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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. PRECARIOUS (adj) : अनिश्चित

Pronunciation: pruh•keuh•ree•uhs

Meaning: not securely held or in position; dangerously likely to fall or collapse.

Synonyms: treacherous, uncertain, dicey

Antonyms: innocent, innocuous, nonhazardous

Sentence: The world is a precarious and unstable place.

2. OSTENSIBLY (adv) : जाहिरा तौर पर

Pronunciation: aw•sten•suh•blee

Meaning: apparently or purportedly, but perhaps not actually.

Synonyms: apparently, seemingly, ostensibly

Antonyms: implausibly, impossibly, improbably

Sentence: Ostensibly a university student studying abroad, he was actually an espionage agent.

3. RECALCITRANT (adj) : आज्ञा न माननेवाला

Pronunciation: ruh•kal•suh•truhnt

Meaning: having an obstinately uncooperative attitude toward authority or discipline.

Synonyms: uncooperative, disobedient, intractable

Antonyms: amenable, biddable, compliant

Sentence: The University suspended the most recalcitrant demonstrators.

4. CONNOTATION (noun) : अर्थ

Pronunciation: kaw•nuht•ay•shn

Meaning: an idea or feeling that a word invokes in addition to its literal or primary meaning.

Synonyms: undertone, undercurrent, implication

Antonyms: inconsequentiality, insignificance, irrelevance

Sentence: A good dictionary will give us the connotation of a word as well as its denotation.

5. INDOMITABLE (adj.) : अदम्य

Pronunciation: uhn•daw•muh•tuh•bl

Meaning: impossible to subdue or defeat.

Synonyms: invincible, unconquerable, unbeatable

Antonyms: surmountable, vincible, vulnerable

Sentence: Alice was a woman of indomitable spirit.

6. ASSAILANT (noun) : आक्रमण करनेवाला

Pronunciation: uh•sayl•uhnt

Meaning: a person who physically attacks another.

Synonyms: attacker, mugger

Antonyms: ally, friend.

Sentence: Can you describe your assailant?

7. GRIEVOUS (adj) : क्षतिकर

Pronunciation: greev•uhs

Meaning: (of something bad) very severe or serious.

Synonyms: serious, severe, grave

Antonyms: gratifying, pleasing, comfortable

Sentence: The loss of his father was a grievous blow.

8. CONFLAGRATION (noun) : आग

Pronunciation: kaw•n•fluh•gray•shn

Meaning: an extensive fire that destroys a great deal of land or property.

Synonyms: fire, blaze, flames

Antonyms: demilitarization, demobilization, disarmament.

Sentence: A conflagration in 1947 reduced 90 percent of the houses to ashes.

9. ANIMOSITY (noun) : बैर

Pronunciation: a•nuh•maw•suh•tee

Meaning: strong hostility.

Synonyms: antipathy, hostility, animus

Antonyms: amity, civility, cordiality

Sentence: He felt no animosity towards his critics.

10. DECADENCE (noun) : पतन

Pronunciation: deh•kuh•dns

Meaning: moral or cultural decline as characterized by excessive indulgence in pleasure or luxury.

Synonyms: dissipation, dissoluteness, degeneracy

Antonyms: ascent, rise, morality

Sentence: The decadence of morals is bad for a nation.

11. DETRITUS (noun): बेकार

Pronunciation: duh•trai•tuhs

Meaning: waste or debris of any kind.

Synonyms: debris, waste, rubble

Antonyms: trove, valuable

Sentence: Streets filled with rubble and detritus

12. DEBILITATE (verb) : दुर्बल करना

Pronunciation: duh•bi•luh•tayt

Meaning: make (someone) weak and infirm.

Synonyms: weakening, enfeebling, enervating

Antonyms: energize, invigorate, strengthen

Sentence: The troops were severely debilitated by hunger and disease.



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13. PROFICIENT (adj) : प्रवीण

Pronunciation: pruh•fi•shnt

Meaning: competent or skilled in doing or using something.

Synonyms: skilled, skillful, expert

Antonyms: amateur, inexperienced, inexpert

Sentence: With practice, you should become proficient within six months.

14. FORTUITOUS (adj) : आकस्मिक

Pronunciation: faw•tyoo•uh•tuhs

Meaning: happening by accident or chance rather than design.

Synonyms: chance, unexpected, unanticipated

Antonyms: hapless, intentional, planned

Sentence: The similarity between the paintings may not be simply fortuitous.

15. EBB (verb) : अवनति**Pronunciation:** Ebb**Meaning:** (of an emotion or quality) gradually lessen or reduce.**Synonyms:** diminish, dwindle, wane**Antonyms:** ascent, rise, upswing**Sentence:** Every tide has its ebb.**16. ULTERIOR (adj) : गुप्त****Pronunciation:** uhl•teeuh•ree•uh**Meaning:** existing beyond what is obvious or admitted; intentionally hidden.**Synonyms:** underlying, undisclosed, undivulged**Antonyms:** visible, exposed**Sentence:** I want to know what is your ulterior action?**17. DECIMATION (noun) : बरबादी****Pronunciation:** deh•suh•may•shn**Meaning:** the state or fact of being rendered non-existent**Synonyms:** annihilation, demolishment, demolition**Antonyms:** building, construction, protection**Sentence:** The virtual decimation of the coastal town was caused by the hurricane.**18. DEBAUCH (noun) : नाश करना****Pronunciation:** duh•baach**Meaning:** destroy or debase the moral purity of; corrupt.**Synonyms:** abase, bastardize, canker**Antonyms:** elevate, ennoble, uplift**Sentence:** He has debauched the morals of the people and endeavored to corrupt parliament.**19. UNFLINCHING (adj) : बेहिचक****Pronunciation:** uhn•flinch•uhng**Meaning:** not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or difficulty.**Synonyms:** resolute, determined, single-minded**Antonyms:** slackening, impotent, invertebrate**Sentence:** He has shown unflinching determination throughout the campaign.**20. VENGEFUL (adj.) : तामसिक****Pronunciation:** venj•ful**Meaning:** seeking to harm someone in return for a perceived injury.

Synonyms: vindictive, revengeful, out for revenge

Antonyms: delight, pleasure, calmness

Sentence: He was stabbed to death by his vengeful wife.

21. JUXTAPOSITION (noun): निकटता

Pronunciation: juhk•stuh•puhz•i•shn

Meaning: the fact of two things being seen or placed close together with contrasting effects.

Synonyms: contrast, proximity, closeness

Antonyms: distance, remoteness

Sentence: This juxtaposition of brutal reality and lyrical beauty runs through Park's stories.

22. BLIGHT (verb) : नुकसान

Pronunciation: blite

Meaning: have a severely detrimental effect on.

Synonyms: ruin, wreck, spoil

Antonyms: ameliorate, better, enhance

Sentence: The scandal blighted the careers of several leading politicians.

23. IGNOMINY (noun) : बदनामी

Pronunciation: ig•nuh•muh•nee

Meaning: public shame or disgrace.

Synonyms: shame, humiliation, embarrassment

Antonyms: esteem, honor, respect

Sentence: He feared the ignominy of being exposed as a spy.

24. MISCONCEIVE (verb) : गलत धारणा

Pronunciation: mis•kuhn•seev

Meaning: fail to understand correctly.

Synonyms: misunderstand, misinterpret, misapprehend

Antonyms: clarify, clear up, comprehend, enlighten.

Sentence: His arguments are totally misconceived.

25. ALTERCATE (verb) : विवाद करना

Pronunciation: awl•tuh•kayt

Meaning: dispute or argue noisily and publicly.

Synonyms: argue, argify, bicker

Antonyms: accept, agree, assent

Sentence: Don't altercate over such trivia.

26. INSINUATE (verb) : इशारा करना

Pronunciation: in•si•nyoo•ayt

Meaning: suggest or hint (something bad or reprehensible) in an indirect and unpleasant way.

Synonyms: imply, suggest, hint

Antonyms: announce, declare, proclaim

Sentence: What are you trying to insinuate?

27. CRITIQUE (noun) : आलोचना

Pronunciation: kruh•teek

Meaning: a detailed analysis and assessment of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory.

Synonyms: analysis, evaluation, assessment

Antonyms: compliment, flattery, praise.

Sentence: The book presents a critique of the Government's policies.

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28. PERNICIOUS (adj) : हानिकारक

Pronunciation: puh•ni•shuhs

Meaning: having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way.

Synonyms: harmful, damaging, destructive

Antonyms: anodyne, benign, harmless

Sentence: The pernicious effect of this advertising on children is a problem that we ignore at our peril.

29. APOTHEOSIS (noun) : परिणति

Pronunciation: uh•paw•thee•oh•suhs

Meaning: the highest point in the development of something; culmination or climax.

Synonyms: culmination, climax, zenith

Antonyms: abyss, base, foot

Sentence: His appearance as Hamlet was the apotheosis of his career.

30. ADORATION (adj) : आराधना

Pronunciation: a•duh•ray•shn

Meaning: deep love and respect.

Synonyms: love, devotion, worship

Antonyms: condemnation, disapproval, disdain

Sentence: He gazed at her with pure adoration.

31. RELIABLE (adj) : विश्वसनीय

Pronunciation: ruh•lai•uh•bl

Meaning: consistently good in quality or performance; able to be trusted.

Synonyms: good, well founded

Antonym: unreliable

Sentence: Newspapers are no more a reliable source of information.

32. DASTARDLY (adj) : दुष्ट

Meaning: wicked and cruel.

Pronunciation: daa•stuhd•lee

Synonyms: evil, iniquitous

Antonym: noble

Sentence: We all know the pirates and their dastardly deeds.

33. EVADE (verb) : बचना

Meaning: escape or avoid (someone or something), especially by guile or trickery.

Pronunciation: uh•vayd

Synonyms: avoid, dodge

Antonym: confront

Sentence: Friends helped him to evade my woes.

34. APPREHEND (verb) : पकड़ना

Meaning: arrest (someone) for a crime.

Pronunciation: a•pruh•hend

Synonyms: catch, capture

Antonym: let go

Sentence: A warrant was issued but he has not been apprehended.

35. CONCRETE (adj) : ठोस

Meaning: existing in a material or physical form; not abstract.

Pronunciation: kawng•kreet

Synonyms: specific, firm

Antonym: vague

Sentence: I haven't got any concrete proof of the killing.

36. DISBURSE (verb) : व्यय करना

Meaning: pay out (money from a fund).

Pronunciation: duhs•buhs

Synonyms: lay out, spend

Antonym: claim

Sentence: \$107 million of the pledged aid had already been disbursed.

37. INTRUSIVE (adj) : हस्तक्षेप करने वाले

Meaning: causing disruption or annoyance through being unwelcome or uninvited.

Pronunciation: uhn•troos•uhv

Synonyms: invasive, obtrusive

Antonym: low-key

Sentence: The reporter asked an intrusive question.

38. REPARATION (noun) : मरम्मत

Meaning: the action of making amends for a wrong one has done, by providing payment or other assistance to those who have been wronged.

Pronunciation: reh•puh•ray•shn

Synonyms: restitution, redress

Antonym: impairment

Sentence: The courts required a convicted offender to make financial reparation to his victim.

39. SUPERSEDE (verb) : विषय वस्तु

Pronunciation: soo•puh•seed

Meaning: take the place of (a person or thing previously in authority or use); supplant.

Synonyms: Replace, Supplant, Displace, Overrule, Repudiate

Antonyms: Retain, Support, Perpetuate, Continue

Sentence: A recently enacted Act that repeals an older law is said to supersede the prior legislation.

40. SWATHE (verb) : लपेटना

Pronunciation: 'swāth

Meaning: to bind or wrap

Synonyms: Wrap, Envelop, Bind, Swaddle, Bandage,

Antonyms: Expose, Bare, Denude, Unbandage

Sentence: A swathe of sunlight lay across the floor.

41. DILIGENCE (noun) : लगन, परिश्रम

Pronunciation: di•luh•jns

Meaning: the quality of doing work carefully and thoroughly.

Synonyms: assiduous, industrious, attentive, earnest

Antonyms: idle, ignorant, careless, languid

Sentence: Honesty and Diligence should be your eternal mates.

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42. ENCRYPT (verb) : गोपनीय

Pronunciation: uhn•kript

Meaning: to put information into a special form (code) especially in order to stop people understand it

Synonyms: encipher, code, cipher, conceal, encode

Antonyms: decipher, decrypt, decode

Sentence: Your WhatsApp message is fully encrypted and cannot be accessed by other persons.

43. SPRAWLING (adj) : विशाल

Pronunciation: sprawl•uhng

Meaning: Spreading out in different direction

Synonyms: Ramble, Recline, Extending, Spreading

Antonyms: Containing, limiting, Straight

Sentence: The fire is sprawling in all directions

44. SPUR (noun) : प्रेरणा

Pronunciation: spuh

Meaning: something that encourage you to do something

Synonyms: boost, encourage, impulse, stimulus

Antonyms: repress, discourage, deaden, halt

Sentence: Gandhiji's speech was powerful spur to action.

45. RELINQUISH (verb) : त्यागना

Pronunciation: ruh•ling•kvuhsh

Meaning: To withdraw or retreat from

Synonyms: give up, cede, deliver, surrender

Antonyms: continue, allow, adopt

Sentence: No one wants to relinquish power once they have it.

46. PROWESS (noun) : कौशल

Pronunciation: prau•uhs

Meaning: great skill at doing something

Synonyms: boldness, gallantry, heroism, courage

Antonyms: inability, ineptitude, cowardice

Sentence: He is always bragging about his prowess as a Cricketer.

47. ARTICULATE (adj) : स्पष्ट

Pronunciation: ar•tic•u•late

Meaning : good at expressing ideas

Synonyms: eloquent, fluent, effective, lucid, persuasive

Antonyms: hesitant, unclear, unintelligible, misrepresented

Sentence: She is an articulate and excellent negotiator.

48. MOOT (verb) : विवादाप्साद

Pronunciation: moot

Meaning: to suggest an idea that is to be considered by people

Synonyms: allude, mention, offer, propose

Antonyms: censor, suppress, silence

Sentence: It's a moot point whether Farm Bills are better or not.

49. RECONCILE (verb) : समाधान किया

Pronunciation: ri•kuhn•sile

Meaning: to find a way of dealing with two ideas, situation etc

Synonyms: conciliate, coordinate, accommodate

Antonyms: confuse, disorder, skew, disrupt

Sentence: How can you reconcile your fur coat with your love of animals?

50. FOSTER (verb) : पोषण

Pronunciation: faw•stuh

Meaning: nurture, to help or encourage of something

Synonyms: cultivate, nourish, raise,

Antonyms: forbid, interdict, proscribe

Sentence: Cultural Exchange will help foster friendly relations between countries.

51. REITERATE (verb) : बार बार दहराना

Pronunciation: ree•i•tr•ayt

Meaning: to repeat an opinion, statement etc

Synonyms: repeat, recapitulate, echo, duplicate

Antonyms: abjure, call off, cancel

Sentence: Let me reiterate the Important points of today's class.

52. IMPASSE (verb) : गतिरोध

Pronunciation : im•pas

Meaning: a difficult situation in which no progress can be made

Synonyms: deadlock, standstill, stalemate

Antonyms: acceding, accord, agreement

Sentence: Negotiation seemed to have reached an impasse.

53. EMBARK (verb) : प्रारंभ

Pronunciation: uhm•baark

Meaning: to get on a ship, Set out on

Synonyms: enter, send, recruit, insert, venture

Antonyms: back off, close, quit, end, land

Sentence: She is about to embark on a new business venture.

54. PENURIOUS (adj) : दरदर, गरीब, लोभी

Pronunciation: puh•nur•ee•uhs

Meaning: extremely Stingy or poor

Synonyms: destitute, bankrupt, broke, miserly, niggardly

Antonyms: extravagant, lavish, selfless, benevolent

Sentence: The penurious man could not afford to buy food.

55. BENEVOLENCE (noun) : भलाई

Pronunciation: buh•neh•vuh•luhns

Meaning: the quality of being well meaning or kindness

Synonyms: mercy, favor, indulgence, boon, benefit

Antonyms: hindrance, hurdle, concord, interference

Sentence: He did it out of pure benevolence.

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56. MITIGATE (verb) : कम करना

Pronunciation: mi•tuh•gayt

Meaning: make less severe, serious or painful

Synonyms: reduce, alleviate, diminish, lessen

Antonyms: sharpen, intensify, exacerbate

Sentence: It is unclear how to mitigate the effects of COVID on Tourism.

57. REVERBERATION (noun) : प्रतिध्वनन

Pronunciation: ruh•vur•bray•shn

Meaning: prolongation of a sound

Synonyms: repercussion, echo, replication, reflection

Antonyms: hollow, low, smothered, muted

Sentence: The building shook with the reverberation of the bomb.

58. REPERCUSSION (noun) : प्रतिक्रिया, प्रभाव

Pronunciation: ree•pr•kuh•shn

Meaning: the Effect of an action or decision

Synonyms: reverberation, rebound, recoil

Antonyms: inability, ineptitude, cowardice

Sentence: The failure of Banks is the repercussion of the whole economy.

59. SABOTAGE (verb) : तोड़-फोड़

Pronunciation: sa•buh•taazh

Meaning : deliberately destroy, damage or obstruct etc

Synonyms: demolishing, destruction, ravage

Antonyms: conservation, protection, salvage

Sentence: They tried to sabotage the ceasefire.

60. SALVAGE (verb) : उबार

Pronunciation: sal•vuhj

Meaning: rescue or retrieve

Synonyms: save, retrieve, retain, conserve

Antonyms: endangered, risk, compromise

Sentence: Officials tried to salvage the situations

61. CLAMOUR (noun) : कोलाहल

Pronunciation: clam•our

Meaning: a loud & confused noise

Synonyms: hue & cry, outcry, tumult

Antonyms: murmur, rumble, mumble

Sentence: There was a clamour of voices outside the house.

62. SUBVENTION (noun) : आर्थिक सहायता

Pronunciation: suhb•ven•shn

Meaning: a grant of money (financial aid) especially from Govt.

Synonyms: allocation, aid, assistance, grant

Antonyms: denial, refusal, repudiation

Sentence: The NGO is funded by an annual subvention from the government.

63. BUOYANT (adj) : प्रसन्नचित्त

Pronunciation: boy•uhnt

Meaning: cheerful & optimistic

Synonyms: cheerful, happy, sanguine

Antonyms: lethargic, sluggish, torpid

Sentence: Demand for the product is buoyant.

64. MALFEASANCE (verb) : दुराचार

Pronunciation: mal•fea•sance

Meaning: wrongdoing especially by a public officials

Synonyms: unpleasant, malfunction

Antonyms: cause, question

Sentence: Many cases of Malfeasance are currently investigated.

65. WEAR OUT (phrase) : थकना**Pronunciation:** Wear out**Meaning:** tired, exhaust, erase**Synonyms:** deteriorate, fatigue, weary, drain**Antonyms:** activate, energize, rejuvenate, relax**Sentence:** The machine will soon wear out.**66. FEEBLE (adj) : कमज़ोर****Pronunciation:** fee•bl**Meaning:** lacking in strength or deficient in resources**Synonyms:** debilitated, delicate, enervate**Antonyms:** mighty, powerful, stalwart, strong**Sentence:** He is a feeble, helpless old man.**67. SEMBLANCE (verb) : दिखावा****Pronunciation:** sem•bluhns**Meaning:** the appearance of being something or of having a certain quality**Synonyms:** appearance, seeming, show, pretence**Antonyms:** candour, bluntness, sincerity**Sentence:** The film lacks any semblance of realism.**68. DESCRIBY (verb) : पता लगा लेना****Pronunciation:** duh•skrai**Meaning:** catch sight of, notice something**Synonyms:** describe, escrow**Antonyms:** miss, overlook, misobserve**Sentence:** The jeweler is able to easily descry the true value of diamond.**69. RESILIENT (adj) : लचीला****Pronunciation:** ruh•zil•ynt**Meaning:** strong enough to deal with illness, a shock, or change etc**Synonyms:** elastic, flexible, adaptable**Antonyms:** firm, hard, compact**Sentence:** Rubber is a resilient material.**70. BULWARK (noun) : बांध****Pronunciation:** bul•wrk**Meaning:** a solid wall- like structure raised for defence, A strong support**Synonyms:** cover, defend, shield, preserve

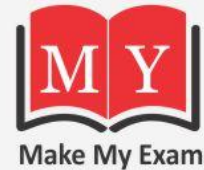
Antonyms: bombard, beset, besiege

Sentence: My savings are to be bulwark against Unemployment.

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