

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. VITUPERATE (VERB): तिरस्कार करना, निंदा करना

Pronunciation: vuh·tyoo·puh·rayt

Meaning: criticize harshly.

Synonyms: abuse, accuse

Antonyms: honour, praise

Sentence: We shouldn't vituperate anyone without any proper information.

2. GIMMICK (NOUN): हथकंडा, चाल

Pronunciation: gi·muhk

Meaning: trick.

Synonyms: ruse, ploy

Antonyms: truth, honesty

Sentence: It's just a public relations gimmick.

3. WRANGLE (NOUN): लड़ाई

Pronunciation: rang·gl

Meaning: fight.

Synonyms: argument, bickering

Antonyms: agreement, harmony

Sentence: Localities were the witnessed of the dirty wrangle of the two political leaders.

4. WINNOW (VERB): फटकना

Pronunciation: vi·noh

Meaning: expel.

Synonyms: separate, terminate

Antonyms: include, hire

Sentence: Most of the faulty employees were winnowed out by these processes.

5. VIRILE (ADJECTIVE): साहस्री

Pronunciation: vi·rile

Meaning: potent.

Synonyms: powerful, energetic

Antonyms: weak, feeble

Sentence: He was a virile dancer who brought out the best in the modern Bollywood.

6. APPRAISE (VERB): मूल्यांकन करना

Pronunciation: uh·prayz

Meaning: judge.

Synonyms: estimate, evaluate

Antonyms: ignore, neglect

Sentence: Many companies were prompted to appraise their recruitment policies.

7. BROACH (VERB): सीख

Pronunciation: broche

Meaning: open up discussion.

Synonyms: bring up, moot

Antonyms: take back, deny

Sentence: The parents of the boy did not even broach the issue of marriage with Renee.

8. DITHER (NOUN): तड़पना

Pronunciation: di·dhuh

Meaning: upset.

Synonyms: tizzy, flap

Antonyms: calm, peace

Sentence: I am in such a dither I forgot to put the water in.

9. RENEGADE (ADJECTIVE): पाखण्डी

Pronunciation: reh·nuh·gayd

Meaning: rebellious.

Synonyms: difficult, resistant

Antonyms: obedient, dutiful

Sentence: The renegade policeman revealed details of the murder.

10. PALTRY (ADJECTIVE): तुच्छ

Pronunciation: pawl·tree

Meaning: meager.

Synonyms: insignificant, worthless

Antonyms: considerable, substantial

Sentence: He was fined the paltry sum of \$50.

11. BERSERK (ADJECTIVE): पागल

Pronunciation: buh·zuhk

Meaning: out of control with anger or excitement; wild or frenzied.

Synonyms: mad, crazy, insane

Antonyms: calm, sensible, wise

Sentence: The dog went berserk when a wasp stung him.

12. NIHILISTIC (ADJECTIVE): शून्यवाद संबंधी

Pronunciation: nai·uh·list·uhk

Meaning: rejecting all religious and moral principles in the belief that life is meaningless.

Synonyms: hopeless, discouraging, unpromising

Antonyms: hopeful, cheerful, cheery

Sentence: Her latest play is a nihilistic vision of the world of the future

13. GLINT (NOUN): चमक

Pronunciation: glint

Meaning: give out or reflect small flashes of light.

Synonyms: shine, gleam, sparkle

Antonyms: dimness, dinginess, dullness

Sentence: There was a glint of mischief in her eyes.

14. DISRELISH (VERB): नापसंद करना

Pronunciation: dis·rel·ish

Meaning: regard (something) with dislike or distaste.

Synonyms: aversion, disfavor, dislike

Antonyms: appetite, affection, fondness

Sentence: I disrelish the thought of sitting through endless meetings on the matter

15. DUNCE (NOUN): मूर्ख

Pronunciation: duhns

Meaning: a person who is slow at learning; a stupid person.

Synonyms: fool, idiot, stupid person

Antonyms: brainy, genius, intellect

Sentence: It is very impolite to call others a dunce.

16. HOLLER (VERB): चलाई

Pronunciation: haw·luh

Meaning: (of a person) give a loud shout or cry.

Synonyms: shout, yell, cry

Antonyms: murmur, mutter, whisper

Sentence: There's no need to holler, I'm in the next room.

17. HAGGLE (VERB): सौदेबाजी करना

Pronunciation: ha·gl

Meaning: dispute or bargain persistently, especially over the cost of something.

Synonyms: barter, bargain, negotiate

Antonyms: agree, concur

Sentence: Ella taught her how to haggle with used furniture dealers.

18. FLOUTED (VERB): उल्लंघन

Pronunciation: flawt·uhd

Meaning: openly disregard (a rule, law or convention).

Synonyms: defy, refuse to obey, disdain

Antonyms: accepted, approved

Sentence: The union had openly flouted the law.

19. PREDILECTION (NOUN): लाग-लपेट

Pronunciation: pree·duh·lek·shn

Meaning: a preference or special liking for something; a bias in favor of something.

Synonyms: liking, fondness, preference

Antonyms: apathy, dislike

Sentence: He has a predilection for fast food.

20. FUTILITY (NOUN): निरर्थकता

Pronunciation: fyoo·til·uh·tee

Meaning: pointlessness or uselessness.

Synonyms: fruitlessness, vanity, pointlessness

Antonyms: use, usefulness, utility

Sentence: The sheer futility of it all exasperates her.

21. TRADUCE (VERB): बदनाम करना

Pronunciation: truh·dyooς

Meaning: speak badly of or tell lies about (someone) so as to damage their reputation.

Synonyms: defame, slander, speak ill of

Antonyms: honor, exalt, applaud

Sentence: The crooked politician paid a newspaper editor to traduce his rivals.

22. ENGENDER (VERB): उत्पन्न होना

Pronunciation: uhn·jen·duh

Meaning: cause or give rise to (a feeling, situation, or condition).

Synonyms: create, generate, cause

Antonyms: impede, restrict, quash

Sentence: It helps engender a sense of common humanity.

23. MERCENARY (ADJECTIVE): लालच

Pronunciation: muh·suh·nuh·ree

Meaning: having or marked by an eager and often selfish desire especially for material possessions.

Synonyms: greedy, avaricious, acquisitive

Antonyms: altruistic, charitable

Sentence: She's interested in him for purely mercenary reasons.

24. TACITURN (ADJECTIVE): अल्पभाषी

Pronunciation: ta·suh·tuhn

Meaning: reserved or uncommunicative in speech; tending not to speak much.

Synonyms: untalkative, uncommunicative, reticent

Antonyms: blabby, chatty, talkative

Sentence: My shy brother is taciturn and rarely speaks in public.

25. PERSPICACIOUS (ADJECTIVE): बुद् ध

Pronunciation: puh·spuh·kay·shuhs

Meaning: observant, perceptive.

Synonyms: alert, aware

Antonyms: ignorant, unobservant

Sentence: The CDI officers are always perspicacious with their case.

26. NOXIOUS (ADJECTIVE): हानिकारक

Pronunciation: nawk·shuhs

Meaning: deadly, injurious.

Synonyms: destructive, harmful

Antonyms: helpful, kind

Sentence: This is a noxious chemical.

27. FERVENT (ADJECTIVE): उत्साही

Pronunciation: fuh·vnt

Meaning: enthusiastic.

Synonyms: zealous, ardent

Antonyms: apathetic, dull

Sentence: He is a fervent child.

28. FITFUL (ADJECTIVE): चंचल

Pronunciation: fit·ful

Meaning: spasmodic.

Synonyms: intermittent, fluctuating

Antonyms: continuous, perpetual

Sentence: As long as his breathing is fitful, he will continue to need an oxygen machine.

29. SOJOURN (NOUN): अस्थायी निवास

Pronunciation: soh·juhn

Meaning: a temporary stay or visit in a place, often implying a period of rest or leisure.

Synonyms: Stopover, Vacation

Antonyms: Permanent Stay, Settlement

Sentence: We had a delightful sojourn in the quaint village, enjoying the peaceful atmosphere.

30. PALANQUINS (NOUN): पालकी

Pronunciation: pa·lan·quin

Meaning: portable seats or enclosed boxes that are carried by several people on their shoulders.

Synonyms: Litter, Sedan Chair

Antonyms: Carriage, Automobile

Sentence: The bride made a grand entrance, sitting regally in a palanquin carried by strong men.

31. BEGET (VERB): उत्पन्न करना

Pronunciation: buh·get

Meaning: give rise to; bring about.

Synonyms: cause, give rise to, lead to

Antonyms: impede, limit, restrict

Sentence: One change in the natural environment will beget others.

32. PALPABLE (ADJECTIVE): स्पष्ट

Pronunciation: pal·puh·bl

Meaning: (of a feeling or atmosphere) so intense as to seem almost tangible.

Synonyms: perceptible, perceivable, visible

Antonyms: impalpable, imperceptible, inappreciable

Sentence: The tension between Amy and Jim is palpable.

33. QUIXOTIC (ADJECTIVE): वलक्षण

Pronunciation: kvuhk·saw·tuhk

Meaning: exceedingly idealistic; unrealistic and impractical.

Synonyms: idealistic, unbusinesslike, visionary

Antonyms: clear-eyed, clear-sighted

Sentence: This is a vast, exciting, and perhaps quixotic project.

34. ENAMOR (VERB): आनंदित करना

Pronunciation: en·am·or

Meaning: be filled with a feeling of love for.

Synonyms: in love with, infatuated with, besotted with

Antonyms: allergic, averse

Sentence: Her beauty enamored the prince.

35. UNENVIABLE (ADJECTIVE): अवांछनीय

Pronunciation: uhn·en·vee·uh·bl

Meaning: difficult, undesirable, or unpleasant.

Synonyms: disagreeable, unpleasant, undesirable

Antonyms: charming, enchanting, fascinating

Sentence: Cooper had the unenviable job of announcing the redundancies.

36. SUBTLETY (NOUN): सूक्ष्मता

Pronunciation: suh·tuhl·tee

Meaning: the quality or state of being subtle.

Synonyms: delicacy, delicateness, subtleness

Antonyms: ignorant, stupid

Sentence: He argued his case with considerable subtlety.

37. AMNESTY (NOUN): आम माफी

Pronunciation: am·nuh·stee

Meaning: an official pardon for people who have been convicted of political offenses.

Synonyms: pardon, pardoning, reprieve

Antonyms: penalty, punishment, retribution

Sentence: The government granted an amnesty to all political prisoners.

38. FOMENTED (VERB): भड़काना

Pronunciation: fuh·ment·uhd

Meaning: instigate or stir up (an undesirable or violent sentiment or course of action).

Synonyms: instigate, incite, provoke

Antonyms: allay, calm, settle

Sentence: They accused him of fomenting political unrest.

39. OMINOUS (ADJECTIVE): अमंगल

Pronunciation: aw·muh·nuhs

Meaning: giving the impression that something bad or unpleasant is going to happen; threatening; inauspicious.

Synonyms: threatening, menacing, baleful

Antonyms: unthreatening, auspicious, benign

Sentence: There was an ominous silence at the other end of the phone.

40. DOUR (ADJECTIVE): कठोर

Pronunciation: doh·uh

Meaning: relentlessly severe, stern, or gloomy in manner or appearance.

Synonyms: stern, unsmiling, unfriendly

Antonyms: benign, friendly, gentle

Sentence: No wonder he looked so dour.

41. TREPIDATION (NOUN): घबराहट

Pronunciation: treh·puhd·ay·shn

Meaning: a feeling of fear or agitation about something that may happen.

Synonyms: fear, apprehension, worry

Antonyms: boldness, confidence, courage

Sentence: Shaking with trepidation, I stepped into the old abandoned house.

42. OCCLUDE (VERB): रोक देना

Pronunciation: uh·klood

Meaning: stop, close up, or obstruct (an opening, orifice, or passage).

Synonyms: block, obstruct, stop

Antonyms: clear, free, unblock

Sentence: A blood clot had occluded a major artery in his body.

43. SCURRILOUS (ADJECTIVE): मर्द्या

Pronunciation: skuh·ruh·luhs

Meaning: making or spreading scandalous claims about someone with the intention of damaging their reputation.

Synonyms: abusive, vituperative, derogatory

Antonyms: respectful, polite, gracious

Sentence: He wrote a scurrilous piece about me in the local press.

44. ENTENTE (NOUN): अंतंत

Pronunciation: awn·tawnt

Meaning: a friendly understanding or informal alliance between states or factions.

Synonyms: understanding, agreement, alliance

Antonyms: disagreement, discord, antagonism

Sentence: The two leaders signed a treaty of entente and cooperation.

45. SCRIMMAGE (NOUN): धक्का मुक्की

Pronunciation: skri·muhj

Meaning: a confused struggle or fight.

Synonyms: fight, battle, struggle

Antonyms: truce, accord, peace

Sentence: There was a considerable scrimmage, with people anxious to obtain cabs.

46. 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.

47. ABASH (VERB): लज्जित करना

Pronunciation: uh·bash

Meaning: make (someone) feel embarrassed, disconcerted, or ashamed.

Synonyms: embarrassed, ashamed, shamefaced

Antonyms: comfort, console, relieve

Sentence: The girl was abashed by the laughter of her classmates.

48. VIRTUOSO (NOUN): गुणी कलाकार

Pronunciation: vuh·tyoo·oh·soh

Meaning: a person highly skilled in music or another artistic pursuit.

Synonyms: genius, expert, prodigy

Antonyms: amateur, amateurish, inexperienced

Sentence: He was gaining a reputation as a remarkable virtuoso.

49. STAID (ADJECTIVE): शांत

Pronunciation: stayd

Meaning: sedate, respectable, and unadventurous.

Synonyms: sedate, respectable, quiet

Antonyms: joking, kittenish, ludic

Sentence: He had grown staid and dull.

50. GAZILLION (NOUN): अ धक

Pronunciation: guh·zi·lee·uhn

Meaning: a very large number or quantity (used for emphasis).

Synonyms: million, thousands, excess

Antonyms: little, inadequacy, deficiency

Sentence: I have a gazillion things to do.

51. DISCONCERTING (ADJECTIVE): चंता जनक

Pronunciation: dis·kuhn·suht·uhng

Meaning: causing one to feel unsettled.

Synonyms: unsettling, unnerving, discomfiting

Antonyms: calming, comforting, consoling

Sentence: I found some of his personal habits rather disconcerting.

52. BENIGHTED (ADJECTIVE): अनाडी

Pronunciation: buh·nite·uhd

Meaning: in a state of pitiful or contemptible intellectual or moral ignorance, typically owing to a lack of opportunity.

Synonyms: unenlightened, uneducated, illiterate

Antonyms: educated, knowledgeable, literate

Sentence: They saw themselves as bringers of culture to poor benighted peoples.

53. CASTIGATING (VERB): निंदा करने वाला

Pronunciation: ka·stuh·gayt·uhng

Meaning: to criticize (someone) severely or angrily especially

Synonyms: reprimand, rebuke, admonish

Antonyms: approving, endorsing, acclaiming

Sentence: The newspaper editorial castigating the city council for approving the project in the first place.

54. HECKLING (VERB): चलाना

Pronunciation: heh·kuhl·uhng

Meaning: interrupt (a public speaker) with derisive or aggressive comments or abuse.

Synonyms: jeer, taunt, disrupt

Antonyms: cheering, applause, acclamation

Sentence: The ceremony was disrupted by unprecedeted heckling and slogan-chanting.

55. AFFABILITY (NOUN): नेकी

Pronunciation: a·fuh·bil·uh·tee

Meaning: the quality of having a friendly and good-natured manner.

Synonyms: friendliness, amiability, geniality

Antonyms: disagreeableness, unpleasantness

Sentence: He was beloved by the nation for his affability toward people from all walks of life.

56. RENDEZVOUS (NOUN): मलन

Pronunciation: rawn·day·voo

Meaning: a meeting at an agreed time and place, typically between two people.

Synonyms: appointment, assignation, date

Antonyms: scatter, disperse, spread.

Sentence: He made a rendezvous with her in Times Square.

57. IMPERCEPTIBLY (ADVERB): अगोचर रूप से

Pronunciation: im·puh·sept·uh·blee

Meaning: in a way that is so slight, gradual, or subtle as not to be perceived.

Synonyms: crescively, gradually, slightly

Antonyms: abruptly, suddenly

Sentence: The disease develops gradually and imperceptibly.

58. LAMBENT (ADJECTIVE): उज्ज्वल

Pronunciation: lam·bent

Meaning: (of light or fire) glowing, gleaming, or flickering with a soft radiance.

Synonyms: beaming, luminous, glowing

Antonyms: dim, dull, dark

Sentence: The lambent flames from our campfire cast a comforting glow.

59. GRANDIOSE (ADJECTIVE): दिखावटी

Pronunciation: gran·dee·ose

Meaning: impressive and imposing in appearance or style, especially pretentiously so.

Synonyms: magnificent, impressive, grand

Antonyms: modest, unpretentious

Sentence: He's always producing grandiose plans that never work.

60. INFER (VERB): तर्क करना

Pronunciation: uhn·fuh

Meaning: deduce or conclude (information) from evidence and reasoning rather than from explicit statements.

Synonyms: deduce, reason, conclude

Antonyms: depicture, suspect, announce

Sentence: What do you infer from her refusal?