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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. What's more, take the test given at the last to check how much you learnt. This will really help you boost up your learning.

Happy learning!!!

1. HUMANITARIAN (adjective) – मानवीय

Pronunciation: hyoo·ma·nuh·teuh·ree·uhn

Meaning: concerned with or seeking to promote human welfare

Synonyms: compassionate, humane, unselfish, altruistic, generous, magnanimous, benevolent

Antonyms: selfish, egocentric

Usage: He was a humanitarian whose focus was eliminating homelessness.

2. CLANDESTINE (adjective) – गुप्त

Pronunciation: klan·deh·stn

Meaning: kept secret or done secretly, especially because illicit

Synonyms: secret, covert, furtive, surreptitious, stealthy, concealed, hidden, private

Antonyms: open, unconcealed

Usage: At a clandestine meeting, the two spies exchanged secret information.

3. REPLICA (noun) – प्रतिकृति

Pronunciation: reh·pluh·kuh

Meaning: an exact copy or model of something, especially one on a smaller scale

Synonyms: copy, model, duplicate, reproduction, replication, dummy, imitation

Antonyms: original, genuine

Usage: My mom bought me a replica of the Colosseum as a souvenir.

4. MALEDICTION (noun) – अभिशाप

Pronunciation: ma·luh·dik·shn

Meaning: a curse

Synonyms: curse, oath, imprecation, anathema, voodoo, spell

Antonyms: blessing, benediction

Usage: In the fairytale, the angry witch invoked a malediction that turned the vain prince into a beast.

5. IMPERTURABLE (adjective) – अविचलित

Pronunciation: im·puh·tuh·buh·bl

Meaning: unable to be upset or excited; calm

Synonyms: composed, collected, calm, cool, poised, tranquil, serene


Antonyms: edgy, excitable

Usage: She was one of those imperturbable people who never get angry or upset.

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6. KUDOS (noun) – यश

Pronunciation: kyoo·dos

Meaning: praise and honour received for an achievement

Synonyms: prestige, cachet, glory, honour, status, standing, distinction

Antonyms: obscurity, infamy

Usage: After Jake won the race, we all gave him kudos for a job well done.

7. ENCUMBRANCE (noun) – बोझ

Pronunciation: uhn·kuhm·bruhns

Meaning: an impediment or burden

Synonyms: hindrance, obstruction, impediment, restraint, constraint, liability

Antonyms: help, asset

Usage: If she had known how much of an encumbrance her student debt would be, she would have found a different way to finance her education.

8. TACIT (adjective) – मौन

Pronunciation: ta·suht

Meaning: understood or implied without being stated

Synonyms: implicit, understood, implied, inferred, hinted, suggested, insinuated

Antonyms: explicit, stated

Usage: Although no words were spoken, our nods represented our tacit agreement to a cease fire.

9. ECCENTRIC (adjective) – सनकी

Pronunciation: uhk·sen·truhk

Meaning: unconventional and slightly strange

Synonyms: unconventional, uncommon, abnormal, irregular, aberrant, anomalous, odd

Antonyms: ordinary, conventional

Usage: Most geniuses come across as eccentric because they are very unique people.

10. CRAVEN (adjective) – डरपोक

Pronunciation: krei·vn

Meaning: lacking in courage

Synonyms: cowardly, faint-hearted, spineless, timid, timorous, fearful, trembling

Antonyms: brave, courageous

Usage: While I was ready for the fistfight, my craven enemy started to scream for help.



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