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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. RESPITE(NOUN): मोहलत

Pronunciation: ri·spite

Meaning: a pause or rest from something difficult or unpleasant.

Synonyms: Pause, Relief, Break

Antonyms: noise, din, unrest

Sentence: After a long day of work, she sat down on the couch to take a brief respite before continuing with her household chores.

2. OBTAIN (VERB): मुक्त हो जाना

Pronunciation: awb·vee·ayt

Meaning: to remove a need or difficulty by taking effective measures; to avoid or prevent.

Synonyms: prevent, eliminate, avert

Antonyms: assist, aid, ease

Sentence: She made sure to save enough money to obviate any financial difficulties that might arise in the future.

3. UPTICK (NOUN): इजाफा

Pronunciation: up·tick

Meaning: a small increase or slight upward trend.

Synonyms: increase, rise, growth

Antonyms: decrease, decline, reduction

Sentence: There has been an uptick in the number of people using public transportation since the city introduced new bus routes.

4. CEREBRATION (NOUN): दिमागी कार्य

Pronunciation: seh·ruh·bray·shn

Meaning: the process of thinking, using the brain to consider something.

Synonyms: contemplation, pondering, thinking

Antonyms: thoughtlessness, negligence, ignorance

Sentence: His intense cerebration and focus made him a successful scientist.

5. INTERIM (NOUN): अन्तरिम

Pronunciation: uhn·teh·ruhm

Meaning: not final or lasting; temporary until somebody/something more permanent is found.

Synonyms: temporary, provisional, short-term

Antonyms: permanent, lasting, enduring

Sentence: While my car is in the shop, I think I'll borrow Dad's Corvette for getting around during the interim.

6. ANNEXATION (NOUN): राज्य-हरण

Pronunciation: a·neks·ay·shn

Meaning: to take what originally belonged to someone else.

Synonyms: Seizure, Invasion, Occupation

Antonyms: Detachment, Loss

Sentence: Annexations of suburban territory in 1888 and 1890 greatly increased the area of the city.

7. ANTHROPOGENIC (ADJECTIVE): मानवजनित

Pronunciation: an·thruh·puh·jeh·nuhk

Meaning: relating to or resulting from the influence of human beings on nature or the environment.

Synonyms: Human-caused, human-made, man-made, artificial, synthetic

Antonyms: Natural, organic, non-anthropogenic

Sentence: Climate change is largely caused by anthropogenic factors such as burning fossil fuels and deforestation.

8. UTILITARIAN (ADJECTIVE): उपयोगी

Pronunciation: yoo.tuh.luh.teuh.ree.uhn

Meaning: designed and intended to be practical and useful rather than attractive.

Synonyms: Functional, Serviceable, Possible

Antonyms: Useless, Unusable, Nonpractical

Sentence: Modern philosophers tend to take a more utilitarian position.

9. CREDIBILITY (NOUN): विश्वसनीयता

Pronunciation: kreh.duh.bi.luh.tee

Meaning: the quality that somebody has that makes people believe or trust him/her.

Synonyms: Verity, Honesty, Truth

Antonyms: Implausibility, Duplicity, Smoothness

Sentence: the very public loss of credibility led to the demise of the magazine.

10. MALIGN (VERB): नुकसान पहुंचाना

Pronunciation: muh.line

Meaning: to say or write bad things about somebody/something publicly especially in a unfair manner.

Synonyms: Slander, Libel, Bad

Antonyms: Good, Warm, Kind

Sentence: Professor Snape is a malign influence and should be given a spell away.

11.SIGNATORY(NOUN): हस्ताक्षरकर्ता

Pronunciation: sig·neh·tree

Meaning: a person, organization or country that has signed an official document, agreement, or treaty.

Synonyms: supported, lawful, licensed

Antonyms: non-signatory, wrongful, illicit

Sentence: The signatories of the peace treaty agreed to cease hostilities and work towards a peaceful resolution of the conflict.

12. DISMANTLE (VERB): नष्ट

Pronunciation: duhs·man·tl

Meaning: to take apart or pull down; to strip furniture, equipment, or fittings; to disassemble.

Synonyms: Deconstruct, demolish, detach

Antonyms: Assemble, construct, build

Sentence: The workers were instructed to dismantle the old machinery before installing the new one.

13. DELETERIOUS (ADJECTIVE): हानिकारक

Pronunciation: deh·luh·teeuh·ree·uhs

Meaning: harmful or injurious to health, wellbeing, or morals; causing damage or harm.

Synonyms: injurious, pernicious, detrimental

Antonyms: beneficial, advantageous, helpful

Sentence: Smoking is a deleterious habit that can lead to various health problems, including lung cancer and heart disease.

14. VEX (VERB): तंग करना

Pronunciation: veks

Meaning: make (someone) feel annoyed especially with trivial matters.

Synonyms: irritate, annoy, bother

Antonyms: please, calm, soothe

Sentence: The constant noise from the construction site vexed the nearby residents.

15. ENVISAGE (VERB): परिकल्पना करना**Pronunciation:** en·vi·suhj**Meaning:** to imagine or visualize; contemplate or visualize a future event or possibility.**Synonyms:** imagine, picture, vision**Antonyms:** disregard, overlook, ignore**Sentence:** She could envisage a bright future for her business with the new marketing strategy.**16. PAUCITY (NOUN): अल्पता****Pronunciation:** paw·suh·tee**Meaning:** scarcity or a lack of something.**Synonyms:** shortage, dearth, insufficiency**Antonyms:** abundance, surplus, plenty**Sentence:** The paucity of resources made it difficult to complete the project on time.**17. SLANDER (VERB): बदनामी****Pronunciation:** slaan·duh**Meaning:** make false and damaging statements about (someone).**Synonyms:** defame, insult, libel**Antonyms:** glorify, honor, praise**Sentence:** The court system is used to resolve land disputes and slander cases, but problems are usually settled within the family or village.**18. BELIE (VERB) : झुठलाना****Pronunciation:** buh.lai**Meaning:** to give an idea of something that is false or not true.**Synonyms:** misrepresent, mask, twist**Antonyms:** represent, discover, bare**Sentence:** the quality of the music seems to belie the criticism.**19. DILIGENCE (NOUN): परिश्रम****Pronunciation:** di.luh.jns**Meaning:** the quality of doing work carefully and thoroughly.**Synonyms:** effort, assiduity, tenacity**Antonyms:** laziness, indolence, slackness**Sentence:** These duties must be carried out with reasonable care and diligence.**20. QUAFF (VERB): एक ही साँस में पीना****Pronunciation:** kvawf

Meaning: drink (something, especially an alcoholic drink) heartily.

Synonyms: drink, slurp, attack

Antonyms: eject

Sentence: She poured out a shot of spirit of Clary and took a quaff before speaking.

21. MUDDLED (ADJECTIVE): अव्यवस्थित

Pronunciation: muh·dld

Meaning: confused or mixed up, not clear or well organized.

Synonyms: confused, Jumbled, , Disordered

Antonyms: clear, Orderly, Coherent

Sentence: The muddled instructions made it difficult for the students to complete the assignment correctly.

22. PECULIAR (ADJECTIVE): विचित्र

Pronunciation: puh·kyoo·lee·uh

Meaning: strange or unusual, often in a way that is unsettling or unexpected, distinctively characteristic.

Synonyms: Unusual, strange, odd

Antonyms: Normal, ordinary, common

Sentence: John's peculiar behavior made everyone around her uncomfortable.

23. FELICITY (NOUN): परम सुख

Pronunciation: fuh·li·suh·tee

Meaning: great happiness.

Synonyms: joy, bliss, beatitude, delight

Antonyms: misery, sadness, sorrow

Sentence: The newlyweds were filled with felicity on their wedding day.

24. GRUESOME (ADJECTIVE): भीषण

Pronunciation: groo·sm

Meaning: extremely unpleasant or causing horror and disgust.

Synonyms: ghastly, macabre, horrifying

Antonyms: pleasant, delightful, enjoyable

Sentence: The horror movie was so gruesome that many people walked out of the theatre.

25. EXACERBATE (VERB): खराब करना

Pronunciation: uhg·za·suh·bayt

Meaning: to make something that is already bad even worse.

Synonyms: aggravate, worsen, amplify

Antonyms: alleviate, mitigate, relieve

Sentence: Because I do not wish to exacerbate my mother's worries, I am not going to tell her about my problems at work.

26. ENCUMBRANCE (NOUN): भार

Pronunciation: uhn·kuhm·bruhns

Meaning: something that makes movement or progress difficult.

Synonyms: obstacle, hurdle, hindrance

Antonyms: impetus, push, aid

Sentence: Maggie soon discovered that her broken foot was an encumbrance to everything from her work to her social life to her personal grooming.

27. Peregrinate (VERB) : इधर-उधर घूमना

Pronunciation: per.uh.gruh.nayt

Meaning : To travel or wander from place to place, especially over a long distance.

Synonyms: Wander, traverse, journey

Antonyms: Stay, remain, settle

Sentence: The movement has even peregrinated into popular music.

28. TESTAMENT (NOUN): नियम

Pronunciation: teh.stuh.ment

Meaning: something presented in support of the truth or accuracy of a claim.

Synonyms: proof, testimony, evidence

Antonyms: rebuttal, refutation, charge

Sentence: The old family photos are a testament to their shared history and memories.

29. DISSEMINATE(VERB): प्रसार

Pronunciation: duh·seh·muh·nayt

Meaning: to spread or scatter (something, especially information) widely.

Synonyms: Spread, circulate, propagate

Antonyms: Collect, gather, concentrate

Sentence: The aim of the conference was to disseminate information on the latest research in the field of renewable energy.

30. COGNIZANCE (NOUN): हस्तक्षेप

Pronunciation: kawg·nuh·zns

Meaning: knowledge or awareness of something.

Synonyms: awareness, knowledge, perception

Antonyms: ignorance, unawareness, oblivion

Sentence: As a responsible citizen, it is important to have cognizance of the laws and regulations that govern our society.

31. ABNEGATE (VERB): अस्वीकार करना

Pronunciation: ab·nuh·gayt

Meaning: renounce or reject (something desired or valuable).

Synonyms: renounce, relinquish, abdicate

Antonyms: adhere, accept, admit

Sentence: The athlete decided to abnegate the unhealthy snack even though she really wanted to have a bite.

32. TAINING (VERB): कलंकित करना

Pronunciation: taynt·uhng

Meaning: to spoil something or give it an unpleasant quality.

Synonyms: contaminate, pollute, befoul

Antonyms: glorifying, purify, filter

Sentence: Smog has long tainted the air of the city, making it difficult to breathe.

33. IMPREGNABLE (ADJECTIVE): अजेय

Pronunciation: uhm·preg·nuh·bl

Meaning: incapable of being overcome, challenged, or defeated.

Synonyms: invincible, invulnerable, unconquerable

Antonyms: susceptible, vulnerable

Sentence: The prison's impregnable security wall makes it impossible for inmates to leave the grounds.

34. PLURALISM (NOUN): बहुवाद

Pronunciation: ploo·ruh·li·zm

Meaning: the existence of different types of people, who have different beliefs and opinions, within the same society.

Synonyms: loads, majority, reams

Antonyms: minority, few, least

Sentence: We know it's not easy to maintain pluralism in a country.

35. VOUCH (VERB): ज़मानत देना

Pronunciation: vawch

Meaning: assert or confirm as a result of one's own experience that something is true.

Synonyms: certify, attest, ensure

Antonyms: undermine, enfeeble, weaken

Sentence: Ally said she would vouch to her boss that her friend was a strong candidate for the job at her work.

36. FLIMSY (ADJECTIVE): कमज़ोर

Pronunciation: flim·zee

Meaning: not strong; easily broken or torn.

Synonyms: fragile, insubstantial, light

Antonyms: sturdy, substantial, strong

Sentence: The storm flattened the flimsy wooden huts that the villagers lived in.

37. VERACIOUS (ADJECTIVE): सत्यनिष्ठ

Pronunciation: vuh·ray·shuhs

Meaning: honest and not telling or containing any lies.

Synonyms: honest, truthful, genuine

Antonyms: mendacious, dishonest, untruthful

Sentence: He was a strictly veracious reporter.

38. COMPLACENT (ADJECTIVE): संतुष्ट

Pronunciation: kuhm·play·snt

Meaning: feeling so satisfied with your own abilities or situation that you feel you do not need to try any harder.

Synonyms: pleased, self-satisfied, proud

Antonyms: interested, attentive, warm

Sentence: With 66 deaths on our roads every week, none of us can afford to be complacent.

39. DOCILE (ADJECTIVE): विनम्र

Pronunciation: daw·sile

Meaning: (used about a person or animal) quiet and easy to control.

Synonyms: obedient, meek, soft

Antonyms: defiant, unruly, restive

Sentence: she's a black Labrador, gentle and docile.

40. GLUT (NOUN): भरमार

Pronunciation: gluht

Meaning: more of something than is needed.

Synonyms: stuff, gulp, cloy

Antonyms: diet, fast

Sentence: Comics crashed in 1993, with a glut of titles and excessive print runs.

41. OBFUSCATE (VERB) : अस्पष्ट करना**Pronunciation:** awb.fuh.skayt**Meaning:** to make something unclear and more difficult to understand.**Synonyms:** confuse, blur, fog**Antonyms:** clarify, simplify, unravel**Sentence:** the new rule is more likely to obfuscate people than enlighten them.**42. EXTIRPATE (VERB) : उखाड़ना****Pronunciation:** ek.stuh.payt**Meaning:** eradicate or destroy completely.**Synonym:** erase, abolish, obliterate**Antonym:** protect, preserve, save**Sentence:** He had fought in a war to extirpate fascism.**43. PERNICIOUS (ADJECTIVE) : हानिकारक****Pronunciation:** puh.ni.shuhs**Meaning :** having a very harmful or evil effect on somebody/something, in a way that is slow and not easily noticeable.**Synonyms:** harmful, bad, baneful**Antonyms:** benign, harmless, useful**Sentence:** What worries me are the pernicious influences on athletes like him.**44. PROMULGATE (VERB): घोषणा करना****Pronunciation:** praw.muhl.gayt**Meaning:** to promote an idea, a belief, a cause, etc. among many people.**Synonyms:** Spread, Communicate, publish**Antonyms:** Conceal, suppress, silence**Sentence:** These objectives have to be promulgated within the organization.**45. RELIANCE (NOUN): भरोसा****Pronunciation:** ri.lai.uhns**Meaning:** being able to trust somebody/something.**Synonyms:** Dependency, Credit, spine**Antonyms:** Disbelief, sovereignty, autonomy**Sentence:** The universal reliance on animal life stimulated the study of the animal kingdom.**46. DISMISS (VERB): विदा करना**

Pronunciation: di.smuhs

Meaning: to decide not to think about something/somebody.

Synonyms: Release, Free, Let go

Antonyms: Form, Hire, Retain

Sentence: I dismissed the taxi at the end of the road.

47. PRECISE (ADJECTIVE): सटीक

Pronunciation: pruh.sise

Meaning: clear and accurate.

Synonyms: Accurate, Correct, Pinpoint

Antonyms: Imprecise, Wrong, Round

Sentence: The trainer gave us precise directions.

48. FATALITY (NOUN): मौत

Pronunciation: fayt.al.uh.tee

Meaning: a person's death caused by an accident, in war, etc.

Synonyms: Casualty, Mortality, Victim

Antonyms: Birth, Winner, Gainer

Sentence: A sixth fatality involved a newly fledged juvenile.

49. FACTION (NOUN): अंदरूनी कलह

Pronunciation: fak.shn

Meaning: a small group of people within a larger one whose members have some different aims and beliefs to those of the larger group.

Synonyms: Dissension, Dissent

Antonyms: Harmony

Sentence: The council was increasingly being split by faction.

50. ABDICATE (VERB): त्यागना

Pronunciation: ab.duh.kayt

Meaning: to give something up, especially power or a position .

Synonyms: Resign, Vacate, Abandon

Antonyms: Accept, Claim, Protect

Sentence: The government was accused of abdicating its responsibility.

51. CAPRICE (NOUN): मौज

Pronunciation: kuh·prees

Meaning: a sudden and unpredictable change of mood or behavior.

Synonyms: Whim, Fancy, Fickleness

Antonyms: Stability, Constancy, Predictability

Sentence: She was known for her caprices, often changing her mind about plans at the last minute.

52. SCRAMBLE(VERB): संघर्ष

Pronunciation: skram·bl

Meaning: to move or climb quickly but with difficulty, to move quickly in a disorganized fashion.

Synonyms: Clamber, Struggle, Jostle

Antonyms: Relax, Rest, Surrender

Sentence: When the fire alarm sounded, panicky students began to scramble out of every exit.

53. ELUSIVE (ADJECTIVE): मायावी

Pronunciation: uh·loo·suhv

Meaning: difficult to describe, find, achieve, or remember.

Synonyms: evasive, fleeting, difficult

Antonyms: Accessible, Attainable, Definite

Sentence: After searching for a job for six months with no leads, Marvin started to believe employment was elusive.

54. INSINUATION (NOUN): आक्षेप

Pronunciation: uhn·si·nyoo·ay·shn

Meaning: an unpleasant hint or suggestion of something bad (an indirect or subtle hint).

Synonyms: Inference, Suggestion, Hint

Antonyms: Explicit statement, Clear declaration, Direct assertion

Sentence: The insinuation in her tone suggested that she didn't trust him.

55. CLOUT (NOUN): ताकत

Pronunciation: klawt

Meaning: a hard hit, usually with the hand.

Synonyms: blow, punch, stroke

Antonyms: powerlessness, weakness, subordination

Sentence: The CEO of the company has a lot of clout in the business world.

56. STYMIE (VERB): अवरुद्ध करना

Pronunciation: stai·mee

Meaning: to hinder, block, or thwart someone or something from making progress or achieving a goal.

Synonyms: impede, obstruct, block

Antonyms: aid, assist, help

Sentence: The lack of funds has stymied the progress of the project.

57. CORROBORATE (VERB): पुष्ट करना

Pronunciation: kuh·raw·buh·rayt

Meaning: to confirm or give support to a statement or theory.

Synonyms: Confirm, Verify, Substantiate

Antonyms: Refute, Contradict, Disprove

Sentence: The research paper included data to corroborate the author's conclusions.

58. CONVALESCE (VERB): अच्छा हो जाना

Pronunciation: kawn·vuh·les

Meaning: to recover health and strength after illness; to recuperate.

Synonyms: recuperate, recover, heal

Antonyms: deteriorate, worsen, relapse

Sentence: After being hospitalized for a week, she finally began to convalesce and regain her strength.

59. CINCH (NOUN): आसान काम

Pronunciation: sinch

Meaning: something that is very easy and is therefore certain to be a success.

Synonyms: breeze, piece of cake, easy task

Antonyms: tough, complicated, difficult

Sentence: The quiz was a cinch for the bright student.

60. HELTER-SKELTER (ADJECTIVE): अस्त व्यस्त

Pronunciation: hel·ter·skel·ter

Meaning: acting or done with excessive or careless speed.

Synonyms: hurried, rushed, hasty

Antonyms: unhurried, deliberate, unrushed

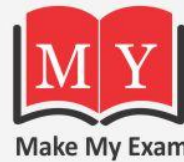
Sentence: They ran away helter-skelter, but the police gained ground upon them

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