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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. WAGER (noun) : दांव

Pronunciation: vayj·uh

Meaning: an act of betting a sum of money on the outcome of an unpredictable event.

Synonyms: bet, gamble, stake

Antonyms: certainty, proof, protection

Sentence: Lost her wager when the horse dropped out of the race.

2. JOLLITY (noun) : चहलपहल

Pronunciation: jaw·luh·tee

Meaning: lively and cheerful activity or celebration.

Synonyms: conviviality, festivity, gaiety

Antonyms: dolefulness, melancholy, depression **Sentence:** It was a memorable night of riotous jollity.

3. DESOLATION (noun) : वीरानी

Pronunciation: duh zuh lay shn

Meaning: a state of complete emptiness or destruction.

Synonyms: barrenness, bleakness, starkness **Antonyms:** blissfulness, ecstasy, elatedness

Sentence: His <u>desolation</u> after his twin brother died was incurable.

4. DECRYING (verb) : निंदा

Pronunciation: duh·krai·uhng Meaning: publicly denounce.

Synonyms: denounce, condemn, criticize **Antonyms:** acclaiming, applauding, praising

Sentence: The prophets weren't <u>decrying</u> the ritual of the temple.

5. PANDER (verb) : बढ़ावा देना

Pronunciation: pan·daa

Meaning: gratify or indulge (an immoral or distasteful desire, need, or habit or a person

with such a desire, etc.).

Synonyms: indulge, gratify, satisfy **Antonyms:** disappoint, hurt, ignore **Sentence:** Don't <u>pander</u> to such people.

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6. EBULLIENT (adj.) : जोशीला

Pronunciation: uh·buh·lee·uhnt

Meaning: cheerful and full of energy. **Synonyms:** exuberant, buoyant, cheerful

Antonyms: indolent, lazy, stolid

Sentence: My father is a naturally <u>ebullient</u> personality.

7. PHALANX (noun) : झुंड

Pronunciation: fa·langks

Meaning: formal a large collection of people, animals, or things often placed close

together.

Synonyms: brigade, crew, platoon **Antonyms:** individual, single

Sentence: A solid <u>phalanx</u> of armed guards stood in front of the castle.

8. CONTUMACIOUS (adj.) : अवज्ञाकारी

Pronunciation: kawn·choo·may·shuhs

Meaning: (especially of a defendant's behavior) stubbornly or willfully disobedient to

authority.

Synonyms: balky, contrary, defiant

Antonyms: amenable, biddable, compliant

Sentence: The judge threatened to charge the contumacious witness with contempt of

court.

9.SHREWDNESS (noun) : चतुराई

Pronunciation: shrood · nuhs

Meaning: the quality of having or showing good powers of judgment.

Synonyms: sharpness, acuteness, acuity

Antonyms: guilelessness, ingenuousness, innocence

Sentence: The coach showed considerable tactical <u>shrewdness</u>.

10. KNACK (noun) : आदत

Pronunciation: nak

Meaning: an acquired or natural skill at performing a task.

Synonyms: aptitude, aptness, skill **Antonyms:** inability, incapacity

Sentence: He has a knack for saying the wrong thing.

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