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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. VIGNETTE (Noun): लघुचित्र, चित्र

Pronunciation: vuh·nyets

Meaning: a short, descriptive literary sketch or scene that captures a moment, character, or impression in a concise and vivid manner.

Synonyms: Glimpse, Portrayal

Antonyms: Detailed, Comprehensive

Sentence: Her travel journal was filled with vignettes of the people she met and the places she visited.

2. EXILED (Adjective): निर्वासित

Pronunciation: ek·siled

Meaning: having been sent away from one's home country or place of residence, typically as a punishment or as a result of political, social, or personal reasons.

Synonyms: Expelled, Banished

Antonyms: Embraced, Reinstated

Sentence: The artist felt like an outcast in the art community, leading to a self imposed exile from the art scene.

3. WOBBLING (Verb): डगमगाता हुआ

Pronunciation: vaw·buhl·uhng

Meaning: to move unsteadily from side to side; to sway or rock with an unsteady motion.

Synonyms: Sway, Totter, Falter

Antonyms: Stable, Firm, Fixed

Sentence: The political situation in the country has been wobbling for months, causing concern among the citizens.

4. ALLEGIANCE (Noun): निष्ठा

Pronunciation: uh·lee·jns

Meaning: a commitment to support and uphold the interests and values of the entity to which one owes allegiance.

Synonyms: Fealty, Loyalty

Antonyms: Rebellion, Defection

Sentence: Despite facing numerous challenges, her unwavering allegiance to her principles made her a respected leader.

5. PLAQUE (Noun): तख्ती**Pronunciation:** plaak**Meaning:** a flat, thin, and typically rectangular or circular plate or tablet.**Synonyms:** Plate**Antonyms:** Indentation**Sentence:** Regular brushing and flossing help prevent the buildup of dental plaque.**6. RESURGENCE (Noun): पुनरुत्थान****Pronunciation:** ruh·suhj·uhns**Meaning:** a revival or renewal of something that was previously less significant or dormant.**Synonyms:** Recovery, Reawakening**Antonyms:** Decay, Decline**Sentence:** The team's resurgence in the playoffs surprised everyone, as they went from being underdogs to championship contenders.**7. DYSTOPIAN (Noun): दुःस्थानिक या डायस्टोपियन****Pronunciation:** duh·stoh·pee·uhn**Meaning:** an imaginary or fictional society or world characterized by oppressive, undesirable, and often nightmarish conditions.**Synonyms:** Apocalypse**Antonyms:** Utopia**Sentence:** The artist's painting portrayed a bleak and desolate dystopia, with crumbling buildings and a polluted sky.**8. PERCOLATE (Verb): रसना****Pronunciation:** puh·kuh·layt**Meaning:** the gradual spreading or dissemination of ideas, information, or influences.**Synonyms:** Defuse, Penetrate**Antonyms:** Stagnate, Clog**Sentence:** Rainwater percolates through the soil, replenishing the underground aquifers.**9. PREDELICCTIONS (Noun): झुकाव****Pronunciation:** pree·duh·lek·shnz**Meaning:** inherent tendencies or inclinations that make a person or thing more likely to exhibit certain behaviour or react in a particular way often due to genetic, psychological, or environmental factors**Synonyms:** Propensities**Antonyms:** Aversions

Sentence: Early exposure to music can create a predisposition for a lifelong love of the arts.

10. GUISE (Noun): भेष

Pronunciation: gize

Meaning: The external appearance or manner in which someone or something appears.

Synonyms: Façade, Mien

Antonyms: Reality, Authenticity

Sentence: The abandoned mansion had an eerie and dilapidated guise, but beneath the decay, it held a rich history waiting to be uncovered.

11. PORE OVER (PHRASAL VERB): अद्धयन करना

Pronunciation: pore over

Meaning: to look at and study something, usually a book or document, carefully.

Synonyms: contemplate, ponder, consider, study

Antonyms: ignore, disregard, overlook

Sentence: The judges will have to pore over the 22 volumes of evidence already accumulated and hear the 66 witnesses for the prosecution.

12. NEOTERIC (ADJECTIVE): नवीन

Pronunciation: ne·o·ter·ic

Meaning: new or modern; recent.

Synonyms: latest, modern, recent

Antonyms: old, oldfangled

Sentence: The neoteric design of the building stood out among the surrounding traditional structures.

13. SMIDGEN (NOUN): थोडा

Pronunciation: smi·jn

Meaning: a small amount of something.

Synonyms: bit, dribble, little

Antonyms: abundance, barrel, a boatload

Sentence: The amount of sand I can hold in my hand is a smidgen compared to all the sand on the beach.

14. SNAZZY (ADJECTIVE): अत्यधिक आकर्षक

Pronunciation: sna·zee

Meaning: modern and stylish in a way that attracts attention.

Synonyms: stylish, flashy, cool, fashionable, custom, jazzy

Antonyms: simple, modest, plain, unadorned

Sentence: Innovation is about more than designing snazzy products. It's also about improving customer experiences and services.

15. GAUGE (VERB): मापना

Pronunciation: gayj

Meaning: to calculate an amount, especially by using a measuring device; to make a judgment about something, usually people's feelings.

Synonyms: measure, calculate, determine, assess, appraise, evaluate.

Antonyms: estimation, guess, speculate

Sentence: We need to gauge the amount of work required before committing to the project.

16. BATTERED (ADJECTIVE): क्षतिग्रस्त

Pronunciation: ba·tuhd

Meaning: hurt by being repeatedly hit; damaged, especially by being used a lot.

Synonyms: beaten up, damaged, worn out, weathered, dilapidated

Antonyms: undamaged, unspoiled, new, pristine

Sentence: The old, battered car was still running, but it was clearly on its last legs.

17. STRANDED (ADJECTIVE): फंसा हुआ

Pronunciation: strand·uhd

Meaning: unable to leave somewhere because of a problem such as not having any transportation or money (lacking what is necessary to leave a place or to get out of a situation).

Synonyms: marooned, stuck, abandoned, isolated

Antonyms: rescued, assisted, aided

Sentence: The travelers were stranded in the desert when their car broke down.

18. VIRULENCE (NOUN): अनिष्ट करता

Pronunciation: vi·ruh·luhns

Meaning: the danger and speed of spreading of a disease; very strong feelings of hating or opposing something or someone.

Synonyms: toxicity, malignancy, bitterness, acrimony

Antonyms: harmlessness, benignity

Sentence: The virulence of the virus made the disease very dangerous and deadly.

19. AGITATION (NOUN): व्याकुलता

Pronunciation: a·juh·tay·shn

Meaning: anxiety.

Synonyms: perturbation, disquiet

Antonyms: calmness

Sentence: She was wringing her hands in agitation.

20. ADJOURNMENT (NOUN): स्थगन

Pronunciation: uh·juhn·muhnt

Meaning: suspension.

Synonyms: interruption, postponement

Antonyms: continuation

Sentence: She sought an adjournment of the trial.

21. CRAMMING (VERB & NOUN): रटना

Pronunciation: kram·uhng

Meaning: the action of engaging in intensive, last minute studying or memorization.

Synonyms: Swot, Cram in

Antonyms: Steady, learning

Sentence: She had to cram all night to prepare for the presentation she forgot about until the last minute.

22. ABROGATION (NOUN): अभिनिषेध

Pronunciation: a·bruh·gay·shn

Meaning: the act of formally repealing or abolishing a law, rule, agreement, or custom, especially by an authority or government.

Synonyms: Annulment, Revocation

Antonyms: Validation

Sentence: The council voted for the abrogation of the outdated bylaws that no longer served the community's needs.

23. ANTHROPOGENIC (ADJECTIVE): मानवजनित

Pronunciation: an·thruh·puh·jeh·nuhk

Meaning: relating to or resulting from human activities, particularly those that have a significant impact on the natural environment, climate, or ecosystem.

Synonyms: Man. made

Antonyms: Organic, Wild

Sentence: The construction of the dam was criticized for its significant anthropogenic impact on the local ecosystem and wildlife.

24. ASSIMILATE (VERB): पचाना

Pronunciation: uh·si·muh·layt

Meaning: to take in and incorporate information, ideas, or culture into one's own understanding or way of life.

Synonyms: Imbibe, Acquire

Antonyms: Isolate, Segregate

Sentence: It took him a while to assimilate the complex scientific concepts, but with time and effort, he mastered them.

25. DUTIFUL (Adjective): आज्ञाकारी

Pronunciation: dyoo·tuh·ful

Meaning: obedient and respectful in carrying out tasks or following orders.

Synonyms: Devoted, Compliant

Antonyms: Negligent, Rebellious

Sentence: His dutiful response to his teacher's instructions earned him praise for his respectful behaviour in the classroom.

26. TRAVESTY (NOUN): उपहास, विडंबना या किसी गंभीर चीज़ का खराब

Pronunciation: tra·vuh·stee

Meaning: an event or situation that is a complete failure, disappointment, or mockery of what it was supposed to be.

Synonyms: Spoof, Ridicule

Antonyms: Honesty, Realism

Sentence: His attempt to imitate the famous singer's voice turned into a travesty that left the audience in stitches.

27. VINDICTIVE (ADJECTIVE): तामसिक

Pronunciation: vuhn·dik·tuhv

Meaning: having a strong desire for revenge or a tendency to seek revenge when wronged, often with a malicious or spiteful attitude.

Synonyms: Revengeful, Spiteful

Antonyms: Magnanimous, Gracious

Sentence: The vindictive rivalry between the two sports teams often led to heated and aggressive matches on the field.

28. DUPING (VERB): भोला. भाला · धोखा खाने वाला

Pronunciation: dyoop·uhng

Meaning: deceiving or tricking someone into believing something that is not true, typically with the intention of taking advantage of them.

Synonyms: Swindling, Conning

Antonyms: Honesty, Sincerity

Sentence: The magician's act was all about duping the audience with his clever illusions.

29. INUNDATION (NOUN): सैलाब

Pronunciation: i·nuhn·day·shn

Meaning: an overwhelming abundance or surge of something, such as emotions, information, or requests.

Synonyms: Avalanche, Deluge

Antonyms: Desiccation, Drainage

Sentence: Despite the inundation of negative reviews, the movie still managed to attract a large audience.

30. GENEALOGY (NOUN): वंशावली

Pronunciation: jee·nee·a·luh·jee

Meaning: the study or tracing of the descent and history of a family, including the identification of ancestors, their relationships, and their biographical information.

Synonyms: Heritage

Antonyms: Anonymity, Alienation

Sentence: The genealogy of the royal family was meticulously recorded in historical documents dating back centuries.

31. VIGOROUS (ADJECTIVE): ज़ोरदार

Pronunciation: vi·guh·ruhs

Meaning: strenuous

Synonyms: powerful, potent

Antonyms: weak

Sentence: It is said that vigorous exercise increases oxygen consumption.

32. EXQUISITE (ADJECTIVE): उत्कृष्ट

Pronunciation: ek·skvuh·zuht

Meaning: beautiful

Synonyms: lovely, elegant

Antonyms: crude

Sentence: The Indians brought in exquisite designs and beadwork to sell.

33. LABYRINTHINE (ADJECTIVE): जटिल

Pronunciation: la·buh·rin·thine

Meaning: complicated

Synonyms: intricate, complex

Antonyms: straightforward

Sentence: The film was filled with labyrinthine plots and counterplots.

34. TEMPORAL (ADJECTIVE): लौकिक

Pronunciation: tem·puh·ruhl

Meaning: secular

Synonyms: non-spiritual, worldly

Antonyms: spiritual

Sentence: The Church did not imitate the secular rulers who thought only of temporal gain.

35. BAILOUT (NOUN): जमानत पर छुड़ाना

Pronunciation: bayl·awt

Meaning: an act of giving financial assistance to a failing business or economy to save it from collapse.

Synonyms: underwrite, give a helping hand

Antonyms: disagreement, infringement

Sentence: The government crafted the bailout scheme with little public discussion and without determining who was responsible for the losses.

36. Nuance (Noun): बारीकी

Pronunciation: nyoo·aans

Meaning: a very slight difference in appearance, meaning, sound, etc; a quality of something that is not easy to notice but may be important.

Synonyms: fine distinction, minute difference

Antonyms: grossness, coarseness

Sentence: The painter has managed to capture every nuance of the woman's expression.

37. Exuberant (Adjective): उत्साहपूर्ण

Pronunciation: uhgz·yoo·buh·ruhnt

Meaning: full of energy, excitement, and cheerfulness.

Synonyms: joyful, effervescent, vivacious, lively

Antonyms: low-spirited, sullen, apathetic, dull

Sentence: I heard a noisy bunch of exuberant youngsters.

38. GLUM (ADJECTIVE): उदास

Pronunciation: gluhm

Meaning: looking or feeling dejected; sad.

Synonyms: bleak, sad, depressed

Antonyms: cheerful, cheery, bright

Sentence: You look glum. What's up?

39. STRIFE (NOUN): झगडा

Pronunciation: strife

Meaning: angry or bitter disagreement over fundamental issues; conflict.

Synonyms: friction, discord

Antonyms: harmony

Sentence: The country was torn apart by political strife, leading to protests and unrest.

40. SABOTAGE (VERB): नुकसान पहुंचाना

Pronunciation: sa·buh·taazh

Meaning: deliberately destroy, damage, or obstruct (something), especially for political or military advantage.

Synonyms: vandalize, destroy

Antonyms: strengthen

Sentences: The rival team attempted to sabotage our chances of winning by spreading false rumors about our star player.

41. 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.

42. 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.

43. 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.

44. 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.

45. 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.

46. 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.

47. 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.

48. 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.

49. 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.

50. 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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