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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. PROLIFERATION (Noun): प्रसार

Pronunciation: pruh·li·fuh·ray·shn

Meaning: the rapid and widespread increase or growth in the number or quantity of something.

Synonyms: Escalation, Advancement

Antonyms: Decline, Abatement

Sentence: Concerns have been raised about the proliferation of nuclear weapons in certain regions of the world.

2. DECAPITATED (Verb): सिरकाटना

Pronunciation: duh·ka·puh·tayt·uhd

Meaning: to cut off the head of a person or animal, typically as a form of execution or as a result of a violent act.

Synonyms: Executed, Beheaded

Antonyms: Spared, Preserved

Sentence: The horror movie featured a gruesome scene in which one of the characters was decapitated by a supernatural force.

3. HINGES (Noun): काज

Pronunciation: hinj·uhz

Meaning: a crucial or pivotal point or factor upon which something depends or turns.

Synonyms: Fulcrum, Swivel

Antonyms: Rigid, Immobile

Sentence: The success of the project hinges on securing adequate funding from investors.

4. DISSIDENTS (Noun): असंतुष्ट

Pronunciation: di·suh·dnts

Meaning: individuals or groups who publicly express strong disagreement, opposition, or dissent, especially against established political, social, or religious authorities or policies.

Synonyms: Agitators, Insurgents

Antonyms: Acquiescent, Followers

Sentence: The dissidents gathered in the town square to protest against the government's repressive policies.

5. STIFLE (Verb): दबाना**Pronunciation:** stai·fl**Meaning:** to smother or suffocate someone or something by restricting airflow.**Synonyms:** Quash, Curb**Antonyms:** Unleash, Promulgate**Sentence:** The heavy smoke in the room made it difficult to breathe, and she felt like it was stifling her.**6. 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.**7. ENGRAVE (Verb): उत्कीर्ण****Pronunciation:** uhn·grayv**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.**8. INCURSION (Noun): आक्रमण****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.**9. 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.**10. 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 communique denying the rumour.

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