anachronism when a character used a smartphone in a scene set in the 18th century.

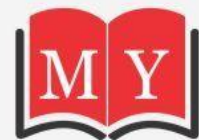
52. MISCONSTRUE (Verb): गलत समझ लेना**Pronunciation:** mis·kuhn·stroof**Meaning:** to interpret or understand something incorrectly.**Synonyms:** misread, misconceive**Antonyms:** grasp, comprehend**Sentence:** The reporter misconstrued the politician's statement, leading to a false headline in the newspaper.**53. DEROGATORY (Adjective): अनादरपूर्ण****Pronunciation:** duh·raw·guh·tuh·ree**Meaning:** shows a critical, disrespectful, or belittling attitude towards someone or something.**Synonyms:** disparaging, offensive**Antonyms:** complimentary, respectful**Sentence:** She was hurt by the derogatory comments made about her appearance.**54. DEROSTERED (Verb): हटा दिया गया****Pronunciation:** raw·stuhd**Meaning:** the action of removing someone from a roster or list, usually in a formal or official capacity.**Synonyms:** Removed, excluded**Antonyms:** Included, listed**Sentence:** The unreliable player was derostered from the team before the championship.**55. SWARMED (VERB): झुण्ड****Pronunciation:** svawmd**Meaning:** to gather or move in a large number or group, often in a rapid and overwhelming manner.**Synonyms:** Teemed, Crowded, Inundated**Antonyms:** Dispersed, Scattered, Isolated**Sentence:** Tourists swarmed the beach during the holiday weekend**56. ABETMENT (NOUN): सहयोग****Pronunciation:** abet-ment**Meaning:** act of encouraging, aiding, or assisting someone in committing a crime or wrongdoing.**Synonyms:** Assistance, Support, Encouragement**Antonyms:** Hindrance, Deterrence, Opposition**Sentence:** Abetment of corruption is a serious offense under the law

57. INTRIGUED (ADJECTIVE): उत्सुक, आकर्षित**Pronunciation:** uhn·treegd**Meaning:** to make somebody very interested and wanting to know more.**Synonyms:** Fascinated, Captivated, Engrossed**Antonyms:** Indifferent, Uninterested, Bored**Sentence:** The audience was intrigued by the magician's clever tricks**58. SHACKLES (NOUN): हथकड़ी****Pronunciation:** sha·klz**Meaning:** metal restraints or chains used to confine or restrain a person's wrists or ankles.**Synonyms:** Handcuffs, Manacles, Fetters**Antonyms:** Freedom, Liberation**Sentence:** The prisoner's wrists were bound tightly with cold, steel shackles, preventing any chance of escape from the maximum-security prison.**59. KERFUFFLE (ADJECTIVE): शोरशराबा, हंगामा****Pronunciation:** kuh-fuf-ful**Meaning:** a commotion or fuss, especially one caused by conflicting views (noise, excitement, and argument).**Synonyms:** commotion, stir, fuss, disturbance, turmoil**Antonyms:** hush, peace, quiet, calm, tranquility, stillness**Sentence:** There was a kerfuffle at the party when two guests got into a heated argument.**60. MENACE (VERB): खतरा****Pronunciation:** meh·nuhs**Meaning:** danger, or someone or something that is likely to cause harm.**Synonyms:** threat, danger, peril, risk, hazard**Antonyms:** guard, protect, save**Sentence:** Reckless driving on the road is a menace to other drivers and pedestrians.

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