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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. BELLIGERENT (ADJECTIVE): आक्रामक

Pronunciation: buh·li·juh·ruhnt

Meaning: hostile

Synonyms: aggressive, threatening

Antonyms: friendly

Sentence: The mood at the meeting was belligerent.

2. ACQUIESCENCE (NOUN): सहमति

Pronunciation: a·kvee·es·uhns

Meaning: consent

Synonyms: agreement, acceptance

Antonyms: refusal

Sentence: In silent acquiescence, she rose to her feet.

3. NOTABLE (NOUN): प्रतिष्ठित व्यक्ति

Pronunciation: note·uh·bl

Meaning: celebrity

Synonyms: VIP, personality

Antonyms: nonentity

Sentence: All businessmen and local notables were invited.

4. ENTRENCH (VERB): स्थापित करना

Pronunciation: uhn·trench

Meaning: establish

Synonyms: settle, ensconce

Antonyms: dislodge

Sentence: Ageism is entrenched in our society.

5. CORROBORATE (VERB): पुष्टि करना

Pronunciation: kuh·raw·buh·rayt

Meaning: confirm or give support to (a statement, theory, or finding).

Synonyms: confirm, verify, endorse

Antonyms: refute, disprove, rebut

Sentence: Recent research seems to corroborate his theory.

6. UNFURL (VERB): खोलना

Meaning: make or become spread out from a rolled or folded state, especially in order to be open to the wind.

Synonyms: unfold, expand, extend, open, outspread

Antonyms: fold, close, reduce, compress

Sentence: During the spring, the sprouting leaves begin to unfurl, and each petal that opens will sprout a colorful bloom.

7. INVERSION (NOUN): विपरीतता

Pronunciation: uhn·vuh·zhn

Meaning: a situation in which something is changed so that it is the opposite of what it was before

Synonyms: reversal, reverse, contrary, antithesis

Antonyms: verticality, erectness, stability

Sentence: Her account of the case was an inversion of the facts.

8. COGNOSCENTE (NOUN): विशेषज्ञ

Pronunciation: co·gno·scen·te

Meaning: a connoisseur; a discerning expert.

Synonyms: expert, authority, specialist

Antonyms: novice, amateur, neophyte

Sentence: Michael Meredith, a French cognoscente and librarian at Eton College in England, is less supportive.

9. SEMBLANCE (NOUN): दिखावा

Pronunciation: sem·bluhns

Meaning: outward appearance or resemblance.

Synonyms: Facade, Pretense

Antonyms: Reality, Authenticity

Sentence: Despite her best efforts to maintain a semblance of composure, her voice quivered with fear.

10. AVERMENT (NOUN): दृढ़कथन

Pronunciation: uh·vuh·muhnt

Meaning: a positive assertion or declaration, often made under oath

Synonyms: Assertion, Statement, Claim

Antonyms: Denial, Refutation

Sentence: The witness's averment in court played a crucial role in establishing the defendant's guilt.

11. DENOVO (ADVERB): नए सिरे से

Pronunciation: dee.noh.voh

Meaning: starting over or from the beginning.

Synonyms: A new, Again

Antonyms: Incessantly, Persistently

Sentence: The research team took a Denovo approach to solving the problem, breaking away from traditional methods.

12. ENIGMA (NOUN): पहेली

Pronunciation: i·nig·muh

Meaning: a situation, event, or person that presents a challenge or riddle due to its complexity or ambiguity.

Synonyms: Conundrum, Mystery

Antonyms: Clarity, Solution

Sentence: The complex mathematical problem posed an enigma to even the most brilliant mathematicians in the field.

13. HETEROGENEOUS (NOUN): विषम रूप

Pronunciation: heh·tuh·ruh·jee·nee·uhs

Meaning: the presence of various distinct elements, differences, or variations within a larger whole.

Synonyms: Assortment, Mixture

Antonyms: Conformity, Uniformity

Sentence: The economic challenges faced by the region were exacerbated by the heterogeneity of industries and income levels.

14. DETHRONED (VERB): राज.गद्दी से उतारना

Pronunciation: dee·throned

Meaning: the removal of someone from a position of prominence or influence.

Synonyms: Deposed, Displaced

Antonyms: Crowned, Enthroned

Sentence: After years of dominance, the team was finally dethroned from their position as league champions.

15. DRUDGERY (NOUN): कठिन परिश्रम

Pronunciation: druhj·uh·ree

Meaning: dull, repetitive, or menial tasks that are often considered tedious and uninteresting.

Synonyms: Tedium, Routine

Antonyms: Variety, Stimulation

Sentence: The endless drudgery of commuting took a toll on his overall well being.

16. SHUDDERING (VERB): कांपना, थरथराना

Pronunciation: shuh•duh•ruhng

Meaning: a sudden and brief convulsive movement.

Synonyms: Tremors, quivering

Antonyms: Composure, Steadiness

Sentence: The artist intentionally incorporated dissonance into his artwork to evoke a sense of unease and contemplation.

17. EXORBITANT (ADJECTIVE): अत्यधिक

Pronunciation: uhg•zaw•buh•tnt

Meaning: unreasonably high or excessive, especially in terms of price, cost, or demand.

Synonyms: Extravagant, Inflated

Antonyms: Sensible, Moderate

Sentence: She was shocked by the exorbitant fees charged by the designer for a custom made gown.

18. FODDER (NOUN): चारा

Pronunciation: faw•duh

Meaning: food that is given to farm animals.

Synonyms: Forage, Silage

Antonyms: Abstain, Deny

Sentence: In winter, cattle eat fodder, which lacks pigment and dairy products are naturally paler.

19. ENGRAVE (VERB): उत्कीर्ण

Pronunciation: uhn•grayvd

Meaning: to cut words or designs on metal, stone, etc.

Synonyms: Carve, Inscribe

Antonyms: Obliterate, Expunge

Sentence: She had the ring engraved with her initials.

20. INCURSION (NOUN): चढ़ाई

Pronunciation: uhng•kuh•shnz

Meaning: a sudden attack by foreign armies etc., usually across international borders.

Synonyms: Aggression, Attack

Antonyms: Retreat

Sentence: The rebels made frequent incursions into the area controlled by the government.

21. DISSEMINATE (VERB): फैलाना

Pronunciation: duh·seh·muh·nayt

Meaning: spread (something, especially information) widely

Synonyms: propagate, spread, circulate

Antonyms: conceal, hold, suppress

Sentence: They were created in order to better disseminate the key findings of this 3-year research project, covering 22 countries in 6 international regions.

22. SURREPTITIOUS (ADJECTIVE): गुप्त

Pronunciation: suh·ruhp·ti·shuhs

Meaning: kept secret, especially because it would not be approved of

Synonyms: clandestine, sneak, furtive

Antonyms: open, blatant, overt, frank

Sentence: After hitting the lottery, the private family hoped to keep their surreptitious winnings to themselves.

23. INCURSION (NOUN): घुसपैठ

Pronunciation: uhng·kuh·shn

Meaning: an invasion or attack, especially a sudden or brief one

Synonyms: raid, inroad, foray, irruption

Antonyms: retreat

Sentence: When the troops made an incursion across the border, they ruined any chance for peace between the two countries.

24. PROBE (NOUN): जाँच

Pronunciation: probe

Meaning: a thorough investigation into a crime or other matter

Synonyms: inquest, scrutiny

Antonyms: neglect, disregard

Sentence: A robot is being sent inside the school to probe the building for explosive devices.

25. PETULANT (ADJECTIVE): तुनक मिज़ाज

Pronunciation: peh·tyu·luhnt

Meaning: bad-tempered and unreasonable, especially because you cannot have or do what you want.

Synonyms: Peevish, Moody

Antonyms: Calm, Tranquil

Sentence: The tired child became petulant when her parents told her it was time to leave the playground.

26. DISSIPATED (VERB, ADJECTIVE): नष्ट चरित्र

Pronunciation: di·suh·payt·uhd

Meaning: someone who wastes their time, energy, or resources on excessive.

Synonyms: Profligate, Indulgent

Antonyms: Frugal, sensible

Sentence: The dissipated lifestyle of constant partying and drinking led to his downfall.

27. VINDICATION (NOUN): दोष-निवारण

Pronunciation: vin·duh·kay·shn

Meaning: justifying or defending one's actions, beliefs, or decisions.

Synonyms: Exoneration, Acquitted

Antonyms: Accusation, Denunciation

Sentence: After years of false accusations, the new evidence finally brought vindication to the wrongly accused man, and he was set free from prison.

28. PROPULSION (NOUN): प्रणोदन

Pronunciation: pruh·puhl·shn

Meaning: the force that pushes or drives a vehicle, etc. forward.

Synonyms: Drive, Propelling

Antonyms: Stillness, Halt

Sentence: The new spaceship design incorporates advanced propulsion systems that allow it to travel at incredible speeds across the universe.

29. IMBECILE (ADJECTIVE): मूर्ख

Pronunciation: im·buh·seel

Meaning: a stupid person.

Synonyms: foolish, idiotic

Antonyms: intelligent

Sentence: Try not to make imbecile remarks.

30. SHUN (VERB): बचना

Pronunciation: Shuhn

Meaning: persistently avoid, ignore, or reject (someone or something) through antipathy or caution.

Synonyms: evade, eschew

Antonyms: accept

Sentence: I shunned his ideas completely.

31. EXPEDITIOUS (ADJECTIVE): शीघ्र

Pronunciation: ek·spuh·di·shuhs

Meaning: done with speed and efficiency.

Synonyms: Speedy, Swift

Antonyms: Slow

Sentence: The judge said that arbitration was a fair and expeditious decision-making process.

32. COMMUNIQUE (NOUN): सरकारी परिपत्र

Pronunciation: kuh·myoo·nuh·kay

Meaning: an official statement, especially from a government, a political group, etc.

Synonyms: Bulletin, Missive

Antonyms: Secret, Concealment

Sentence: The palace has issued a communiqué denying the rumour.

33. INCUBATION (NOUN): ऊष्मायन

Pronunciation: in·kyoo·bay·shn

Meaning: a process of development.

Synonyms: Evolution, Maturation

Antonyms: Regress, Lapse

Sentence: This may be due to the active consumption of glyoxylate during the incubation of the samples.

34. CONGLOMERATE (NOUN): पिंड

Pronunciation: kuhn.glom.er.ut

Meaning: a large firm made up of several different companies.

Synonyms: Combination, Mingling

Antonyms: Split up

Sentence: The urge to conglomerate has long been out of fashion in American boardrooms.

35. STAMPEDE (NOUN): भगदड़

Pronunciation: stom·peed

Meaning: a situation where a large group of frightened animals, esp. horses or cattle.

Synonyms: Panic, Scattering

Antonyms: Dawdle, Shuffle, Tarry

Sentence: The crowd stampeded, and many were crushed or trampled underfoot.

36. ENUMERATION (NOUN): गणना

Pronunciation: uh·nyoo·muh·ray·shn

Meaning: the action of mentioning a number of things one by one.

Synonyms: counting, listing, tabulation

Antonyms: generalization, estimation, approximation

Sentence: The survey involved the enumeration of all the species of birds found in the area.

37. CONTENTION (ADJECTIVE): विवाद

Pronunciation: kuhn·ten·shn

Meaning: the disagreement that results from opposing arguments.

Synonyms: argument, dispute

Antonyms: agreement, harmony, peace, concord

Sentence: There's a lot of contention about that issue for every person firmly in favour, there's someone fiercely against it.

38. MITIGATE (VERB): कम करना

Pronunciation: mi·tuh·gayt

Meaning: to make less severe, serious, or painful; to alleviate or reduce.

Synonyms: Reduce, Alleviate, Lessen, Diminish, Ease

Antonyms: Aggravate, Intensify, Exacerbate, Amplify

Sentence: The doctor prescribed painkillers to mitigate the patient's discomfort.

39. FICKLE (ADJECTIVE): अस्थिर

Pronunciation: fi·kl

Meaning: changing frequently, especially as regards one's loyalties, interests, or affection.

Synonyms: capricious, changeable, variable

Antonyms: constant, certain, unchanging

Sentence: The weather is so fickle at this time of year.

40. PRUDENCE (NOUN): सावधानी

Pronunciation: proo·dns

Meaning: behaviour 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.

41. ENUMERATE (Verb): एक एक करके बताना

Pronunciation: uh.nyoo.muh.rayt

Meaning: to name a list of things separately, one by one.

Synonyms: list, recite, detail

Antonyms: generalize,

Sentences: For their part, the miners enumerate the number of jobs the industry provides.

42. OPPORTUNE (Adjective): समयानुकूल

Pronunciation: aw.puh.tyoon

Meaning: especially convenient or appropriate for a particular action or event.

Synonym: anticipated, appropriate, seasonable

Antonym: inopportune, untimely, improper

Sentence: They chose an opportune time to invest in real estate.

43. TUTELAGE (Noun): संरक्षण

Pronunciation: tyoo.tuhl.uhj

Meaning: protection of or authority over someone or something; guardianship.

Synonym: apprenticeship, coaching, custody

Antonym: ignorance

Sentence: The company is relying on the tutelage of its new CEO to increase profits.

44. HERCULEAN (Adjective): अत्यंत कठिन

Pronunciation: huh.kyoo.lee.uhn

Meaning: requiring great strength or effort.

Synonym: challenging, formidable, rigorous

Antonym: effortless, achievable, facile

Sentence: Although starting a garden sounded fun in theory, the constant weeding and pest control turned it into a herculean task.

45. PROSCRIBE (Verb): देश से निकालना

Pronunciation: pruh.skribe

Meaning: forbid, especially by law.

Synonym: prohibit, ban, outlaw

Antonym: permit, allow, approve

Sentence: The town has passed an ordinance that proscribes the ownership of snakes and other exotic pets.

46. COUTH(Adjective): सभ्य**Pronunciation:** couth**Meaning:** cultured, refined, and well-mannered.**Synonym:** Cultured, Refined, Polished**Antonym:** Rude, Crude, Vulgar**Sentence:** Despite his wealth, he lacked the couth expected in high society.**47. NASCENT(Adjective): नवजात****Pronunciation:** na.snt**Meaning:** just coming into existence and beginning to display signs of future potential.**Synonym:** initial, first, original**Antonym:** mature, ripe, higher**Sentence:** The actress is now focused on her nascent singing career.**48. FIASCO(Noun): असफलता****Pronunciation:** fee.a.skoh**Meaning:** a complete failure, especially a ludicrous or humiliating one.**Synonym:** blunder, breakdown, debacle**Antonym:** accomplishment, achievement, miracle**Sentence:** The entire fiasco could have been avoided if they'd followed the instructions.**49. INTERMINABLE (Adjective): अनंत****Pronunciation:** uhn.tuh.muh.nuh.bl**Meaning:** endless or apparently endless (often used hyperbolically).**Synonym:** boundless, continuous, endless**Antonym:** brief, ceasing, ephemeral**Sentence:** The family played games to pass the time during the interminable wait for their delayed flight.**50 . DYSEPTIC (Adjective): चिड़चिड़ा****Pronunciation:** duh.spep.tuhk**Meaning:** having indigestion or a consequent air of irritable bad temper.**Synonym:** irritable, splenetic, cantankerous**Antonym:** amiable, congenial, pleasant**Sentence:** The comedian's shtick of delivering dyspeptic rants on the daily annoyances of modern life was enormously popular.**51. ENTENTE (NOUN): अंतत****Pronunciation:** awn.tawnt

Meaning: agreement.

Synonyms: accord, deal

Antonyms: misunderstanding, disagreement

Sentence: They favoured an Anglo-French entente.

52. POLTROONERY (NOUN): कायरता

Pronunciation: pol·troon·ery

Meaning: a shameful lack of courage in the face of danger.

Synonyms: fearfulness, cowardice, cravenness

Antonyms: bravery, courage, daring

Sentence: Decried the poltroonery of those politicians who caved into pressure from the special interests.

53. ACQUITTED (VERB): निर्दोष साबित होना

Pronunciation: uh·kvi·tuhd

Meaning: persons who have been declared not guilty of a crime.

Synonyms: Exonerated, Excused

Antonyms: Guilty, Accused

Sentence: None of the acquitted received any kind of compensation or redress.

54. ELAPSED (VERB): व्यतीत होना

Pronunciation: uh·lapst

Meaning: pass, go by.

Synonyms: Ended, Finished

Antonyms: Alive, Existing

Sentence: Thirty minutes elapsed before the performance began.

55. EDACIOUS (ADJECTIVE): लोभी

Pronunciation: eda·cious

Meaning: voracious.

Synonyms: devouring, esurient

Antonyms: quenched, satisfied

Sentence: Since I am a edacious reader, I often read two or three books a day.

56. CHAGRIN (NOUN): चिढ़

Pronunciation: sha·gruhn

Meaning: strong feeling of embarrassment.

Synonyms: humiliation, mortification

Antonyms: happiness, satisfaction

Sentence: To her chagrin, the party ended just as she arrived.

57. CONSECRATE (VERB): पवित्र

Pronunciation: kawn·suh·krayt

Meaning: hold in high religious regard.

Synonyms: sanctify, ordain

Antonyms: condemn, desecrate

Sentence: The priests will consecrate the temple as a house of worship.

58. DASTARDLY (ADJECTIVE): कायर

Pronunciation: daa·stuhd·lee

Meaning: contemptible.

Synonyms: despicable, underhanded

Antonyms: honourable, respectable

Sentence: I describe the killing as a dastardly act.

59. CABOODLE (NOUN): समूहया भीड़

Pronunciation: kuh·boo·dl

Meaning: collection of something.

Synonyms: assemblage, chunk

Antonyms: individual, one

Sentence: She has no use for the whole caboodle.

60. CACHET (NOUN): मुहर

Pronunciation: ka·shay

Meaning: prestige.

Synonyms: status, stature

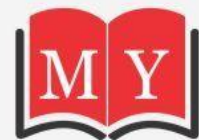
Antonyms: unimportance, obscurity

Sentence: He deserves to be given a cachet because he is a successful businessman.

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