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Here some exceptional English words from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are given with their synonyms/antonyms and usage. Hopefully, this will help you improve your vocabulary.

Happy Learning!!!

#### 1. SOLICIT (verb) - मांगना, विनती करना

Pronunciation: suli-sit

**Meaning**: ask for or try to obtain (something) from someone

Synonyms: request, seek, beg

**Usage**: May I <u>solicit</u> your advice on an important matter?

#### 2. BALLYHOO (noun, verb) - भ्रामक प्रचार, अत्यधिक प्रचार

Pronunciation: bali-hoo

Meaning: extravagant publicity; praise or publicize extravagantly

Synonyms: publicity, advertising, promotion, marketing, propaganda, push

Antonyms: condemn, censure

Usage:

• After all the ballyhoo, the film was a flop. (noun)

• Each company ballyhoos its product as though it were the most outstanding in all creation. (verb)

#### 3. SHILLY-SHALLY (verb, noun) – अस्थिरचित्त, डाँवाडोल स्थिति, अनिश्चय

**Pronunciation:** shili-shali

**Meaning**: fail to act resolutely or decisively; indecisive behaviour **Synonyms**: dither, vacillate, waver, teeter, hesitate, oscillate

**Antonyms**: resolute, decisive

Usage:

• The government shilly-shallied about the matter. (verb)

• Interviewers were interviewing her, but she was sitting with shilly-shally. (noun)

#### 4. TALLY (noun, verb) – गणना, गिनती करना; सहमत होना

Pronunciation: tali

**Meaning**: a current score or amount; agree or correspond; calculate the total number

Synonyms: total, score, sum, result; correspond, agree, accord; count, calculate, total, enumerate, compute

Antonyms: disagree, differ

**Usage**:

• Keep a tally of how much you spend. (noun)

• Your plans don't <u>tally</u> with mine. (verb)

• The votes were being <u>tallied</u>. (verb)

#### 5. SEGREGATION (noun) – अलगाव, पृथक्करण

Pronunciation: segri-geishun

**Meaning**: the action or state of setting someone or something apart from others

Synonyms: separation, isolation, quarantine, insulation, exclusion, closeting, protection, shielding

Antonym: integration

Usage: The <u>segregation</u> of pupils with learning difficulties is necessary

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#### 6. BACKSLIDE (noun) - पतित होना, नैतिक पतन

Pronunciation: bak-slaid

Meaning: to go back to doing something bad when you have been doing something good, especially to stop

working hard or to fail to do something that you had agreed to do

Synonyms: relapse, lapse, regress, retrogress

Antonyms: persevere, progress

Usage: You've done a good job in the exam, I hope you won't backslide.

#### 7. PINK SLIP (noun, verb) – बर्खास्तगी की सूचना

**Pronunciation:** pink-slip

Meaning: a notice of dismissal from employment; dismiss (someone) from employment

Synonyms: fire, dismiss, discharge

Antonym: hire, recruit

**Usage**: • I got a pink slip in my pay envelope today. (noun)

• Along with thousands of other steelworkers, I got pink-slipped. (verb)

#### 8. EYESORE (noun) – बह्त बदसूरत

Pronunciation: ai-so-r

Meaning: a thing that is very ugly, especially a building

Synonyms: mess, scar, blight, disfigurement, blemish, defacement

Antonym: vision

Usage: That old factory is a real evesore.

#### 9. PERSONAGE (noun) - उंच दर्ज का श्रेष्ठ व्यक्ति

Pronunciation: puh-sun-ij

**Meaning**: a person (used to express importance or elevated status)

Synonyms: VIP, luminary, celebrity, celebutante

**Usage**: I want to be a friend of that kind-hearted personage.

#### 10. OBEISANCE (noun) – सम्मान, आदर

Pronunciation: ub-ei-suns **Meaning**: deferential respect

Synonyms: homage, worship, adoration, reverence, veneration

Usage: They paid obeisance to the Prince.

Now, choose any 2 or 3 words and try to use them in your own sentences, this way you can retain the learnt words in your



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