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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. RELEGATE (VERB): नीचा दिखाना

Pronunciation: reh·luh·gayt

Meaning: downgrade.

Synonyms: lower, put down

Antonyms: Upgrade

Sentence: They aim to prevent women from being relegated to a secondary role.

2. INVOKE (VERB): आह्वान करना

Pronunciation: uhn·voke

Meaning: cite.

Synonyms: adduce, instance

Antonyms: waive

Sentence: The antiquated defence of insanity is rarely invoked in England.

3. INCONCLUSIVE (ADJECTIVE): अनिर्णीत

Pronunciation: in·kuhng·kloos·uhv

Meaning: indecisive.

Synonyms: indefinite, indeterminate

Antonyms: conclusive

Sentence: They kept on doing inconclusive negotiations for three years.

4. RESUMPTION (NOUN): पुनरारंभ

Pronunciation: ruh·zuhmp·shn

Meaning: restart.

Synonyms: restarting, reopening

Antonyms: suspension

Sentence: The rain has stopped, but we're still waiting for the resumption of the game.

5. ARBITRARY (ADJECTIVE): बेतरतीब

Pronunciation: aa·buh·truh·ree

Meaning: capricious.

Synonyms: whimsical, random

Antonyms: rational

Sentence: He just ends up taking arbitrary decisions.

6. VAUNT (VERB): प्रशंसा करना

Pronunciation: vawnt

Meaning: acclaim.

Synonyms: esteem, revere

Antonyms: criticize

Sentence: He was initially vaunted by the West for his leadership of the country.

7. SHELVES (VERB): टालना

Pronunciation: shelv

Meaning: lay aside.

Synonyms: pigeonhole, stay

Antonyms: carry out

Sentence: Plans to reopen the school have been shelved.

8. VIGILANT (ADJECTIVE): जागरूक

Pronunciation: vi·juhl·uhnt

Meaning: watchful.

Synonyms: observant, sharp-eyed

Antonyms: negligent

Sentence: The burglar was spotted by vigilant neighbours.

9. EXALT (VERB): प्रशंसा करना

Pronunciation: uhg·zawlt

Meaning: glorify.

Synonyms: extol, praise

Antonyms: disparage

Sentence: The party will continue to exalt their hero.

10. TRAUMATIC (ADJECTIVE): दर्दनाक

Pronunciation: traw·ma·tuhk

Meaning: disturbing.

Synonyms: shocking, distressing

Antonyms: soothing

Sentence: She was going through a traumatic divorce.

11. BUOYED (VERB): प्रसन्न रखना

Pronunciation: boyd

Meaning: to sustain or encourage.

Synonyms: Blissful , Elated

Antonyms: Dejected , Melancholy

Sentence: Celina greeted her with an approving smile that buoyed her.

12. BLIGHT (NOUN): यातना

Pronunciation: blite

Meaning: affliction

Synonyms: scourge, bane

Antonyms: blessing

Sentence: The vacant properties are a blight on the neighbourhood.

13. HINGES (Noun): काज

Pronunciation: hinj·uhz

Meaning: a crucial or pivotal point or factor upon which something depends or turns.

Synonyms: Fulcrum, Swivel

Antonyms: Rigid, Immobile

Sentence: The success of the project hinges on securing adequate funding from investors.

14. DISSIDENTS (Noun): असंतुष्ट

Pronunciation: di·suh·dnts

Meaning: individuals or groups who publicly express strong disagreement, opposition, or dissent, especially against established political, social, or religious authorities or policies.

Synonyms: Agitators , Insurgents

Antonyms: Acquiescent , Followers

Sentence: The dissidents gathered in the town square to protest against the government's repressive policies.

15. TRUCULENT (ADJECTIVE): उग्र, लड़ाकू

Pronunciation: truh·kyoo·luhnt

Meaning: eager or quick to argue or fight; aggressively defiant.

Synonyms: aggressive, barbarous

Antonyms: cooperative, gentle

Sentence: The truculent dog barked aggressively at anyone who dared to approach its territory.

16. HURLY.BURLY (NOUN): हड़बड़ी, खलबली

Pronunciation: hur·ly.bur·ly

Meaning: busy, boisterous activity.

Synonyms: Confusion, tumult, Turbulence

Antonyms: CALM, ORDER

Sentence: The party turned into a wild hurly-burly as people danced, laughed, and chatted loudly.

17. VENEER (NOUN): दिखावा

Pronunciation: vuh·neer

Meaning: a deceptively attractive external appearance

Synonyms: facade, gloss

Antonyms: interior, inside

Sentence: Marcia wears a veneer of friendliness while trying to backstab everyone in the office.

18. REALM (NOUN): राज्य

Pronunciation: relm

Meaning: Sphere, Domain

Synonyms: Kingdom, Empire

Antonyms: Zenith, Nadir

Sentence: Her interests are in the realm of practical politics.

19. SPAT (NOUN): झगड़ा

Pronunciation: spat

Meaning: A short argument

Synonyms: Altercation

Antonyms: Harmony

Sentence: She was having a spat with her brother about who should do the washing up.

20. EARMARK (VERB): अलगरखना

Pronunciation: eeuh·maak

Meaning: To intend something for a particular purpose

Synonyms: Reserve

Antonyms: ignore, neglect

Sentence: Ten thousand dollars of this year's budget is earmarked for the renovation of the building.

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22. EMPHATIC (ADJECTIVE): ज़ोरदार

Pronunciation: uhm·fa·tuhk

Meaning: vehement.

Synonyms: firm, wholehearted

Antonyms: hesitant

Sentence: The children were emphatic that they would like to repeat the experience.

23. HEGEMONY (NOUN): नेतृत्व

Pronunciation: huh·geh·muh·nee

Meaning: leadership.

Synonyms: dominance, dominion

Antonyms: self-government

Sentence: Germany was united under Prussian hegemony after 1871.

24. AMELIORATE (VERB): सुधरना

Pronunciation: uh·mee·lee·uh·rayt

Meaning: improve.

Synonyms: better, enhance

Antonyms: worsen

Sentence: The reform did much to ameliorate living standards.

25. MALAISE (NOUN): अप्रसन्नता

Pronunciation: muh·layz

Meaning: unhappiness.

Synonyms: restlessness, uneasiness

Antonyms: comfort

Sentence: An infected person will feel a general malaise.

26. HALT (NOUN): विराम

Pronunciation: hawlt

Meaning: stop.

Synonyms: standstill, cessation

Antonyms: start

Sentence: There was a halt in production.

27. TREACHEROUS (ADJECTIVE): बेवफ़ा**Pronunciation:** treh·chuh·ruhs**Meaning:** traitorous.**Synonyms:** disloyal, perfidious**Antonyms:** loyal**Sentence:** He is a treacherous RAW agent.**28. CELLAR (NOUN): तहखाना****Pronunciation:** seh·luh**Meaning:** basement.**Synonyms:** vault, crypt**Antonyms:** attic**Sentence:** The servants led us down into a cellar.**29. EBB (VERB): उतार****Pronunciation:** ebb**Meaning:** recede.**Synonyms:** go out, retreat**Antonyms:** come in**Sentence:** The trend began to ebb.**30. BOUNTY (NOUN): उदारता****Pronunciation:** bawn·tee**Meaning:** generosity.**Synonyms:** magnanimity, munificence**Antonyms:** meanness**Sentence:** For millennia the people along the Nile have depended entirely on its bounty.**31. RETRACT (VERB): वापस लेना****Pronunciation:** ruh·trakt**Meaning:** take back.**Synonyms:** withdraw, unsay**Antonyms:** assert**Sentence:** He was forced to retract an opinion too liberal for the time.**32. UNSEEMLY (ADJECTIVE): अनुचित****Pronunciation:** uhn·seem·lee**Meaning:** indecorous.**Synonyms:** improper, inappropriate

Antonyms: seemly

Sentence: The discussion led to nothing but an unseemly squabble.

33. CATHARSIS (NOUN): शुद्धिकरण

Pronunciation: kuh·thaa·suhs

Meaning: purging.

Synonyms: purgation, purification

Antonyms: repression

Sentence: Music is a means of catharsis for many of us.

34. INFANTILE (ADJECTIVE): बचकाना

Pronunciation: in·fuhnt·ile

Meaning: childish.

Synonyms: babyish, immature

Antonyms: mature

Sentence: The point about fairies etc. is so infantile in logic I can barely contain my disbelief.

35. INGRAINED (ADJECTIVE): दीर्घस्थायी

Pronunciation: in·graynd

Meaning: entrenched.

Synonyms: established, fixed

Antonyms: transient

Sentence: She wanted to wake up with his scent ingrained in her skin.

36. COMPETENCE (NOUN): योग्यता

Pronunciation: kawm·puh·tns

Meaning: capability.

Synonyms: ability, competency

Antonyms: incompetence

Sentence: Courses were launched to improve the competence of staff.

37. OMINOUS (ADJECTIVE): अमंगल

Pronunciation: aw·muh·nuhs

Meaning: threatening.

Synonyms: menacing, baleful

Antonyms: promising

Sentence: My ominous tone didn't register with him.

38. DISTEND (VERB): फूलना या फूलाना**Pronunciation:** duh·stend**Meaning:** swell.**Synonyms:** bloat, bulge**Antonyms:** shrink**Sentence:** The abdomen distended rapidly.**39. STRICKEN (ADJECTIVE): तंग****Pronunciation:** stri·kn**Meaning:** troubled.**Synonyms:** affected, afflicted**Antonyms:** unaffected**Sentence:** The pilot landed the stricken aircraft.**40. CAJOLE (VERB): चापलूसी करना****Pronunciation:** kuh·jole**Meaning:** persuade.**Synonyms:** wheedle, coax**Antonyms:** bully**Sentence:** He hoped to cajole her into selling the house.**41. GERIATRIC (NOUN): जराचिकित्सा सम्बन्धी****Pronunciation:** jeh·ree·a·truhk**Meaning:** an old person who is receiving special care.**Synonyms:** elder, senior, senior citizen**Antonyms:** youngster, youth**Sentence:** Who's going to elect a geriatric President?**42. RAVAGE (VERB): नाश****Pronunciation:** ra·vuhj**Meaning:** to bring destruction to (something) through violent action.**Synonyms:** destroy, devastate, ruin**Antonyms:** fix, repair, redeem**Sentence:** The forest was ravaged by fire.**43. GABBY (ADJECTIVE): बातूनी****Pronunciation:** ga·bee**Meaning:** excessively or annoyingly talkative.**Synonyms:** talkative, chatty, loquacious

Antonyms: laconic, silent, reticent

Sentence: Jack became gabby on his favourite topic.

44. COGNATE (ADJECTIVE): आत्मीय

Pronunciation: kawg·nayt

Meaning: having qualities in common.

Synonyms: alike, analogous, comparable

Antonyms: different, dissimilar, unlike

Sentence: German and Dutch are cognate languages.

45. PUNY (ADJECTIVE): नन्हा

Pronunciation: pyoo·nee

Meaning: small and weak.

Synonyms: diminutive, dinky, dwarfish

Antonyms: large, massive, big

Sentence: What a puny little creature!

46. HANKER (VERB): लालायित होना

Pronunciation: hang·kuh

Meaning: feel a strong desire for or to do something.

Synonyms: yearn, crave, desire

Antonyms: abhor, abominate, despise

Sentence: What did you hanker after most when you were in prison?

47. BURNISH (VERB): पालिश

Pronunciation: buh·nuhsh

Meaning: polish (something, especially metal) by rubbing.

Synonyms: polish (up), shine, brighten

Antonyms: rough (up), roughen, ruffle

Sentence: She wished her to dust the furniture, burnish the coal scuttle, and clean the windows.

48. MORIBUND (ADJECTIVE): मरणासन्न

Pronunciation: maw·ruh·buhnd

Meaning: (of a person) at the point of death.

Synonyms: (of a person) at the point of death.

Antonyms: dying, near death, near the end

Sentence: The patient was moribund by the time the doctor arrived.

49. CONFLAGRATION (NOUN): आग**Pronunciation:** kaw·n·fluh·gray·shn**Meaning:** a large and destructive fire that causes significant damage.**Synonyms:** Holocaust, Catastrophe**Antonyms:** Quenching, Extinguishment**Sentence:** The city was in chaos as the conflagration engulfed several buildings, and firefighters worked tirelessly to bring the raging blaze under control.**50. ETHNIC (NOUN): संजातीय****Pronunciation:** eth·nuhk**Meaning:** pertaining to characteristics, customs, and traditions of a specific cultural or racial group.**Synonyms:** Racial, National, Tribal**Antonyms:** Universal**Sentence:** The neighbourhood was known for its ethnic diversity, with people from various cultural backgrounds coming together to celebrate and share their traditions.**51. ENRAGE (VERB): क्रोधित करना****Pronunciation:** uhn·rayj**Meaning:** to provoke intense anger or rage in someone.**Synonyms:** Irritate, Provoke**Antonyms:** Appease, Placate**Sentence:** The news of the unfair decision enrages him, causing him to express his frustration and anger at the unjust treatment he had received.**52. OSTENSIBLY (ADVERB): प्रकट रूप से****Pronunciation:** aw·sten·suh·blee**Meaning:** outwardly appearing or seeming, often with the implication that the appearance may be deceptive.**Synonyms:** Allegedly, Evidently**Antonyms:** Truly, Actually**Sentence:** He was ostensibly interested in the meeting, nodding along with the discussion, but his mind seemed to be elsewhere, betraying his lack of true engagement.**53. RAGING (NOUN): प्रकोप****Pronunciation:** rayj·uhng**Meaning:** exhibiting intense or passionate emotion.**Synonyms:** Furious, Violent

Antonyms: Tranquil, Moderate

Sentence: The raging storm unleashed its fury, with howling winds and torrential rain, causing chaos throughout the coastal town.

54. FRATERNAL (ADJECTIVE): भाई चारे का

Pronunciation: fruh·tuh·nuhl

Meaning: characteristic of or befitting a brother; brotherly.

Synonyms: Sibling, Collegial

Antonyms: Estranged, Antagonistic

Sentence: The fraternal bond between the two brothers was evident in the way they supported each other through thick and thin, always offering a helping hand when needed.

55. DAUNTING (ADJECTIVE): काबू में करना

Pronunciation: dawn·tuhng

Meaning: intimidating or causing apprehension. , Overwhelming in size or difficulty.

Synonyms: Formidable

Antonyms: Encouraging, Reassuring

Sentence: The prospect of climbing the steep and treacherous mountain was daunting, but the experienced mountaineer felt a surge of determination to conquer the challenge.

56. FESTERING (ADJECTIVE): सड़ना

Pronunciation: feh·stuh·ruhng

Meaning: becoming worse or more intense over time.

Synonyms: Brewing, Rankling

Antonyms: Resolving, Settling

Sentence: The festering tension between the two colleagues finally erupted into a heated argument during the team meeting, revealing long-standing issues that needed to be addressed.

57. SHEEN (NOUN): चमक

Pronunciation: sheen

Meaning: a soft luster on a surface.

Synonyms: shine, luster, gleam

Antonyms: dimness, dinginess, dirtiness

Sentence: The conditioner gives the hair a beautiful soft sheen.

58. RUMBLINGS (NOUN): गड़गड़ाहट

Pronunciation: ruhm·buhl·uhng

Meaning: a continuous deep, resonant sound.

Synonyms: clamor, murmurs, rumbles

Antonyms: low humming sound. silence.

Sentence: There were rumblings of discontent among the students.

59. PROPHYLACTIC (ADJECTIVE): रोग निरोधक

Pronunciation: praw·fuh·lak·tuhk

Meaning: concerned with or serving to keep something from happening.

Synonyms: precautionary, preventative, preventive

Antonyms: aiding, assisting, easing

Sentence: The many prophylactic measures that city officials could have taken to reduce the scope of the disaster.

60. PELLUCID (ADJECTIVE): स्पष्ट

Pronunciation: peh·loo·suhd

Meaning: translucently clear.

Synonyms: transparent, clear

Antonyms: cloudy, opaque

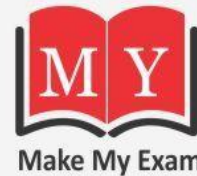
Sentence: They sat there watching the water of the pellucid stream rush by.

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