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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. HANKER (verb) : लालायित होना

Pronunciation: hang·kuh

Meaning: feel a strong desire for or to do something.

Synonyms: yearn, crave, desire

Antonyms: abhor, abominate, despise

Sentence: What did you hanker after most when you were in prison?

2. ASCRIBING (verb) : वर्णन करना

Pronunciation: uh·skribe·uhng

Meaning: attribute something to (a cause).

Synonyms: attribute, assign, put down

Antonyms: fail, reject, disapprove

Sentence: To what do you ascribe your phenomenal success?

3. INDEFENSIBLE (adj.) : असमर्थनीय

Pronunciation: in·duh·fens·uh·bl

Meaning: not justifiable by argument.

Synonyms: inexcusable, unjustifiable, unjustified

Antonyms: defensible, excusable, forgivable

Sentence: The war is morally indefensible.

4. BURNISH (verb) : चमकना

Pronunciation: buh·nuhsh

Meaning: polish (something, especially metal) by rubbing.

Synonyms: polish (up), shine, brighten

Antonyms: rough (up), roughen, ruffle

Sentence: She wished her to dust the furniture, burnish the coal-scuttle, and clean the windows.

5. ALLUSION (noun) : संकेत

Pronunciation: uh·loo·zhn

Meaning: an expression designed to call something to mind without mentioning it explicitly; an indirect or passing reference.

Synonyms: reference to, mention of, comment on

Antonyms: ignorance, disregard, ignoring

Sentence: The committee made no allusion to the former President in its report.

6. MERCURIAL (adj.) : अस्थिर

Pronunciation: muh·kyoo·ree·uhl

Meaning: (of a person) subject to sudden or unpredictable changes of mood or mind.

Synonyms: volatile, capricious, temperamental

Antonyms: certain, changeless, constant

Sentence: Advertising is a mercurial business.

7. ENCUMBER (verb) : उलझाना

Pronunciation: uhn·kuhm·buh

Meaning: restrict or burden (someone or something) in such a way that free action or movement is difficult.

Synonyms: hamper, hinder, obstruct

Antonyms: aid, assist, facilitate

Sentence: I don't want to encumber myself with unnecessary luggage.

8. MORIBUND (adj.) : मरणासन्न

Pronunciation: maw·ruh·buhnd

Meaning: (of a person) at the point of death.

Synonyms: dying, near death, near the end

Antonyms: thriving, recovering, alive, animate

Sentence: The patient was _ by the time the doctor arrived.

9. GUBERNATORIAL (adj.) : गवर्नर संबंधी

Pronunciation: gyoo·buh·nuh·taw·ree·uhl

Meaning: relating to a state governor or the office of the state governor.

Synonyms: administrative, dominant, guiding

Antonyms: inferior, powerless, subordinate

Sentence: Four heavyside men stood in the gubernatorial anteroom.

10. MINUTIAE (noun) : सूक्ष्म

Pronunciation: muh·nyoo·shai

Meaning: the small, precise, or trivial details of something.

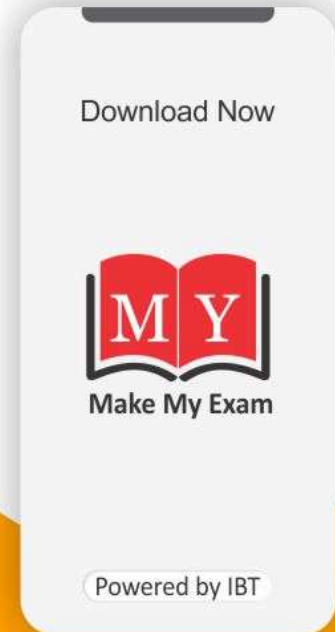
Synonyms: details, niceties, subtleties

Antonym: big picture

Sentence: He had memorized the many minutiae of the legal code.

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