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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.ERSTWHILE (adjective, adverb) – ਮ੍ਰਿਨਸ਼੍ਰ

Pronunciation: uhst·wail

Meaning: belonging to some prior time

Synonyms: former, old, past, previous, prior, late, then, ex-, foregoing, quondam, whilom

Antonyms: present, future

Usage: He was the <u>erstwhile</u> president of the company.

2.SEDENTARY (adjective) – गतिहीन

Pronunciation: seh-duhn-tree

Meaning: tending to spend much time seated

Synonyms: sitting, seated, desk-bound, desk, inactive, still, stationary

Antonyms: active, mobile

Usage: John's computer programming job kept him sedentary for most of the day.

3.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, dissimilative, mismatch, lack of similarity, contrariety

Antonyms: similarity, correspondence

Usage: There is some <u>discrepancy</u> between the two accounts.

4.SLUMP (noun) - मंदी

Pronunciation: sluhmp

Meaning: a sudden severe or prolonged fall in the price, value, or amount of something

Synonyms: flop, flump, collapse, sink, fall, subside, sag

Antonyms: stand up, rise, soar

Usage: The toy industry is in a <u>slump</u>.

5.TOIL (noun) - कड़ी मेहनत

Pronunciation: toyl

Meaning: exhausting physical labor

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Synonyms: hard work, toiling, labor, slaving, struggle, effort, exertion

Antonyms: rest, relax, laze

Usage: A life of <u>toil</u> is generally the price of fame and success.

6.INTRIGUING (adjective) - दिलचस्प

Pronunciation: uhn tree guhng

Meaning: arousing one's curiosity or interest

Synonyms: interesting, alluring, appealing, captivating, compelling, fascinating, exciting

Antonyms: incurious, unconcerned

Usage: What's the most <u>intriguing</u> thing about Jim?

7.MELLIFLUOUS (adjective) – सुमधुर

Pronunciation: muh·li·floo·uhs

Meaning: pleasingly smooth and musical to hear

Synonyms: dulcet, honeyed, mellow, soft, liquid, soothing, smooth

Antonyms: cacophonous, harsh

Usage: The singer with the <u>mellifluous</u> voice will win the talent contest.

8.BENIGN (adjective) – सौम्म

Pronunciation: buh nain **Meaning:** gentle and kind

Synonyms: kindly, gentle, kind, friendly, warm, affectionate, agreeable, amiable

Antonyms: unfriendly, hostile, harsh

Usage: The medicine is <u>benign</u> in its effects and will cause you no harm.

9.TENUOUS (adjective) – थोड़ा, हलका

Pronunciation: teh·nyoo·uhs **Meaning:** very weak or slight

Synonyms: slight, insubstantial, flimsy, negligible, weak, fragile, shaky

Antonyms: convincing, substantial

Usage: He has a rather tenuous grasp of reality.

10.JITTERY (adjective) – बेचैन

Pronunciation: ji·tuh·ree

Meaning: nervous or unable to relax

Synonyms: nervous, anxious, worried, apprehensive, edgy, tense, stressed

Antonyms: relaxed, cool

Usage: I felt <u>jittery</u> before going on stage.

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