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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. USURPATION (noun) : हड़प लेना

Pronunciation: yoo·zuhp·ay·shn

Meaning: the unlawful taking or withholding of something from the rightful owner under the guise of authority

Synonyms: preemption, seizure, takeover

Antonyms: letting go, release, leave

Sentence: the unexpected usurpation of power by the government resulted in the townspeople revolting.

2. INNOCUOUS (adj.) : अहानिकर

Pronunciation: uh·naw·kyoo·uhs

Meaning: not harmful or offensive.

Synonyms: harmless, safe, nondangerous

Antonyms: baleful, baneful, damaging

Sentence: His comment seemed perfectly innocuous.

3. LICIT (adj.) : जायज

Pronunciation: li·suht

Meaning: not forbidden; lawful.

Synonyms: legitimate, permissible, admissible

Antonyms: illegal, illegitimate, illicit

Sentence: She made some money by licit means.

4. PERSEVERANCE (noun) : धैर्य

Pronunciation: puh·suh·veeuh·ruhns

Meaning: persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

Synonyms: persistence, tenacity, determination

Antonyms: doubt, incertitude, indetermination

Sentence: Perseverance is the only road to success.

5. INGRATIATING (adj.) : अनुग्रह पाने

Pronunciation: ng·gray·shee·ay·ting

Meaning: intended to gain approval or favor; sycophantic.

Synonyms: sycophantic, obsequious, servile

Antonyms: unendearing, uningratiating

Sentence: He said this with an ingratiating smile.

6. AD-LIB (verb) : बिना तैयारी के

Pronunciation: *ad lib*

Meaning: speak or perform in public without previously preparing one's words.

Synonyms: extempore, without preparation, impromptu

Antonyms: considered, planned, premeditated

Sentence: She ad-libbed her way through the entire speech.

7. PITTANCE (noun) : अल्प भाग

Pronunciation: pi·tns

Meaning: a very small or inadequate amount of money paid to someone as an allowance or wage.

Synonyms: very small amount, a tiny amount, an insufficient amount

Antonyms: big buck, treasure

Sentence: The internship offers only a pittance of a salary, but it is a great opportunity to gain experience.

8. FLABBERGAST (verb) : हैरत में डालना

Pronunciation: fla·buh·gaast

Meaning: surprise (someone) greatly; astonish.

Synonyms: astonish, astound, amaze

Antonyms: aware, clear, oriented.

Sentence: He was flabbergasted when we told him how cheap it was.

9. DESECRATE (verb) : तिरस्कार करना

Pronunciation: deh·suh·krayt

Meaning: treat (a sacred place or thing) with violent disrespect; violate.

Synonyms: violate, profane, dishonor

Antonyms: honor, respect, bless

Sentence: She shouldn't have desecrated the picture of a religious leader.

10. WHEEDLE (verb) : चापलूसी से मना लेना

Pronunciation: vee·dl

Meaning: to get (someone) to do something by gentle urging, special attention, or flattery

Synonyms: blandish, blarney, flattery

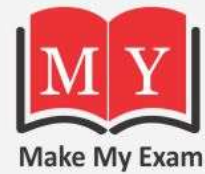
Antonyms: demand, force, compel

Sentence: She even managed to wheedle more money out of him.

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