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Some exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read their usages to learn how to use them in sentences. This will really help you boost up your learning.

Happy Learning!!!

1. DOLDRUMS (noun) – विकासहीनता; उदासी

Pronunciation: dol-drumz

Meaning: unsuccessful or showing no activity or development; a state or period of depression

Synonyms: depression, melancholy, gloom

Antonyms: happiness, busy, lively

Usage: The property market has been in the doldrums for months.

2. SUPERFLUITY (noun) – अधिकता

Pronunciation: sooper-floo-iti

Meaning: an unnecessarily or excessively large amount or number of something

Synonyms: surplus, excess, overabundance, glut

Antonyms: lack, shortage

Usage: There is also a superfluity of stop signals.

3. MARAUDER (noun) – लूटेरा, डाकू

Pronunciation: muro-dur

Meaning: an unpleasant and dangerous person who wanders around looking for opportunities to steal or kill

Synonyms: raider, outlaw, bandit, pirate

Antonyms: benefactor, provider

Usage: They were raided by roaming bands of marauders.

4. INIQUITY (noun) – अधर्म

Pronunciation: inikwiti

Meaning: immoral or unfair behaviour

Synonyms: wickedness, immorality, impropriety, vice, evil, sin, villainy, crime

Antonyms: goodness, virtue

Usage: Those who are quick to criticize the bad deeds of others should first look at their own acts of iniquity.

5. DOLOROUS (adjective) – कष्टजनक, दुःखद

Pronunciation: dol(u)rus

Meaning: feeling or expressing great sorrow or distress

Synonyms: mournful, woeful, doleful, sorrowful, sad, unhappy

Antonym: cheerful

Usage: At the funeral, the dolorous widow could not stop crying.

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6. MEPHITIC (adjective) – बदबूदार

Pronunciation: mifi-tik

Meaning: (especially of a gas or vapour) foul-smelling

Synonyms: evil-smelling, fetid, smelly, stinking, reeking

Antonym: fragrant

Usage: Burning trash produced a mephitic odour that was extremely foul.

7. DICEY (adjective) – अप्रत्याशित, संकटमय

Pronunciation: dai-si

Meaning: unpredictable and potentially dangerous

Synonyms: risky, uncertain, unpredictable, precarious, unsafe

Antonyms: safe, simple

Usage: The future looks pretty dicey for small businesses.

8. FORESIGHT (noun) – पूर्वदृष्टि, पूर्वज्ञान

Pronunciation: fo-sait

Meaning: the ability to predict what will happen or be needed in the future

Synonyms: forethought, anticipation

Antonym: hindsight

Usage: They had the foresight to invest in new technology.

9. EUPHONIOUS (adjective) – श्रुतिमधुर, सुरीला

Pronunciation: yu-fo-ni-us

Meaning: (of sound, especially speech) pleasing to the ear

Synonyms: pleasant-sounding, sweet-sounding, mellow, mellifluous, dulcet

Antonym: cacophonous

Usage: He was mesmerised with the euphonious music.

10. RUFFIAN (noun) – बदमाश, गुण्डा

Pronunciation: rufi-un

Meaning: a violent person, especially one involved in crime

Synonyms: thug, roughneck, scoundrel, villain, rogue

Usage: The ruffian was frequently visited by members of the law enforcement community.



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