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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. What's more, take the test given at the last to check how much you learnt. This will really help you boost up your learning.

Happy learning!!!

1. HALT (verb, noun) – विराम, रुकना

Pronunciation: hawlt

Meaning: bring or come to an abrupt stop; a suspension of movement or activity, typically a temporary one

Synonyms: stop, come to rest, pull up, draw up, discontinue, terminate, be over, pause, end, suspend, put an end to

Antonyms: start, go, continue, continuation

Usage:

- The bicycle brakes to a halt. (noun)
- He called for a halt to the recent wave of emigration. (verb)

2. INFLUX (noun) – प्रवाह, वेगपूर्ण प्रवेश, तांता

Pronunciation: in•fluhks

Meaning: an arrival or entry of large numbers of people or things

Synonyms: rush, stream, flood, incursion, ingress, invasion, intrusion, inflow, inrush, inundation

Antonyms: outflow, effluence, efflux

Usage: The hotel has received a large influx of guests.

3. CONFINE (verb, noun) – सीमित करना; सीमित रखना

Pronunciation: kuhn•fain

Meaning: keep or restrict someone or something within certain limits of space, scope, or time; the borders or boundaries of a place, especially with regard to their restricting freedom of movement

Synonyms: enclose, incarcerate, imprison, intern, impound, trap, keep, cage, hurdle, encircle, surround, ring

Antonyms: unloose, free, release, loose, unloosen, liberate

Usage:

- It is cruel to confine a bird in a cage. (verb)
- Doctors are trying to confine the disease within the city. (noun)

4. DISCREPANCY (noun) – अंतर, भिन्नता

Pronunciation: duh•skreh•puhn•see

Meaning: an illogical or surprising lack of compatibility or similarity between two or more facts

Synonyms: inconsistency, difference, disparity, variance, variation, deviation, divergence, disagreement, dissimilarity

Antonyms: similarity, correspondence

Usage: There is some discrepancy between the two accounts.

5. DWINDLE (verb) – क्षीण होना, महत्त्व खोना

Pronunciation: dwin•dl

Meaning: diminish gradually in size, amount, or strength

Synonyms: diminish, decrease, reduce, lessen, wane, contract, shrink, tail off, drop, fall, go down, sink, plummet

Antonyms: increase, flourish


Usage: The number of people going to the cinema seems to dwindle steadily.

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6. ALLEGED (adjective) – तथाकथित, थोपा हुआ

Pronunciation: uh•lejd

Meaning: said, without proof, to have taken place or to have a specified illegal or undesirable quality

Synonyms: supposed, so-called, claimed, professed, purported, ostensible, apparent, putative, unproven

Antonyms: unquestionable, undeclared

Usage: It has been alleged that Jack stole the money.

7. AUGUR (verb, noun) – भविष्य बतलाना, शकुन विचारना

Pronunciation: aw•guh

Meaning: portend a good or bad outcome; (in ancient Rome) a religious official who observed natural signs, interpreting these as an indication of divine approval or disapproval of a proposed action.

Synonyms: foreshadow, presage, indicate, signify, signal, bode, portend, herald, promise, threaten, spell, denote

Antonyms: assure, calculate, demonstrate, determine, establish, insure, make sure, prove, settle, warrant

Usage:

- Mounting sales augur a profitable year. (verb)
- It is surprising that an augur can see an augury without smiling. (noun)

8. APPREHENSION (noun) – डर, शंका**Pronunciation:** a•pruh•hen•shn**Meaning:** anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen**Synonyms:** anxiety, angst, alarm, worry, uneasiness, unease, nervousness, misgiving, disquiet, concern, agitation**Antonyms:** inapprehension, confidence**Usage:** She felt a shiver of apprehension.**9. SLUMP (noun, verb) – मंदी, गिर पड़ना, अकस्मात् पतन****Pronunciation:** sluhmp**Meaning:** sit, lean, or fall heavily and limply; a sudden severe or prolonged fall in the price, value, or amount of something**Synonyms:** flop, flump, collapse, sink, fall, subside, sag, slouch, plunge, drop, tumble, plummet, downturn**Antonyms:** stand up, sit up, rise, soar**Usage:**

- The toy industry is in a slump. (noun)
- Martha slumped against the cushions. (verb)

10. TOIL (verb, noun) – कड़ी मेहनत; कठिन परिश्रम करना**Pronunciation:** toyl**Meaning:** work extremely hard or incessantly; exhausting physical labour**Synonyms:** hard work, toiling, labour, slaving, struggle, effort, exertion, application, industry, grind, slog, blood**Antonyms:** rest, relax, laze**Usage:**

- A life of toil is generally the price of fame and success. (noun)
- If you want knowledge, you must toil for it. (verb)

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