Vocabulary

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Exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here.
Happy learning!!!

1. CASTIGATE (VERB): तिरस्कार करना

Pronunciation: ka•stuh•gayt
Meaning: to criticize (someone) severely or angrily especially for personal failings.
Synonyms: scold, reprimand, criticize
Antonyms: praise, Compliment, Encourage
Sentence: They castigated him for his constant tardiness.

2. INSUPERABLE (ADJECTIVE): अजेय

Pronunciation: uhn•soo•pruh•bl
Meaning: incapable of being defeated, overcome
Synonyms: insurmountable, unconquerable
Antonyms: vulnerable, surmountable, Beatable
Sentence: The difficulties that confront us seem insuperable.

3. GLADE (NOUN): जंगल का खुला हुआ मैदान

Pronunciation: glayd
Meaning: a grassy open space in a forest.
Synonyms: meadow, Opening , Dale
Antonyms: Forest, Thicket, Dense canopy
Sentence: Although it was midwinter now, the glade was as freshly green as the birch woods are in early summer.

4. LOLLYGAG (VERB): धीरे धीरे काम करना

Pronunciation: lol•ly•gag
Meaning: to move or act slowly.
Synonyms: delay, Loiter, dawdle
Antonyms: hurry, rush, Hasten
Sentence: They accused the government of lollygagging while survivors of the earthquake continued to live in the most wretched conditions.

5. BETWIXT (PREPOSITION): बीच में

Pronunciation: buh•tvikst
Meaning: between (two people or things).
Synonyms: between, among, amidst
Antonyms: Outside, Beyond, Away from
Sentence: He took a seat betwixt two other passengers.

6. PALAVER (VERB): वार्ता

Pronunciation: puh•laa•vuh
Meaning: to engage in casual or rambling conversation.
Synonyms: chat, talk, Confer
Antonyms: Be quiet, Silence, Speak briefly
Sentence: Mothers palavering and drinking coffee while watching their children play.

7. OMNISCIENT (ADJECTIVE): सर्वज्ञ

Pronunciation: awm•ni•see•uhnt
Meaning: knowing everything; having unlimited understanding or knowledge.
Synonyms: almighty, all-knowing, All-wise
Antonyms: Ignorant, Unknowing, Unaware
Sentence: The novel has an omniscient narrator.

8. HALLOWED (ADJECTIVE): पवित्र

Pronunciation: ha•lode
Meaning: set apart or worthy of veneration by association with God.
Synonyms: sacred, holy, venerated
Antonyms: unhallowed, Unsanctified, Unholy
Sentence: Hallowed traditions that bind the present generation with all those that have gone before.

9. ASSESSING (VERB): आकलन

Pronunciation: uh•ses•uhng
Meaning: evaluate or estimate the nature, ability, or quality of.
Synonyms: estimating, evaluating, Judging
Antonyms: Neglecting, Ignoring, Overlooking
Sentence: What criteria are used for assessing a student's ability?

10. EXTRICATE (VERB): छुडाना

Pronunciation: ek•struh•kayt
Meaning: to set free from entanglement or difficulty.
Synonyms: liberate, free, disentangle
Antonyms: Entangle, Involve, Enmesh
Sentence: How was he going to extricate himself from this situation?

11. EMBELLISH (VERB): सजाना / सुशोभित

Pronunciation: uhm•beh•luhsh
Meaning: to make something more beautiful by adding something to it; make (a statement or story) more interesting by adding extra details that are often untrue.
Synonyms: decorate, adorn, ornament, elaborate
Antonyms: Spoil, Disfigure, simplify
Sentence: These ornaments are made in silver, and precious and semi-precious gems are used to embellish them.

12. SCOFF (VERB): उपहास

Pronunciation: skawf
Meaning: speak to someone or about something in a scornfully derisive or mocking way.
Synonyms: mock, taunt, ridicule, deride
Antonyms: admire, approve, compliment, honor
Sentence: The rude little rich girl thought it was fun to scoff at the poor children at her school.

13. MUNIFICENCE (NOUN): उदारता

Pronunciation: myoo•ni•fuh•sns
Meaning: the quality or action of being lavishly generous; great generosity.
Synonyms: generosity, bountifulness, magnanimity
Antonyms: Miserliness, Niggardliness, Parsimony
Sentence: The munificent woman is a well-known philanthropist who funds many university scholarships.

14. JUVENILE (NOUN/ADJ.): किशोर, नाबालिग

Pronunciation: joo•vuh•nile
Meaning: relating to or characteristic of young people; a person below the age of majority.
Synonyms: youthful, adolescent, teenage, immature, young
Antonyms: mature, adult, grown-up
Sentence: The juvenile was sent to a rehabilitation center for his involvement in the crime.

15. MISOGYNIST (ADJ.): स्त्रीद्वेषी, नारीविरोधी

Pronunciation: mi-zah-juh-nist
Meaning: a person who dislikes, distrusts, or has prejudice against women.
Synonyms: Woman-hater, sexist, chauvinist
Antonyms: Feminist, supporter of gender equality, Philogynist
Sentence: His derogatory remarks about women clearly showed that he was a misogynist.

16. DEFT (ADJECTIVE): निपुण

Pronunciation: deft
Meaning: skillful, adept, quick, and skillful in movement or action.
Synonyms: Skillful, nimble, dexterous, proficient
Antonyms: Clumsy, inept, Unskillful
Sentence: The chef's deft hands swiftly prepared the intricate dish with precision and finesse.

17. THROES (NOUN): विकट स्थिति

Pronunciation:throze
Meaning: intense pain, struggle, or agony.
Synonyms: Agony, torment, anguish, struggle
Antonyms: Ease, comfort, tranquility
Sentence: The country was in the throes of a political crisis, with protests and unrest spreading across the nation.

18. ELUCIDATION (NOUN): व्याख्या

Pronunciation:uh•loo•suhd•ay•shn
Meaning: explanation or clarification of a concept or idea.
Synonyms: Explanation, clarification, interpretation, exposition
Antonyms: Confusion, obscurity, ambiguity
Sentence: The teacher provided a detailed elucidation of the scientific theory, helping the students better understand its principles.

19. APARTHEID (NOUN): रंग-भेद

Pronunciation: uh•paat•ide
Meaning: a system under which people of different races were kept separate by law, and white people were given more political rights and educational and other advantages.
Synonyms: segregation, discrimination, racism
Antonyms: integration, Impartiality,Unity
Sentence: Nelson Mandela helped to end Apartheid, which was racial discrimination in South Africa.

20. PANDEMONIUM (NOUN): हंगामा

Pronunciation: pan•duh•moh•nee•uhm
Meaning: wild and noisy disorder or confusion
Synonyms: disturbance, turmoil, Uproar
Antonyms: calm, rest, Silence, peace
Sentence: Even though the teacher had instructed the children to be on their best behavior, pandemonium broke loose the minute Santa Claus walked through the door.

21. CONSERVATISM (NOUN): रूढ़िवाद

Pronunciation: kuhn•suhv•uh•ti•zm
Meaning: commitment to traditional values and ideas with opposition to change or innovation.
Synonyms: Traditionalism, Conventionalism
Antonyms: Liberalism, progressivism, radicalism
Sentence: His views on social issues reflect his deep conservatism and resistance to change.

22. DISCONCERT (VERB): चिंताजनक

Pronunciation: dis•kuhn•suht
Meaning: disturb the composure of; unsettle.
Synonyms: fluster, unsettle, discomfit, disturb
Antonyms: relieve, soothe, comfort, calm
Sentence: John would disconcert his parents by not coming home after school.

23. ADDLED (ADJECTIVE): व्याकुल

Pronunciation:a•dld
Meaning: Unable to think clearly; confused
Synonyms: dazed, bewildered, confused
Antonyms: conscious, clearheaded
Sentence: Because my grandmother is in her mid-nineties, she is a bit addled at times and requires the aid of a personal caregiver.

24. CATHARSIS (NOUN): विरेचन

Pronunciation: kuh•thaa•suhs
Meaning: the process of releasing strong emotions through a particular activity or experience, such as writing or theatre, in a way that helps you to understand those emotions.
Synonyms: Emotional release, purgation
Antonyms: Suppression, inhibition, repression
Sentence: Crying is a great catharsis for releasing pain and anger.

25. FOLLY (NOUN): मूर्खता

Pronunciation: faw•lee
Meaning: lack of good sense; foolishness.
Synonyms: Inanity, idiocy, absurdity, stupidity
Antonyms: wisdom, prudence, Sanity, sagacity
Sentence: It was sheer folly to invest all his money in a risky business venture without proper research and planning.

26. JOCUND (ADJECTIVE): प्रफुल्ल

Pronunciation:joh•knd
Meaning: cheerful and lighthearted, in a happy mood.
Synonyms: Cheerful, Joyful, Gleeful, Blithe
Antonyms: Gloomy, Melancholy, Sad, Somber
Sentence: As soon as I walked towards the front door of the luxury hotel, a jocund doorman greeted me with a smile.

27. DILATION (NOUN): फैलाव

Pronunciation:dai•lay•shn
Meaning: the action or condition of becoming or being made wider, larger, or more open.
Synonyms: Expansion,Enlargement,Inflation
Antonyms: contraction, shrinkage, reduction
Sentence: The doctor will repair the narrowed vessels by inserting a tube to dilate them.

28. CURTAIL (VERB): छोटा या संक्षिप्त करना

Pronunciation: kuh•tayl
Meaning: to reduce or restrict; to cut short or diminish.
Synonyms: Reduce, decrease, limit, restrict
Antonyms: Expand, increase, extend, amplify
Sentence: The company had to curtail its expenses in order to stay within the budget.

29. REDRESS (VERB/NOUN): सुधार करना

Pronunciation: ruh•dres
Meaning: remedy, correct, or make amends for wrongdoing or injustice; compensation for a wrong or grievance.
Synonyms: Rectify, repair, Correct, Relieve
Antonyms: Aggravate, worsen, exacerbate
Sentence: The organization is working towards providing redress to the victims of the fraud.

30. WANTON (ADJECTIVE): अकारण

Pronunciation:vawn•tn
Meaning: showing no care or concern for others
Synonyms: Reckless, malicious, Unprovoked
Antonyms: Careful, responsible, conscientious
Sentence: The wanton destruction of the property angered the community.

31. SPORADIC (ADJECTIVE): छिटपुट

Pronunciation:spuh•ra•duhk
Meaning: occurring irregularly or infrequently; scattered or isolated in occurrence.
Synonyms: Infrequent, occasional, intermittent
Antonyms: Regular, constant, continuous
Sentence: The company experienced sporadic power outages throughout the day, causing disruptions in their operations.

32. EXTRAPOLATE (VERB): आउटपुट निर्धारित करना

Pronunciation: uhk•stra•puh•layt
Meaning: to estimate or deduce something by extending or projecting known information, or to infer something from what is already known.
Synonyms: derive, infer, deduce
Antonyms: Disregard, Ignore, Overlook
Sentence: The researchers were able to extrapolate expected results based on previous experiments.

33. VACILLATE (VERB): डग मगाना

Pronunciation: va•suh•layt
Meaning: to be indecisive or wavering, to sway or hesitate between options.
Synonyms: Hesitate, Waver, Fluctuate, Dither
Antonyms: Decide, Continue, Resolve
Sentence: She vacillated between two colleges, unable to decide which one to attend.

34. UNDERGIRD (VERB): समर्थन करना

Pronunciation:uhn•duh•guhd
Meaning: to provide a strong foundation or support for something
Synonyms: Bolster, Strengthen, Support
Antonyms: Undermine, Weaken, Sabotage
Sentence: The team's success is undergirded by their strong work ethic and dedication.

35. SEDULOUS (ADJECTIVE):मेहनती, परिश्रमी

Pronunciation:seh•joo•luhs
Meaning: diligent and hardworking.
Synonyms: Assiduous, industrious, hardworking
Antonyms: Lazy, idle, careless
Sentence: Her sedulous efforts paid off when she was promoted to manager after a year at company.

36. OSTENSIBLE (ADJECTIVE): प्रकट

Pronunciation: aw•sten•suh•bl
Meaning: stated or appearing to be true, but not necessarily so.
Synonyms: Apparent, Seeming, Supposed
Antonyms: Actual, Genuine, Real, Authentic
Sentence: His ostensible reason for being late was traffic, but in reality, he just overslept.

37. SUSCEPTIBILITY (NOUN): अतिसंवेदनशीलता

Pronunciation: suh•sep•tuh•bil•uh•tee
Meaning: the state or fact of being likely or liable to be influenced or harmed by a particular thing.
Synonyms: vulnerability, sensitivity, Liability
Antonyms: immunity, resistance, Invulnerability
Sentence: Some people have a higher susceptibility to colds and coughs than others.

38. BEHOVE (VERB): उपयुक्त होना, उचित होना

Pronunciation: buh•hove
Meaning: to be appropriate, or advantageous for someone to do something; it is a duty or responsibility for someone to do something.
Synonyms: Befit, suit, fit
Antonyms: Misfit, be unsuitable, be unfitting
Sentence: As a responsible citizen, it behoves us to follow traffic rules and keep the streets safe for everyone.

39. LAMBENT (ADJECTIVE): चमकीला

Pronunciation:lam•bent
Meaning: glowing, flickering with a soft radiance.
Synonyms: Glowing, radiant, shining, flickering, shimmering, sparkling
Antonyms: Dull, dark, gloomy
Sentence: The moon cast a lambent glow on the lake, creating a peaceful and serene atmosphere.

40. CLAMOUR (VERB): शोर मचाना

Pronunciation:clam•our
Meaning: a loud and confused noise, especially that of people shouting.
Synonyms: Shout, Yell, Roar
Antonyms: Silence, Quiet, Whisper
Sentence: The clamour of the protesters outside the building couldbe heard from inside.

41. SWARMING (ADJECTIVE): झुंड

Pronunciation: svawm•uhng
Meaning: moving in or forming a large group.
Synonyms: abounding, Thronging, Crowded
Antonyms: Uncrowded, empty, vacant
Sentence: The place was swarming with police and displaced residents.

42. GRIPPING (ADJECTIVE): मनोरंजक

Pronunciation: grip•uhng
Meaning: firmly holding the attention or interest
Synonyms: enthralling, fascinating, immersing
Antonyms: boring, drab, monotonous
Sentence: The film turned out to be a gripping thriller.

43. DUTIFUL (ADJECTIVE): कर्तव्यपरायण

Pronunciation: dyoo•tuh•ful
Meaning: conscientiously or obediently fulfilling one's duty.
Synonyms: conscientious, responsible, dedicated
Antonyms: undutiful, discourteous, insolent
Sentence: She was a complaisant wife and dutiful daughter.

44. DISTRAUGHT (ADJECTIVE): व्याकुल

Pronunciation: duh•strawt
Meaning: deeply upset and agitated.
Synonyms: worried, upset, distressed
Antonyms: calm, peaceful, placid
Sentence: Her distraught mother had spent all night waiting by the phone.

45. PLOYS (NOUN): चाल

Pronunciation: ployz
Meaning: a cunning plan or action designed to turn a situation to one's own advantage.
Synonyms: tactic, stratagem, trick
Antonyms: Sincerity, Directness, openness
Sentence: Asking me to take her shopping turned out to be a ploy to get me to the surprise party.

46. FIASCO (NOUN): असफलता

Pronunciation: fee•a•skoh
Meaning: a thing that is a complete failure, especially in a ludicrous or humiliating way.
Synonyms: failure, debacle, shambles
Antonyms: hit, smash, success
Sentence: The mass rally was a total fiasco.

47. DEFILE (VERB): गंदा करना

Pronunciation: dih-fyle
Meaning: to make unfit for use by the addition of something harmful or undesirable.
Synonyms: befoul, contaminate, spoil
Antonyms: decontaminate, purify, clean
Sentence: Supplies of meat that had been defiled by maggots.

48. INCULCATE (VERB): मन में बैठाना

Pronunciation: in•kuhl•kayt
Meaning: instill (an attitude, idea, or habit) by persistent instruction.
Synonyms: instil, implant, imbue
Antonyms: Eliminate, Extirpate, Eradicate
Sentence: Not all schools manage to successfully inculcate a love of learning.

49. AFFABILITY (NOUN): मिलनसारिता

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.

50. GAZILLION (NOUN): अधिक

Pronunciation: guh•zi•lee•uhn
Meaning: a very large number or quantity
Synonyms: Millions, Zillion, Gazillions
Antonyms: Handful,Few,Smidgen
Sentence: I have a gazillion things to do.

51. NEOTERIC (ADJECTIVE): नवीन

Pronunciation: nee-oh-TER-ik
Meaning: new or modern; recent.
Synonyms: latest, modern, recent
Antonyms: Traditional, Ancient, Archaic
Sentence: The neoteric design of the building stood out among the surrounding traditional structures.

52.CHEESEPARING (ADJ.): कंजूस

Pronunciation: cheez•peuh•ruhng
Meaning: careful or stingy with money.
Synonyms: cheapness, penny-pinching, penuriousness
Antonyms: generosity, largesse
Sentence: I have never been in favour of cheeseparing in education.

53. SMIDGEN (NOUN): थोडा

Pronunciation: smi•jn
Meaning: a small amount of something.
Synonyms: bit, driblet, little
Antonyms: abundance, barrel, Plethora, Lot
Sentence: The amount of sand I can hold in my hand is a smidgen compared to all the sand on the beach.

54. SNAZZY (ADJECTIVE): अत्यधिक आकर्षक

Pronunciation: sna•zee
Meaning: modern and stylish in a way that attracts attention.
Synonyms: stylish, flashy, fashionable
Antonyms: simple, modest, plain, unadorned
Sentence: Innovation is about more than designing snazzy products. It's also about improving customer experiences and services.

55. COAX (VERB): मनवाना

Pronunciation: kokes
Meaning: persuade
Synonyms: wheedle, cajole, inveigle
Antonyms: dissuade, argue, browbeat
Sentence: The trainees were coaxed into doing boring work.

56. IRE (NOUN): गुस्सा

Pronunciation: ire
Meaning: anger
Synonyms: indignation, wrath, outrage, fury, rage
Antonyms: Pleasure, calmness, delight, Cheerfulness
Sentence: Their ire was directed mainly at the government.

57. CONTEMPLATE (VERB): सोचना

Pronunciation: kawn•tuhm•playt
Meaning: think deeply and at length.
Synonyms: ponder, consider, entertain, debate, study
Antonyms: dismiss, ignore, scorn, disregard, reject
Sentence: When the accountant was asked to contemplate the current budget, he discovered many ways the company could save money.

58. AGGRIEVE (ADJECTIVE): व्यथित

Pronunciation: ag•grieve
Meaning: feeling resentment at having been unfairly treated.
Synonyms: Injured, Pained, Wronged, Offended
Antonyms : satisfy, please, Gladden
Sentence: He felt aggrieved at not being chosen for the team.

59. IMPENDING (ADJECTIVE): निकट का

Pronunciation: im•pen•ding
Meaning: imminent
Synonyms: Coming, Nearing, approaching
Antonyms: remote, Far, distant
Sentence: They were in impending danger of being swept away.

60. EMPATHY (NOUN): सहानुभूति

Pronunciation: em•puh•thee
Meaning: the ability to understand and share another person's feelings, thoughts, or experiences.
Synonyms: rapport, Affinity, Fellow feeling
Antonyms: Apathy, Indifference, Callousness
Sentence: She'd been incapable of empathy.