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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. CORROSIVE (ADJECTIVE): संक्षारक

Pronunciation: kuh·rose·uhv

Meaning: able to destroy solid materials by a chemical reaction

Synonyms: caustic, vitriolic

Antonyms: gentle, nice

Sentence: Sodium and Sulphur are highly corrosive elements.

2. COUNTERMAND (VERB): रद्द किया गया

Pronunciation: kawn·tuh·maand

Meaning: revoke or cancel (an order).

Synonyms: reverse, override

Antonyms: allow, approve

Sentence: I can't countermand her orders.

3. CONVOLUTED (VERB): संव लत

Pronunciation: kawn·vuh·loot·uhd

Meaning: complicated.

Synonyms: intricate, tangled

Antonyms: direct, simple

Sentence: It is hard to solve the question because a convoluted reasoning is applied in it.

4. COWER (VERB): डर से कांपना

Pronunciation: kau·uh

Meaning: to draw back and crouch in fear.

Synonyms: cringe, crouch

Antonyms: face, meet

Sentence: He was cowering away from the fierce dog.

5. METTLE (Noun): उत्साह

Pronunciation: meh·tl

Meaning: the ability to cope with difficulties, challenges, and adversity; strength of character, determination, and courage.

Synonyms: Grit, Stamina

Antonyms: Timidity, Weakness

Sentence: In times of crisis, his unwavering mettle and leadership qualities shone through.

6. MUCKRAKING (Noun): कीचड़ उछालने वाले

Pronunciation: muhk·rayk·uhng

Meaning: the practice of exposing and criticizing corruption, dishonesty, and societal issues, especially through investigative journalism or other forms of media.

Synonyms: Expose

Antonyms: Censorship, Whitewashing

Sentence: Some critics argue that muckraking journalism can sometimes sensationalize issues for higher readership.

7. PROVENANCE (Noun): उत्पत्ति स्थान

Pronunciation: praw·vuh·nuhns

Meaning: the origin, source, or history of something.

Synonyms: Source, Heritage

Antonyms: Mystery, Obscurity

Sentence: The collector was particularly interested in the provenance of the antique furniture he was considering purchasing.

8. YOMP (Verb): भारी सामान/बोझ

Pronunciation: yomp

Meaning: walk or trek laboriously, esp heavily laden and over difficult terrain.

Synonyms: Trek, March

Antonyms: Glide, Slide

Sentence: The hikers decided to yomp to the summit of the mountain to catch the sunrise.

9. COY (ADJECTIVE): वनीत

Pronunciation: koy

Meaning: very modest.

Synonyms: bashful, evasive

Antonyms: immodest, unshy

Sentence: She gave her brother's friend a coy smile.

10. CRAMP (NOUN): ऐंठन

Pronunciation: kramp

Meaning: stiffness.

Synonyms: pain, ache

Antonyms: comfort, ease

Sentence: She started getting stomach cramps this morning.

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