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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. CLINCHES (NOUN): कड़ी

Pronunciation: klinch·uhz

Meaning: the decisive or final moves, actions, or factors that secure a victory, success, or resolution of a situation.

Synonyms: Confirms

Antonyms: Fails, Misses

Sentence: His last minute goal in the championship match clinches the victory for the team and secures their place in the finals.

2. COMPLICITY (NOUN): सहापराध

Pronunciation: kuhm·pli·suh·tee

Meaning: the state of being involved in a wrongful act or illegal activity as an accomplice or partner.

Synonyms: Conspiracy, Connivance

Antonyms: Ignorance, Innocence

Sentence: The investigation revealed that several high ranking officials were in complicity with the organized crime syndicate, leading to their arrests and subsequent trials.

3. MULLING (VERB): विचार करना

Pronunciation: muh·luhng

Meaning: the act of deep and careful thought or consideration.

Synonyms: Ruminating, Meditating

Antonyms: Rushing, Neglecting

Sentence: After receiving the job offer, she spent the weekend mulling over whether to accept it, considering all the pros and cons carefully.

4. HOAX (NOUN): छल

Pronunciation: hokes

Meaning: a deceptive or misleading act or scheme intended to trick, deceive, or fool people into believing something false or untrue.

Synonyms: Deception, fraud, trick

Antonyms: Truth, authenticity, sincerity

Sentence: The email claiming that you won a million dollars from a lottery you never entered turned out to be a hoax.

Verb: He attempted to hoax his friends by pretending to be a famous celebrity on social media.

5. BURNISH (VERB): पालिश

Pronunciation: buh·nuhsh

Meaning: to polish, shine, or make something smooth and shiny, typically by rubbing or buffing it.

Synonyms: Buff, Smooth

Antonyms: Corrode, Rust

Sentence: The marketing team worked hard to burnish the company's image in the eyes of the public.

6. REPOSITORIES (NOUN): खजाने

Pronunciation: ruh·paw·zuh·tuh·reez

Meaning: to store and organize a collection of items, such as data, documents, or objects, in a systematic manner.

Synonyms: Vaults, Collections

Antonyms: Ejectors, Dispensers

Sentence: Government archives are important repositories of historical records and official documents.

7. SCION (NOUN): वंशज

Pronunciation: sai·uhn

Meaning: a descendant or heir, especially a young one who is expected to continue a family's legacy, often in terms of wealth, status, or a particular tradition or business.

Synonyms: Inheritor, Progeny

Antonyms: Forbear, Ancestor

Sentence: She was the scion of a long line of artists and had a natural talent for painting.

8. SABOTAGE (VERB): तोड़.फोड़

Pronunciation: sa·buh·taazh

Meaning: to deliberately destroy, damage, or disrupt something, such as a plan, project, relationship, or process, often for malicious or self-serving reasons.

Synonyms: Subvert, Wreck

Antonyms: Assist, Foster

Sentence: She feared that revealing her secret plans would lead someone to try to sabotage her ambitions.

9. INTRICATE (ADJECTIVE): जटिल

Pronunciation: in·truh·kuht

Meaning: very complicated, detailed, or complex in structure or design.

Synonyms: Complex, Intricacy

Antonyms: Simple, Basic

Sentence: The intricate patterns in the stained glass windows of the cathedral were a testament to the skill and craftsmanship of the artisans who created them.

10. BENIGN (ADJECTIVE): सौम्य

Pronunciation: buh·nine

Meaning: a something that is not harmful, threatening, or malignant.

Synonyms: Benevolent, Harmless

Antonyms: Malicious, Hostile

Sentence: The doctor assured the patient that the tumour was benign and could be easily removed without posing any serious health risks.

11. STAMPEDE (NOUN): भगदड़

Pronunciation: stom·peed

Meaning: a situation where a large group of frightened animals, esp. horses or cattle.

Synonyms: Panic, Scattering

Sentence: The crowd stampeded and many were crushed or trampled underfoot.

12. CONVERGENCE (NOUN): संमिलन

Pronunciation: kuh·vuh·jns

Meaning: the meeting or merging of things that were previously separate or distinct, resulting in a shared focus.

Synonyms: Conflux, Junction

Antonyms: Dispersal, Deviation

Sentence: The convergence of various cultures at the international festival showcased the beauty of diversity.

13. DENOVO (ADJECTIVE AND ADVERB): नए सिरे से या शुरूसे

Pronunciation: de no·vo

Meaning: starting over or from the beginning.

Synonyms: Anew, Again

Antonyms: Incessantly, Persistently

Sentence: The research team took a Denovo approach to solving the problem, breaking away from traditional methods.

The legal team decided to present the case of Denovo to ensure a fair trial for the defendant.

14. HETEROGENEITY (NOUN): विजातिता**Pronunciation:** heh·troh·jeh·ni·tee**Meaning:** the presence of various distinct elements, differences, or variations within a larger whole.**Synonyms:** Assortment, Mixture**Antonyms:** Conformity, Uniformity**Sentence:** The economic challenges faced by the region were exacerbated by the heterogeneity of industries and income levels.**15. DRUDGERY (NOUN): कठिन परिश्रम****Pronunciation:** druhj·uh·ree**Meaning:** dull, repetitive, or menial tasks that are often considered tedious and uninteresting.**Synonyms:** Tedium, Routine**Antonyms:** Variety, Stimulation**Sentence:** The endless drudgery of commuting took a toll on his overall well being.**16. SHUDDERING (VERB): कांपना, थरथराना****Pronunciation:** shuh·duh·ruhng**Meaning:** a sudden and brief convulsive movement.**Synonyms:** Tremors, quivering**Antonyms:** Composure, Steadiness**Sentence:** The artist intentionally incorporated dissonance into his artwork to evoke a sense of unease and contemplation.**17. EXORBITANT (ADJECTIVE): अत्यधिक****Pronunciation:** uhg·zaw·buh·tnt**Meaning:** unreasonably high or excessive, especially in terms of price, cost, or demand.**Synonyms:** Extravagant, Inflated**Antonyms:** Sensible, Moderate**Sentence:** She was shocked by the exorbitant fees charged by the designer for a custom made gown.**18. FURORE (NOUN): हंगामा****Pronunciation:** fyoo·raw·ree**Meaning:** a state of intense excitement, anger, or controversy.**Synonyms:** Outrage, Uproar**Antonyms:** Calmness

Sentence: The sudden increase in prices of essential goods led to a furore among the consumers, prompting calls for government intervention.

19. VEXATIOUS (ADJECTIVE): अफ़सोसनाक

Pronunciation: veks·ay·shuhs

Meaning: causing annoyance, frustration, or distress, often persistently or repeatedly.

Synonyms: Annoying, Irritating

Antonyms: Pleasant

Sentence: Dealing with the faulty internet connection on a daily basis was a vexatious issue for the remote workers.

20. EXPULSION (NOUN): निष्कासन

Pronunciation: uhk·spuhl·zhn

Meaning: the act of forcing someone to leave a place, organization, or group, often as a disciplinary action.

Synonyms: Ejection, Eviction

Antonyms: Admission

Sentence: The company announced the expulsion of the employee who was found guilty of leaking confidential information.

21. AMNESTY (Noun): क्षमादान

Pronunciation: am·nuh·stee

Meaning: an official pardon for people who have been convicted of political offences.

Synonyms: Pardon, forgiveness

Antonyms: Punishment, penalty

Sentence: "After being caught, the prisoner sought amnesty for his crimes, hoping for a chance to start a new life."

22. PONDEROUS (Adjective): भारी भरकम

Pronunciation: pawn·duh·ruhs

Meaning: slow and clumsy because of great weight.

Synonyms: Heavy, weighty

Antonyms: Light, agile, nimble

Sentence: "The elephant moved with a ponderous gait, its massive body commanding attention and respect."

23. GORGE (Noun and Verb): घाटी, जीभ भर कर खाना

Pronunciation: gawj

Meaning: a narrow valley between hills or mountains, typically with steep rocky walls and a stream running through it.

Synonyms: eat heartily, consume

Antonyms: Abstain, fast, starve

Sentence: "After a day of fasting, he gorged on a hearty meal, relishing every bite."

24. Abeyance (Noun): स्थगित

Pronunciation: uh·bay·uhns

Meaning: temporary suspension or cessation of activity or condition.

Synonyms: Suspension, Dormancy, Inactivity

Antonyms: Continuation, Resumption, Activity

Sentence: The project is currently in abeyance due to funding issues, but it is expected to resume once the financial situation improves.

25. EXTANT (ADJECTIVE): वर्तमान में मौजूद

Pronunciation: ek·stant

Meaning: still in existence; surviving.

Synonyms: existing, Surviving, Remaining, Enduring, Persistent

Antonyms: extinct, Nonexistent, Lost, Defunct, Obsolete

Sentence: The manuscript is one of the few extant copies of the ancient text.

26. MEAGRE (ADJECTIVE): कम, थोड़ा

Pronunciation: mea·ger

Meaning: lacking in quantity or quality; inadequate; small in amount.

Synonyms: scanty, Sparse, Inadequate, Insufficient, Paltry

Antonyms: abundant, Plentiful, Ample, Generous, Lavish

Sentence: Despite working hard, his salary remained meagre and he struggled to make ends meet.

27. MENACE (NOUN): खतरा

Pronunciation: meh·nuhs

Meaning: a person or thing that is likely to cause harm; a threat or danger.

Synonyms: danger, threat, peril, risk

Antonyms: safety, protection, security

Sentence: Drunk drivers are a menace to everyone.

28. PICKLE (NOUN): कठिन स्थिति

Pronunciation: pi·kl

Meaning: a difficult situation; a troublesome or awkward state of affairs.

Synonyms: predicament, dilemma, quandary

Antonyms: solution, ease, simplicity

Sentence: The student found himself in a pickle when he was caught cheating in the examination.

29. PROLIX (ADJECTIVE): अतिविस्तृत

Pronunciation: proh·luhks

Meaning: (of speech or writing) using or containing too many words; tediously lengthy.

Synonyms: lengthy, long-winded, verbose

Antonyms: concise, compact, brief

Sentence: The author's prolix style has done nothing to encourage sales of the book.

30. CONSTERNATION (NOUN): चिंता

Pronunciation: kawn·stuh·nay·shn

Meaning: feelings of anxiety or dismay, typically at something unexpected.

Synonyms: dismay, perturbation, anxiety

Antonyms: comfort, consolation, relief

Sentence: The government's plans have caused considerable consternation among many Americans.

31. EMASCULATED (VERB): शक्तिहीन करना

Pronunciation: uh·ma·skyoo·layt·uhd

Meaning: the act of making someone feel less confident or less like a man

Synonyms: Weaken, Castrate

Antonyms: Vitalize, Assert

Sentence: The constant belittling and criticism from his supervisor left John feeling emasculated and undermined in his role at work, causing him to lose confidence in his abilities.

32. SYNAGOGUE (NOUN): यहूदी मंदिर

Pronunciation: sin.uh.gog

Meaning: a building or place where Jewish people gather for religious services, prayer, and community activities.

Synonyms: Temple, Shul

Sentence: The local synagogue is the heart of the Jewish community, where People come together to celebrate religious festivals, study the Torah, and offer prayers.

33. ABERRATION (NOUN): पतन

Pronunciation: a·buh·ray·shn

Meaning: a deviation from a moral or ethical standard.

Synonyms: Anomaly, Oddity

Antonyms: Consistency, Standard

Sentence: The sudden spike in temperature during the middle of winter was an aberration that surprised everyone in the town, as winters there are usually quite cold.

34. STEWARDSHIP (NOUN): परिचारक का पद

Pronunciation: styoo·uhd·shuhp

Meaning: the responsible and ethical management, care, and protection of something that has been entrusted to one's care.

Synonyms: Custodian, Oversight

Antonyms: Squander, Abandonment

Sentence: She took her role as the team captain with great stewardship, always looking out for the well being and development of her teammates.

35. ADAMANT (NOUN AND ADJECTIVE): अटल

Pronunciation: a·duh·muhnt

Meaning: an imaginary hard substance that is believed to be unbreakable.

Adjective: to be persuaded or to change one's mind.

Synonyms: Resolute, Stubborn

Antonyms: Pliable, Willing

Sentence: She was adamant about her decision to resign from her job, despite her colleagues' efforts to convince her to stay.

36. SHODDY (NOUN AND ADJECTIVE): तुच्छ

Pronunciation: shaw·dee

Meaning: Something of low quality or inferior workmanship.

Adjective: poor quality, cheaply made, or badly constructed.

Synonyms: Inferior, Cheap

Antonyms: Superior, Excellent

Sentence: The shoddy craftsmanship of the furniture became apparent when it started falling apart after just a few months of use.

37. RESCINDED (VERB): रद्द कर दिया

Pronunciation: ruh·sind·uhd

Meaning: to revoke, cancel, or annul a decision, order, or agreement.

Synonyms: repeal, withdraw

Antonyms: Enact, implement, establish

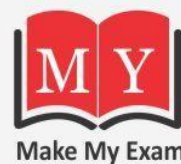
Sentence: The company rescinded its previous decision to lay off employees.

38. EX PARTE (ADVERBIAL PHRASE): कानूनी कार्यवाही**Pronunciation:** eks paa·tee**Meaning:** used in the context of legal motions, hearings or orders**Synonyms:** One sidedly**Antonyms:** Mutually**Sentence:** In a surprise move, the judge granted an ex parte injunction without hearing from the opposing counsel.**39. SCRAMBLE (VERB): संघर्ष****Pronunciation:** skram·bld**Meaning:** to move or climb quickly and with difficulty, often in a disorderly or hasty manner.**Synonyms:** Scuttle, Clamber**Antonyms:** Neaten, Systemize**Sentence:** When the alarm sounded, the pilots had to scramble to their planes and take off immediately.**40. STIMULUS (NOUN): प्रोत्साहन****Pronunciation:** sti·myoo·luhs**Meaning:** something that excites or arouses activity or energy in a person.**Synonyms:** Trigger, Impetus**Antonyms:** Hindrance, Inhibition**Sentence:** The government introduced a financial stimulus package to boost the economy during the recession.

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