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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. WEASEL (adj.) : चालक आदमी

Pronunciation: vee·zl

Meaning: a deceitful or treacherous person.

Synonyms: scoundrel, wretch, serpent

Antonyms: innocent, saint, good

Sentence: He was a double-crossing weasel.

2. IMPRESARIO (noun) : आयोजक

Pronunciation: im·pruh·saa·ree·oh

Meaning: a person who organizes and often finances concerts, plays, or operas.

Synonyms: organizer, manager, producer

Antonyms: agent, attendant, clerk

Sentence: It was the actor's dream to work under the renowned impresario.

3. DISSENSION (noun) : मतभेद

Pronunciation: duh·sen·shn

Meaning: disagreement that leads to discord.

Synonyms: disagreement, difference of opinion, dispute

Antonyms: accord, agreement, concord

Sentence: You won't sow dissension between us.

4. EXIGUOUS (adj.) : अल्प

Pronunciation: uhg·zi·gyoo·uhs

Meaning: very small in size or amount.

Synonyms: meagre, inadequate, insufficient

Antonyms: abundant, ample, bountiful

Sentence: The rest of the old man's exiguous savings are donated to that boy.

5. MINATORY (adj.) : धमकी

Pronunciation: 'mi-nə-, tōr-ē

Meaning: expressing or conveying a threat.

Synonyms: menacing, threatening, baleful

Antonyms: unthreatening, propitious

Sentence: The novel's protagonist is haunted by a minatory black spectre.

6. ATAVISTIC (adj.) : पैतृक

Pronunciation: a·tuh·vi·stuhk

Meaning: relating to or characterized by reversion to something ancient or ancestral.

Synonyms: bygone, erstwhile, former

Antonyms: contemporary, current, modern

Sentence: It would be wrong to interpret them as atavistic remnants.

7. ACOLYTES (noun) : अनुयायी

Pronunciation: a·kuh·lites

Meaning: one who follows the opinions or teachings of another

Synonyms: adherents, converts, disciples

Antonyms: defectors, renegades, traitors

Sentence: He is flanked by his two acolytes, Asanga and his brother, Vasubandhu.

8. PRUNED (verb) : कम कर दिए हैं

Pronunciation: proond

Meaning: to make (something) shorter or smaller with the use of a cutting instrument

Synonyms: bobbed, clipped, cropped

Antonyms: elongated, extended, lengthened

Sentence: He pruned the dead branches from the old apple tree.

9. POMP (noun) : वैभव

Pronunciation: pawmp

Meaning: ceremony and splendid display, especially at a public event.

Synonyms: ceremony, grandeur, pageantry

Antonyms: simplicity, severity

Sentence: The coronation was conducted with great pomp.

10. CON (verb) : ठगना

Pronunciation: kawm

Meaning: persuade (someone) to do or believe something, typically by use of deception.

Synonyms: swindle, defraud, cheat

Antonyms: undeceive, disclose, reveal

Sentence: Tried to con me into thinking that he had won the lottery.

11. RETROSPECTIVE (adj.) : पूर्वप्रभावी

Pronunciation: reh•truh•spek•tiv

Meaning: looking again at the past/effective from past date

Synonyms: introspective, analytic

Antonyms: farsighted, forward, unreflecting

Sentence: Teachers settled for a 4.2% pay rise with retrospective effect from 1 April.

12. AMNESTY (noun) : आम माफ़ी

Pronunciation: am•nuh•stee

Meaning : a time when a government forgives political crime

Synonyms: parole, acquittal, exculpation

Antonyms: conviction, sentence, assessment, charge, fine

Sentence: President granted the amnesty to some prisoners.

13. SLUMP (verb) : मंदी

Pronunciation: sluhmp

Meaning: to fall suddenly and by a large amount

Synonyms: depressing, recession, crash

Antonyms: development, growth, advancement

Sentence: What cause the price of Real Estate slump?



14. DELINEATE (verb) : चित्रित करना

Pronunciation: duh•li•nee•ayt

Meaning: describe precisely

Synonyms: define, delimit, describe, draw

Antonyms: distort, misdescribe

Sentence: MRI can delineate the cause of disease easily.

15. DECEPTIVE (adj) : कपटी

Pronunciation: duh•sep•tuhv

Meaning: likely to give a false impression or to make somebody believe something that is not true

Synonyms: beguile, deceive, devious

Antonyms: candid, direct, clarifying

Sentence: Appearance can often be deceptive.

16. EXTREMISM (noun) : अतिवाद

Pronunciation: uhk•stree•mi•zm

Meaning : the holding of extreme political or religious views; fanaticism.

Synonyms: radicalism, zealotry

Antonym: moderation

Sentence: The dangers of racist extremism are present everywhere.

17. ARBITRARY (adj) : बेतरतीब

Pronunciation: aar•buh•treh•ree

Meaning : based on random choice or personal whim, rather than any reason or system.

Synonyms: whimsical, random

Antonym: rational

Sentence: Raja just ends up taking arbitrary decisions.

18. QUESTIONABLE (adj) : शंकास्पद

Pronunciation: kwes•chuh•nuh•bl

Meaning : doubtful as regards truth or validity.

Synonyms: contentious, doubt

Antonym: certain

Sentence: It is questionable whether any of these exceptions is genuine.

19. EXUBERANCE (noun) : उत्साह

Pronunciation: ig•zoo•br•uhns

Meaning : the quality of being full of energy, excitement, and cheerfulness; ebullience.

Synonyms: buoyancy, cheerfulness

Antonym: gloom

Sentence : Ram has a sense of youthful exuberance.

20. CHOPPY (adj) : अशांत

Pronunciation: chaa•pee

Meaning : (of a sea, lake, or river) having many small waves.

Synonyms: turbulent, heavy

Antonym: calm

Sentence: Sea conditions are often very choppy.

21. PRESCIENT (adj.) : पूर्वज्ञान रखनेवाला**Pronunciation:** preh•shee•uhnt**Meaning:** knowing about event before they taking place**Synonyms:** farsighted, forehanded, visionary**Antonyms:** careless, heedless, incautious**Sentence:** It was a remarkably prescient vision.**22. PLUNGE (verb) : डुबकी****Pronunciation:** pluhnj**Meaning:** to jump, drop with force**Synonyms:** dip, immerse, decline**Antonyms:** surface, expand, increase & arise**Sentence:** Stock price bounced back after steep plunge earlier this week.**23. PROLONG (adj.) : लम्बा****Pronunciation:** pruh•laang**Meaning:** continuing for a long time**Synonyms:** elongate, drag out, attenuate**Antonyms:** diminish, reduce, thicken, curtail**Sentence:** I don't want to prolong the class unnecessarily.**24. DILAPIDATED (verb) : तबाह करना, नष्ट होना, ग़बन करना****Pronunciation:** duh•la•puh•day•tuhd**Meaning:** demolish/ deface**Synonyms:** ramshackle, tumbledown, run down, decayed**Antonyms:** ameliorate, improve, better, upgrade**Sentence:** The hotel we stayed in was dilapidated.**25. HEADLONG (adj, adverb) : अननयंत्रित****Pronunciation:** hed•laang**Meaning:** too quickly / without enough thought**Synonyms:** cursory, hasty, quick, rapid**Antonyms:** measured, calculated, circumspect**Sentence:** I ran headlong for the open door.**26. REIMBURSE (verb) : प्रतिपूर्ति करना****Pronunciation:** ree•uhm•burs**Meaning:** to pay money back to somebody**Synonyms:** refund, repay, reciprocate

Antonyms: deprive, lose, penalise

Sentence: The company will reimburse you for your travelling expenses.

27. DISDAIN (noun) : नतरस्कार

Pronunciation: duhs•dayn

Meaning: the feeling that somebody is not good enough to be respected.

Synonyms: contempt, hate, execration

Antonyms: acceptance, tolerance

Sentence: He turned his head away in disdain.

28. CRONIES (noun) : साथी

Pronunciation: krow•neez

Meaning: friends or relatives

Synonyms: associate, companions, comrades

Antonyms: antagonists, rivals, competitors

Sentence: He was playing with his cronies.



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29. LAUDATORY (adj.) : सराहने योग्य, प्रशंसनीय

Pronunciation: laa•duh•taw•ree

Meaning: expressing praise

Synonyms: auditory, predatory, oratory

Antonym: disrespect

Sentence: Her Teaching way is most laudatory among all in the college.

30. EXPLICIT (adj) : स्पष्ट

Pronunciation: uhk•spli•suht

Meaning: making something easy to understand

Synonyms: declared, specific, stated

Antonyms: obscure, incorrect, inaccurate

Sentence: He gave me explicit directions on how to get here.

31. RECESSED (verb) : स्थगित**Pronunciation:** ruh·sest**Meaning:** to bring to a formal close for a period of time**Synonyms:** adjourned, prorogued, suspended**Antonyms:** inaugurated, launched, opened**Sentence:** The judge recessed the court for lunch.**32. BEDRAGGLED (adj.) : गंदा****Pronunciation:** buh·dra·gld**Meaning:** dirty and disheveled.**Synonyms:** disheveled, disordered, untidy**Antonyms:** clean, cleanly, immaculate**Sentence:** They found flood victims in bedraggled clothes.**33. HARROWING (adj.) : शोकजनक****Pronunciation:** ha·roh·uhng**Meaning:** acutely distressing.**Synonyms:** agonizing, excruciating, racking**Antonyms:** gratifying, pleasing, acceptable**Sentence:** There was a harrowing portrayal of the ravages of war.**34. VIGNETTE (noun) : शब्दचित्र****Pronunciation:** vee·nyet**Meaning:** a vivid representation in words of someone or something**Synonyms:** definition, delineation, depiction**Antonyms:** color, twist, distort**Sentence:** Each vignette represents one of the four seasons.**35. STARTLED (adj.) : चौंका****Pronunciation:** staa·tld**Meaning:** feeling or showing sudden shock or alarm.**Synonyms:** surprised, amazed, astonished**Antonyms:** disinterested, incurious**Sentence:** She was momentarily startled by the sight before her.**36. QUASHING (verb) : रद्द करने****Pronunciation:** kvawsh·uhng**Meaning:** reject or void, especially by legal procedure.**Synonyms:** cancel, reverse, rescind

Antonyms: enact, establish, endorse

Sentence: His conviction was quashed on appeal.

37. PERSEVERE (verb) : दृढ़ रहें

Pronunciation: puh·suh·veeuh

Meaning: continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty or with little or no prospect of success.

Synonyms: persist, continue, carry on

Antonyms: give up, quit

Sentence: If you persevere with the work, you'll succeed in the end.

38. AMASSING (verb) : एकत्र करना

Pronunciation: uh·mas·uhng

Meaning: gather together or accumulate (a large amount or number of valuable material or things) over a period of time.

Synonyms: gather, collect, assemble

Antonyms: separating, disbanding, disintegrating

Sentence: Starting from nothing he had amassed a huge fortune.

39. CALIGINOUS (adj.) : अंधेरा

Pronunciation: ca·lig·i·nous

Meaning: being without light or without much light

Synonyms: black, dark, darkened

Antonyms: bright, brightened, illuminated

Sentence: Without a flashlight, there was no way to tell what kind of creatures lurked in the caliginous cave.

40. DRENCH (verb) : भिगाना

Pronunciation: drench

Meaning: wet thoroughly; soak.

Synonyms: soak, saturate, wet through

Antonyms: desiccate, dry, parched

Sentence: We were drenched by the sudden rainstorm.

41. ESPIONAGE (noun) : जासूसी

Pronunciation: eh·spee·uh·naazh

Meaning: act of finding out secret information about another country or org

Synonyms: observation, eavesdropping, surveillance

Antonyms: malfunctioning, insignificant

Sentence: Many people were arrested under the Espionage Act.

42. VERISIMILITUDE (noun) : संभाव्यता

Pronunciation: veh•ruh•suh•mi•luh•tood

Meaning: the appearance or quality of seeing to be true.

Synonyms: realism, literalism

Antonyms: falseness, dissimilarity

Sentence: To add verisimilitude, the stage is covered with sand for the desert scene.

43. ANTAGONIST (noun) : प्रतिपक्षी

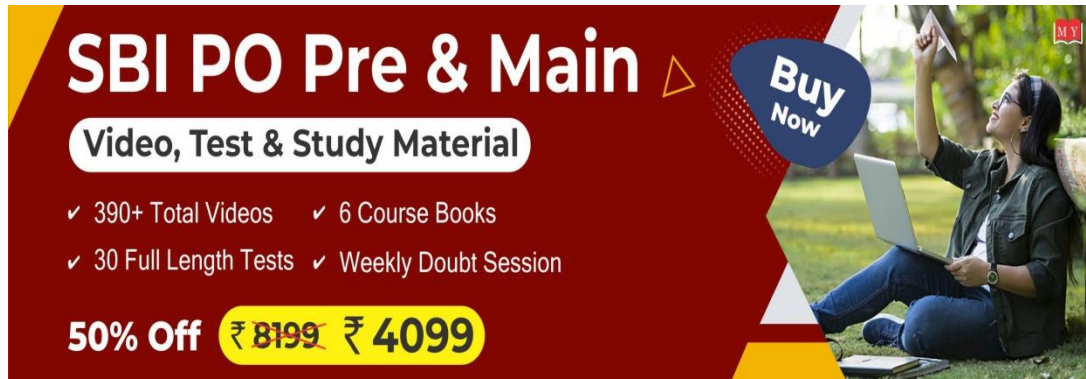
Pronunciation: an•ta•guh•nuhst


Meaning: a person who is strongly against somebody/ something.

Synonyms: adversary, competitor, opposer

Antonyms: associate, protagonist, supporter

Sentence: He hit upon a plan to defeat his antagonist.



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44. THRALL (noun) : गुलाम

Pronunciation: thraal

Meaning: the state of being in someone's power

Synonyms: servitude, slavery

Antonym: master

Sentence: The country's economy is in thrall to the big companies.

45. FISSURE (noun) : दरार

Pronunciation: fi•shr

Meaning: a long narrow depression in a surface

Synonyms: crack, cleft

Antonyms: closure, solid

Sentence: Ahead lay a arge fissure in the ice, three feet across

46. OMINOUS (adj.) : अमंगल**Pronunciation:** aa•muh•nuhs**Meaning:** giving the worrying impression that something bad is going to happen**Synonyms:** threatening, menacing**Antonyms:** auspicious, bright**Sentence:** Those black cloud look a bit ominous.**47. DAUNTING (adj.) : कठिन****Pronunciation:** daan•tuhng**Meaning:** seeming difficult to deal with/Intimidating**Synonyms:** troubling, troublesome, disheartening**Antonyms:** calming, soothing, relaxing**Sentence:** The prospect of meeting with Principal is quite daunting**48. COMPUNCTION (noun) : मलाल****Pronunciation:** kuhm•puhngk•chn**Meaning:** feeling of deep Regret**Synonyms:** unease, misgiving, guilt**Antonyms:** disdain, meanness, happiness**Sentence:** Actress kept Director and team waiting without the slightest compunction.**49. CONCILIATORY (adj.) : मिलाप करनेवाला****Pronunciation:** kuhn•si•lee•uh•taw•ree**Meaning :** intended or likely to placate or pacify**Synonyms:** calm, pacify, quiet**Antonyms:** antagonist, fight, stubborn**Sentence:** Everyone is in conciliatory mood at the start of the class.**50. PROPHYLACTIC (noun) : रोगनिरोधी****Pronunciation:** prow•fuh•lak•tuhk**Meaning:** intended to prevent diseases**Synonyms:** preventive, contraceptive**Antonyms:** unprotective, insecure**Sentence:** Vaccination and other prophylactic measures are using to prevent COVID-19.**51. ORDAIN (verb) : हुक्म देना****Pronunciation:** aw•dayn**Meaning:** order or decree (something) officially.

Synonyms: decree, command, order

Antonyms: ignore, refuse, veto

Sentence: Equal punishment was ordained for the two crimes.

52. ENTRANT (noun) : शामिल होनेवाला

Pronunciation: en·truhnt

Meaning: a person or group that enters, joins, or takes part in something.

Synonyms: beginner, newcomer, fresher

Antonyms: dropout, noncandidate

Sentence: The prize will be awarded to the entrant who wins the tiebreak.

53. HABITUDE (noun) : लगन

Pronunciation: ha·buh·chood

Meaning: a habitual tendency or way of behaving.

Synonyms: affection, affinity, aptitude

Antonyms: apathy, disfavor

Sentence: They have a lifelong habitude of talking too much.

54. PHILIPPIC (noun) : निंदापूर्ण वाक्य

Pronunciation: phi·lip·pic

Meaning: a bitter attack or denunciation, especially a verbal one.

Synonyms: tirade, diatribe, invective

Antonyms: approval, blessing, commendation

Sentence: The lecture was a tremendous philippic against our culture.

55. ESOTERIC (adj.) : गुप्त

Pronunciation: ee·suh·teh·ruhk

Meaning: intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with specialized knowledge or interest.

Synonyms: abstruse, obscure, arcane

Antonyms: common, facile, lucid

Sentence: Some words are really too esoteric for this dictionary.

56. ALIBIS (noun) : बहाना

Pronunciation: a·luh·bize

Meaning: an explanation that frees one from fault or blame

Synonyms: apologies, reasons, excuses

Antonyms: denial, question, request

Sentence: Those students always have a very creative alibi for undone homework.

57. AVID (adj.) : उत्सुक

Pronunciation: ay·vuhd

Meaning: having or showing a keen interest in or enthusiasm for something.

Synonyms: keen, eager, enthusiastic

Antonyms: apathetic, indifferent, insouciant

Sentence: She's an avid reader of historical novels.

58. REPERTOIRE (noun) : सूची

Pronunciation: reh·puh·tvaa

Meaning: a stock of plays, dances, or pieces that a company or a performer knows or is prepared to perform.

Synonyms: collection, stock, store

Antonyms: fauna, flora, defense.

Sentence: That tune is not in my repertoire.

59. YEARN (verb) : इच्छा करना

Pronunciation: yuhn

Meaning: have an intense feeling of longing for something, typically something that one has lost or been separated from.

Synonyms: crave, desire, want

Antonyms: abjure, dislike, hate

Sentence: She yearned for a glimpse of him.

60. VANITY (noun) : घमंड

Pronunciation: van·uh·tee

Meaning: excessive pride in or admiration of one's own appearance or achievements.

Synonyms: conceit, conceitedness, self-admiration

Antonyms: diffidence, self-doubt, self-disgust

Sentence: His vanity was his downfall.

61. EGREGIOUS (adj.) : भयंकर**Pronunciation:** uh·gree·juhs**Meaning:** outstandingly bad or shocking**Synonyms:** appalling, horrific, terrible**Antonyms:** marvelous, excellent**Sentence:** It was an egregious performance in the GRE exam.**62. PLAUSIBLE (adj.) : मुमकिन****Pronunciation:** plaw·zuh·bl**Meaning:** that you can believe**Synonyms:** believable, credible, probable**Antonyms:** absurd, doubtful, fantastic**Sentence:** She could find no plausible explanation for its disappearance.**63. EMBELLISH (verb) : संवारना****Pronunciation:** uhm·beh·luhsh**Meaning:** make more attractive by the addition of decorative details**Synonyms:** elaborate, amplify, enhance**Antonyms:** simplify, bare**Sentence:** I asked him not to embellish the truth with ideas of his own.**64. WAIVER (noun) : त्याग****Pronunciation:** vay·vuh**Meaning:** a situation in which somebody gives up a legal claim or right**Synonyms:** disclaimer, release**Antonyms:** allowance, accept, approval**Sentence:** We had to sign a waiver, giving up any rights to the land in the future.**65. SUBSTANTIVE (adj.) : मूल****Pronunciation:** sub·stan·tive**Meaning:** having a firm basis in reality and so important, meaningful**Synonyms:** considerable, biggish, major, significant**Antonyms:** minute, trivial, marginal**Sentence:** Substantive research on the subject needs to be carried out.**66. TANDEM (adverb) : मिलकर****Pronunciation:** tan·dem**Meaning:** alongside each other**Synonym:** together

Antonyms: individual, single

Sentence: The two teams are designed to work in tandem.

67. IMPERATIVE (adj.) : अनिवार्य

Pronunciation: im·per·a·tive

Meaning: not to be avoided

Synonyms: compulsory, incumbent, necessary

Antonyms: unnecessary, optional

Sentence: It is imperative that politician should be good communicators.

68. DETERRENCE (noun) : अवरोध

Pronunciation: de·ter·rence

Meaning: action of discouraging through fear of the consequence

Synonyms: discouragement, dictation

Antonyms: allowance, permission, approval

Sentence: This guideline stresses the deterrence of war.

69. NAIVE (adj.) : अनुभवहीन

Pronunciation: na·ive

Meaning: without enough experience

Synonyms: innocent, primitive, unwary

Antonyms: incredulous, wary, critical

Sentence: Riya is naïve in this field.

70. ASTOUND (verb) : हक्का बक्का

Pronunciation: as·tound

Meaning: to surprise somebody very much

Synonyms: amaze, astonish, flabbergas

Antonyms: expect, calm, clarify, enlighten

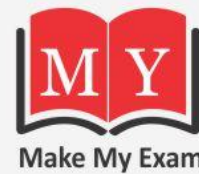
Sentence: He wants to surpass & astound them by transforming the district.

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