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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. OFFSHOOT (noun) – शाखा

Pronunciation: of·shoot

Meaning: a thing that develops from something else

Synonyms: subsidiary, branch, outgrowth, derivative, adjunct, appendage, descendant

Antonyms: origin, root, source

Usage: It's an offshoot of a much larger company based in Sydney.

2. ZANY (adjective) – हास्यास्पद

Pronunciation: zei·nee

Meaning: unique and amusing

Synonyms: eccentric, bizarre, weird, peculiar, odd, quirky, strange

Antonyms: conventional, sensible, serious

Usage: The comic is entertaining the world with his zany out of the box routine.

3. SCOWL (noun) – त्योरी

Pronunciation: skawl

Meaning: a frown of anger or displeasure

Synonyms: frown, glower, glare, grimace, glunch

Antonyms: smile, grin

Usage: The teacher's scowl was a warning to the misbehaving students.

4. ROBUST (adjective) – बलवान

Pronunciation: row·buhst

Meaning: strong and healthy

Synonyms: strong, vigorous, sturdy, tough, powerful, muscular, brawny

Antonyms: weak, frail

Usage: Everybody complimented him for his sleek and robust appearance.

5. IMMACULATE (adjective) – निर्मल

Pronunciation: uh·ma·kyuh·luht

Meaning: completely neat and clean

Synonyms: clean, spotless, tidy, neat, pristine, unsoiled, unstained, unsullied

Antonyms: dirty, grubby, stained

Usage: He was wearing an immaculate white uniform.

6. ASTONISHING (adjective) – आश्चर्यजनक

Pronunciation: uh·sto·nuh·shuhng

Meaning: causing amazement

Synonyms: amazing, astounding, bewildering, breathtaking, extraordinary, impressive, miraculous

Antonyms: homely, insignificant, ordinary

Usage: It was astonishing to see the underdog team beat the five-time world champions.

7. RECOUNT (verb) – वर्णन करना

Pronunciation: ri·kount

Meaning: tell someone about something

Synonyms: tell, relate, narrate, describe, portray, depict, recite

Antonyms: hide, misrepresent, withhold

Usage: I recounted the tale to Steve.

8. JUSTIFIABLE (adjective) – न्यायसंगत

Pronunciation: juh·stuh·fai·uh·bl

Meaning: right or reasonable

Synonyms: acceptable, admissible, defensible, lawful, legitimate, logical, allowable

Antonyms: illegal, wrong, unacceptable

Usage: Whether mercy killing is justifiable is still an open question.

9. LAYMAN (noun) – साधारण व्यक्ति

Pronunciation: lei·muhn

Meaning: someone who is not a unprofessional

Synonyms: amateur, novice, dilettante, parishioner, enthusiast, layperson

Antonyms: professional, expert

Usage: Never ask a layman for advice when you can consult an expert.

10. ELATE (verb) – उल्लसित करना

Pronunciation: uh·leit

Meaning: make someone happy and excited

Synonyms: exhilarate, cheer, encourage, thrilled, exhilarated, happy, delighted

Antonyms: depress, discourage, dissuade

Usage: His great victory did not seem to elate him.

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