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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. APOSTATE (noun): स्वधर्मत्यागी

Pronunciation: uh·paw·stayt
Meaning: a person who renounces a religious or political belief or principle.
Synonyms: dissenter, heretic, nonconformist
Antonyms: conformist, loyalist
Sentence: The most furious anarchist becomes the most barefaced <u>apostate</u>.

2.FASTIDIOUS (adj.) : द्राराध्य

Pronunciation: fa·sti·dee·uhs **Meaning:** very attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail. **Synonyms:** scrupulous, punctilious, assiduous **Antonyms:** undemanding, unfastidious, unfussy **Sentence:** Everything was planned in <u>fastidious</u> detail.

3.SAGGING (adj.) : लटकते

Pronunciation: sag·uhng
Meaning: sinking or bulging downward underweight or pressure or through lack of strength.
Synonyms: drooping, saggy, bowed
Antonyms: distending, stiffening
Sentence: Sagging branches that were weighted down with snow

4.JUXTAPOSITION (noun) : निकटता

Pronunciation: $juhk \cdot stuh \cdot puhz \cdot i \cdot shn$

Meaning: the fact of two things being seen or placed close together with contrasting effects.

Synonyms: contrast, proximity, closeness

Antonyms: distance, remoteness

Sentence: This juxtaposition of brutal reality and lyrical beauty runs through Park's stories.

5.BLIGHT (verb) : नुक़सान

Pronunciation: blite



Meaning: have a severely detrimental effect on. Synonyms: ruin, wreck, spoil Antonyms: ameliorate, better, enhance Sentence: The scandal blighted the careers of several leading politicians.

6.APOTHEOSIS (noun) : परिणति

Pronunciation: uh·paw·thee·oh·suhs **Meaning:** the highest point in the development of something; culmination or climax. **Synonyms:** culmination, climax, zenith **Antonyms:** the depths, zero, the pits **Sentence:** His appearance as Hamlet was the <u>apotheosis</u> of his career.

7.DETRITUS (noun): बेकार

Pronunciation: duh·trai·tuhs **Meaning:** waste or debris of any kind. **Synonyms:** debris, waste, rubble **Antonyms:** trove, valuable **Sentence:** Streets filled with rubble and <u>detritus</u>

8.PROFICIENT (adj.) : प्रवीण

Pronunciation: pruh·fi·shnt
Meaning: competent or skilled in doing or using something.
Synonyms: skilled, skillful, expert
Antonyms: amateur, inexperienced, inexpert
Sentence: With practice, you should become proficient within six months.

9.FORGED (adj.) : जाली

Pronunciation: fawjd
Meaning: copied fraudulently; fake.
Synonyms: bogus, counterfeit, fake
Antonyms: genuine, real, unfaked
Sentence: A forged ancient document that didn't fool experts in cartography.

10.SERENDIPITY (noun) : नसीब

Pronunciation: seh·ruhn·di·puh·tee **Meaning:** the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way. **Synonyms:** luck, good fortune, chance **Antonyms:** mischance, misfortune, unluckiness



Sentence: Nature has created wonderful serendipity.

