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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. SNOBBISH (adj): दंभपूर्ण

Pronunciation: snawb•uhsh

Meaning: relating to, characteristic of, or like a snob.

Synonyms: elitist, snobby, superior

Antonyms: humble, modest, unpretentious

Sentence: My brother is very snobbish about cars.

2. INSOUCIANCE (noun) : लापरवाही

Pronunciation: uhn•soo•see•uhns

Meaning: casual lack of concern; indifference.

Synonyms: nonchalance, unconcern, lack of concern

Antonyms: concern, interest, regard

Sentence: For all her apparent insouciance, she was desperately unhappy.

3. AVIDITY (noun) : उत्कट इच्छा

Pronunciation: uh•vid•uh•tee

Meaning: extreme eagerness or enthusiasm.

Synonyms: enthusiasm, keenness, eagerness

Antonyms: apathy, indifference

Sentence: He read detective stories with avidity.

4. PERUSAL (noun) : अध्ययन

Pronunciation: puh•rooz•uhl

Meaning: the action of reading or examining something.

Synonyms: reading, scrutiny, inspection

Antonyms: ignorance, neglect

Sentence: I continued my perusal of the instructions.

5. INKLING (noun) : आभास

Pronunciation: ing•kluhng

Meaning: a slight knowledge or suspicion; a hint.

Synonyms: idea, sense, notion

Antonyms: answer, solution

Sentence: The records give us an inkling of how people saw the world.

6. TWEAK (verb) : बदलाव**Pronunciation:** tweek**Meaning:** improve (a mechanism or system) by making fine adjustments to it.**Synonyms:** modify, alter, change**Antonyms:** fixation, stabilization**Sentence:** Engineers tweak the car's operating systems during the race.**7. ACRIMONIOUS (adj) : उग्र****Pronunciation:** a•kruh•moh•nee•uhs**Meaning:** (typically of speech or a debate) angry and bitter.**Synonyms:** bitter, rancorous, caustic**Antonyms:** caring, gentle, kind**Sentence:** Their marriage ended eight years ago in an acrimonious divorce**8. IMPUGN (verb) : बहस करना****Pronunciation:** uhm•pyoon**Meaning:** dispute the truth, validity, or honesty of (a statement or motive)**Synonyms:** call into question, debate, dispute**Antonyms:** justify, pardon, remit**Sentence:** I did not mean to impugn her professional abilities.**9. DIVULGE (verb) : प्रकट करना****Pronunciation:** dai•vuhlj**Meaning:** make known (private or sensitive information).**Synonyms:** disclose, reveal, make known**Antonyms:** conceal, enshroud, hide**Sentence:** I do not want to divulge my plans at the moment.**10. RADIANCE (noun) : चमक****Pronunciation:** ray•dee•uhns**Meaning:** light or heat as emitted or reflected by something.**Synonyms:** light, shining, brightness**Antonyms:** dark, darkness, dullness**Sentence:** She seemed to shine with an inner radiance.**11. UNCONSCIONABLE (adj) : अनर्थक****Pronunciation:** uhn•kawn•shuhn•uh•bl**Meaning:** not right or reasonable.**Synonyms:** unethical, amoral, immoral**Antonyms:** ethical, moral, principled**Sentence:** You take an unconscionable time getting dressed!

12. MUTINY (verb) : बगावत करना**Pronunciation:** myoo•tuh•nee**Meaning:** refuse to obey the orders of a person in authority.**Synonyms:** rebel, revolt, riot**Antonyms:** comply (with), follow, obey**Sentence:** Thousands of the soldiers mutinied over the non-payment of wages.**13. VEHEMENCE (noun) : उत्साह****Pronunciation:** vee•uh•muhns**Meaning:** the display of strong feeling; passion.**Synonyms:** passion, ardor, fervor**Antonyms:** impassiveness, impassivity, aloofness**Sentence:** She was astonished at his vehemence.**14. RUGGED (adj) : ऊबड़ – खाबड़****Pronunciation:** rug•ged**Meaning:** (of ground or terrain) having a broken, rocky, and uneven surface.**Synonyms:** rough, uneven, bumpy**Antonyms:** even, flat, smooth**Sentence:** The path to glory is always rugged.**15. DEBASEMENT (noun) : मानमर्दन****Pronunciation:** duh•bays•muht**Meaning:** the action or process of reducing the quality or value of something.**Synonyms:** abjection, corruptness, debauchery**Antonyms:** morality, righteousness, virtue**Sentence:** The outcome is rot and debasement of the system.**16. RUSES (noun) : चाल****Pronunciation:** rooz•uhz**Meaning:** an action intended to deceive someone; a trick.**Synonyms:** ploy, stratagem, tactic**Antonyms:** frankness, honesty, openness.**Sentence:** Eleanor tried to think of a ruse to get Paul out of the house.**17. SULLEN (adj.) : उदास****Pronunciation:** suh•luhn**Meaning:** bad-tempered and sulky; gloomy.**Synonyms:** surly, sulky, pouting**Antonyms:** cheerful, cheery, gladsome**Sentence:** Bill sat in sullen silence and refused to eat his lunch.

18. CRUCIFY (verb) : आलोचना करना**Pronunciation:** kroo•suh•fai**Meaning:** criticize (someone) severely and unrelentingly.**Synonyms:** condemn, criticize severely, denounce**Antonyms:** commend, endorse**Sentence:** He's going to crucify me when he finds out what I've done!**19. ABROGATE (verb) : अभिनिषेध करना****Pronunciation:** a•bruh•gayt**Meaning:** repeal or do away with (a law, right, or formal agreement).**Synonyms:** repudiate, revoke, repeal**Antonyms:** enact, lay down, legislate**Sentence:** Both governments voted to abrogate the treaty.**20. SECLUSION (noun) : एकांत****Pronunciation:** suh•kloo•zhn**Meaning:** the state of being private and away from other people.**Synonyms:** isolation, solitude, retreat**Antonyms:** companionship, company, comradeship**Sentence:** I live very much in seclusion these days.**21. ACCEDED (verb) : स्वीकार कर लिया****Pronunciation:** uhk•seed•uhd**Meaning:** Agree to a demand, request, or treaty.**Synonyms:** agree to, consent to, accept**Antonyms:** dissented, rebuffed, refused**Sentence:** The government acceded to public pressure to review the tax.**22. INSUPERABLE (adj.) : अजेय****Pronunciation:** uhn•soo•pruh•bl**Meaning:** (of difficulty or obstacle) impossible to overcome.**Synonyms:** insurmountable, unconquerable, invincible**Antonyms:** superable, surmountable, vincible**Sentence:** The difficulties that confront us seem insuperable.**23. COUNSELED (verb) : सलाह दी****Pronunciation:** kawn•sld**Meaning:** give advice to (someone).**Synonyms:** advised, confabbed, confabulated**Sentence:** He was counseled by his supporters to return to Germany.

24. EVANESCENT (adj.) : क्षणभंगुर**Pronunciation:** eh•vuh•nes•uhnt**Meaning:** soon passing out of sight, memory, or existence; quickly fading or disappearing.**Synonyms:** vanishing, fading, fleeting**Antonyms:** endless, eternal, everlasting**Sentence:** Talk is evanescent but the writing leaves footprints.**25. INSCRUTABLE (adj.) : गूढ़****Pronunciation:** uhn•skroo•tuh•bl**Meaning:** impossible to understand or interpret.**Synonyms:** enigmatic, unreadable, impenetrable**Antonyms:** fathomable, intelligible, understandable**Sentence:** There are many inscrutable beliefs of that ancient religion**26. DEPLORE (verb) : विलाप करना****Pronunciation:** duh•plaw**Meaning:** feel or express strong disapproval of (something).**Synonyms:** abhor, be shocked by, be offended by**Antonyms:** delight, exult, enjoy**Sentence:** We deeply deplore the loss of life.**27. TRADUCE (verb) : बदनाम करना****Pronunciation:** truh•dyoos**Meaning:** speak badly of or tell lies about (someone) so as to damage their reputation.**Synonyms:** defame, slander, malign**Antonyms:** glorify, honor, acclaim**Sentence:** He traduced his friend's character.**28. PUGNACIOUS (adj.) : झगड़ालू****Pronunciation:** puhg•nay•shuhs**Meaning:** eager or quick to argue, quarrel, or fight.**Synonyms:** combative, aggressive, antagonistic**Antonyms:** nonaggressive, gentle, calm**Sentence:** I found him pugnacious and arrogant.**29. OSTENSIBLY (adv.) : प्रत्यक्ष तौर पर****Pronunciation:** aw•sten•suh•blee**Meaning:** apparently or purportedly, but perhaps not actually.**Synonyms:** apparently, seemingly, on the face of it**Antonyms:** implausibly, impossibly, improbably

Sentence: Troops were sent in, ostensibly to protect the civilian population.

30. NIMBLE (adj.) : चतुर

Pronunciation: nim•bl

Meaning: quick and light in movement or action; agile.

Synonyms: agile, lithe, sprightly

Antonyms: vacuous, weak-minded, witless

Sentence: She showed some nimble footwork and looked like a promising player.

31. DEFIED (verb) : अवहेलना करना

Pronunciation: duh•fide

Meaning: openly resist or refuse to obey.

Synonyms: resist, withstand, confront

Antonyms: complied (with), conformed (to), followed

Sentence: I wouldn't have dared to defy my teachers.

32. ABYSMAL (adj) : बहुत बुरा

Pronunciation: uh•biz•muhl

Meaning: extremely bad; appalling.

Synonyms: very bad, dreadful, awful

Antonyms: cheering, comforting, soothing

Sentence: The film was so abysmal that I fell asleep.

33. DISMAY (noun) : बेचैनी

Pronunciation: duh•smay

Meaning: consternation and distress, typically that caused by something unexpected.

Synonyms: shock, surprise, consternation

Antonyms: contentment, gratification

Sentence: She could not hide her dismay at the result.

34. INDIGNATION (noun) : रोष

Pronunciation: in•duhg•nay•shn

Meaning: anger or annoyance provoked by what is perceived as unfair treatment.

Synonyms: resentment, umbrage, affront

Antonyms: delight, pleasure

Sentence: The old gentleman was spluttering with indignation.

35. 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 apostate.

36. INDECENCY (noun) : अभद्रता

Pronunciation: uhn•dee•suhn•see

Meaning: indecent behavior.

Synonyms: rudeness, coarseness, dirtiness

Antonyms: priggery, primness, prudery

Sentence: They were found guilty of acts of gross indecent.

37. REBUFF (verb) : हटाना

Pronunciation: ruh•buhf

Meaning: reject (someone or something) in an abrupt or ungracious manner.

Synonyms: reject, turn down, spurn

Antonyms: accept, agree (to), approve

Sentence: He received a humiliating rebuff from his manager.

38. DEPORTATION (noun) : निर्वासन

Pronunciation: dee•pawt•ay•shn

Meaning: the action of deporting a foreigner from a country.

Synonyms: expulsion, expelling, banishment

Antonyms: repatriation, return, immigration

Sentence: The government issued a deportation order against the four men.

39. UNNERVE (verb) : असमर्थ करना

Pronunciation: uhn•nuhv

Meaning: make (someone) lose courage or confidence.

Synonyms: demoralize, discourage, dishearten

Antonyms: fortify, strengthen, embolden

Sentence: The journey over the bridge had unnerved me.

40. FASTIDIOUS (adj) : दुराराध्य

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 fastidious detail.

41. EFFICACIOUS (adj) : प्रभावोत्पादक

Pronunciation: eh•fuh•kay•shuhs

Meaning: (of something inanimate or abstract) successful in producing a desired or intended result; effective.

Synonyms: effective, successful, effectual

Antonyms: fruitless, ineffective, ineffectual

Sentence: Example is always more efficacious than precept.

42. RETICENT (adj) : मौन रहने वाला

Pronunciation: reh•tuh•snt

Meaning: not revealing one's thoughts or feelings readily.

Synonyms: reserved, withdrawn, introverted

Antonyms: communicative, open, frank

Sentence: She was extremely reticent about her personal affairs.

43. PREVARICATING (verb) : पूर्ववर्ती

Pronunciation: pruh•va•ruh•kayt•uhng

Meaning: speak or act in an evasive way.

Synonyms: be evasive, hedge, fence

Antonyms: assert, swear, testify

Sentence: He seemed to prevaricate when journalists asked pointed questions.

44. ANNULMENT (noun) : रद्द करना

Pronunciation: uh•nuhl•muhnt

Meaning: the act of annulling something.

Synonyms: invalidation, nullification, voiding

Antonyms: enactment, legislation, establishment

Sentence: Continued absence of one party may also justify annulment.

45. BERATE (verb) : डांटना या आलोचना करना

Pronunciation: buh•rayt

Meaning: scold or criticize (someone) angrily.

Synonyms: rebuke, reprimand, reproach

Antonyms: approve, endorse, praise

Sentence: As he left the meeting, he was berated by angry demonstrators.

46. ASININE (adj) : नासमझ

Pronunciation: a•suh•nine

Meaning: extremely stupid or foolish.

Synonyms: stupid, foolish, brainless

Antonyms: judicious, prudent, sagacious

Sentence: It was asinine to run into the street like that

47. AFFRONTED (verb) : अपमानित

Pronunciation: uh•fruhnt•uhd

Meaning: offend the modesty or values of.

Synonyms: insult, offend, outrage

Antonyms: acclaimed, applauded, praised

Sentence: Her speech affronted all of us.

48. UNACCUSTOMED (adj) : अनभ्यस्त

Pronunciation: uhn•uh•kuh•stmd

Meaning: not familiar or usual; out of the ordinary.

Synonyms: unusual, unfamiliar, uncommon

Antonyms: common, ordinary, usual

Sentence: The unaccustomed exercise left him breathless. promiscuous

49. FIDELITY (noun) : सत्य के प्रति निष्ठा

Pronunciation: fuh•deh•luh•tee

Meaning: faithfulness to a person, cause, or belief, demonstrated by continuing loyalty and support.

Synonyms: loyalty, allegiance, obedience

Antonyms: disloyalty, perfidy, treachery

Sentence: I had to promise fidelity to the Queen.

50. SUBSIST (verb) : गुजारा करना

Pronunciation: suhb•sist

Meaning: maintain or support oneself, especially at a minimal level.

Synonyms: survive, endure, stay alive

Antonyms: perish, die, expire

Sentence: Thousands of refugees subsist on international handouts.

51. ENFEEBLED (adj) : दुर्बल

Pronunciation: uhn•fee•bld

Meaning: make weak or feeble.

Synonyms: asthenic, debilitated, effete

Antonyms: mighty, powerful, rugged

Sentence: That bout of pneumonia enfeebled her.

52. THUMPING (adv) : अति

Pronunciation: thuhmp•uhng

Meaning: to a great degree

Synonyms: achingly, almighty, archly

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Sentence: He wrote several thumping big books on World War II.

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Pronunciation: sag•uhng

Meaning: sinking or bulging downward underweight or pressure or through lack of strength.

Synonyms: drooping, saggy, bowed

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Sentence: Sagging branches that were weighted down with snow

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Pronunciation: uhk•sta•tuhk

Meaning: feeling or expressing overwhelming happiness or joyful excitement.

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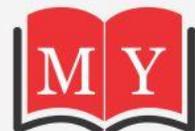
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