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Some exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read their usages to learn how to use them in sentences. This will really help you boost up your learning.

Happy Learning!!!

1. SLAM (verb) – ज़ोर से बंद करना

Pronunciation: slam

Meaning: shut (a door, window, or lid) forcefully and loudly; crash into; collide heavily with

Synonyms: bang; hit, strike, ram

Antonyms: close gently, miss

Usage:

- He slammed the door behind her as she left.
- The car mounted the pavement, slamming into a lamp post.

2. GRATIS (adverb, adjective) – मुफ्त

Pronunciation: gratis / graa-tis / grei-tis

Meaning: without charge; given or done for nothing

Synonyms: free of charge, free, for nothing, at no cost, without payment, without paying, gratuitously

Antonym: for a fee

Usage:

- Medical advice was provided gratis. (adverb)
- We provide gratis service. (adjective)

3. TREATISE (noun) – निबंध, प्रकरण

Pronunciation: tree-tiz / tree-tis

Meaning: a written work dealing formally and systematically with a subject

Synonyms: disquisition, essay, paper, work, discourse, thesis

Usage: The doctor wrote a treatise on alcoholism.

4. TYRANT (noun) – तानाशाह

Pronunciation: tai-runt

Meaning: a person exercising power or control in a cruel, unreasonable, or arbitrary way

Synonyms: dictator, despot, autocrat, authoritarian, oppressor

Usage: She was a tyrant who had absolutely no tolerance for mistakes.

5. UMPTEEN (adjective) – अनेक, बहुत

Pronunciation: ump-teen

Meaning: indefinitely many; a lot of

Synonyms: countless, numerous, innumerable

Antonym: few

Usage: I have told this story umpteen times.

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6. FLURRY (noun) – हवा का झोंका

Pronunciation: fluri

Meaning: a small swirling mass of something, especially snow or leaves, moved by sudden gusts of wind; a number of things arriving or happening suddenly and during the same period

Synonyms: swirl, whirl, eddy, billow, shower, gust, rush; spate, wave, flood, deluge, torrent

Antonyms: lull; dearth, trickle

Usage:

- He opens the door and a flurry of snow blows in.
- There was a sudden flurry of interest in the book.

7. ASCERTAIN (verb) – सुनिश्चित करना

Pronunciation: asut-ein

Meaning: find (something) out for certain; make sure of

Synonyms: discover, work out, make out; establish, fix, determine, settle, decide, verify

Usage: A postmortem was ordered to try to ascertain the cause of death.

8. FIASCO (noun) – असफलता

Pronunciation: fi-asko

Meaning: a complete failure, usually in an embarrassing way

Synonyms: failure, disaster, catastrophe, debacle, shambles, farce, mess

Antonym: success

Usage: The party was a fiasco from start to finish.

9. OVERSEE (verb) – देखरेख

Pronunciation: over-see

Meaning: supervise (a person or their work), especially in an official capacity

Synonyms: supervise, superintend, inspect, administer, look after

Usage: You must employ someone to oversee the project.

10. SCURRY (verb, noun) – तेज चाल

Pronunciation: skuri

Meaning: (of a person or small animal) move hurriedly with short quick steps; a situation of hurried and confused movement

Synonyms: scamper, scuttle, bustle, skip, trot, hurry, hasten; rush, race, dash, run, sprint

Antonyms: amble, stroll

Usage:

- The rats scurry around, searching for scraps of food in the rubbish. (verb)
- I heard a scurry of footsteps. (noun)



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