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Here some exceptional English words from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are given with their synonyms/antonyms and usage. Hopefully, this will help you improve your vocabulary.

Happy Learning!!!

1. FURLOUGH (noun, verb) – छुट्टी; छुट्टी देना

Pronunciation: fuh-lo

Meaning: leave of absence, especially that granted to a member of the services or a missionary; grant leave of absence to

Synonyms: leave, vacation, holiday

Antonyms: rehire, recall, retain, employ

Usage:

- While our professor is on extended furlough, our class will be taught by a visiting lecturer. (noun)
- He furloughed two workers. (verb)

2. BOLSTER (verb) – समर्थन करना, सहयोग देना

Pronunciation: bol-stuh

Meaning: support or strengthen

Synonyms: reinforce, boost, fortify

Antonym: undermine

Usage: The fall in interest rates is starting to bolster confidence.

3. DÉTENTE (noun) – दो देशों के सम्बन्ध में सुधार

Pronunciation: dei-taant

Meaning: an improvement in the relationship between two countries that in the past were not friendly and did not trust each other

Synonyms: defusing, relaxation, easing

Antonyms: disruptive, combative

Usage: India and Pakistan have made the first move towards a detente.

4. FAST CLIP (adverb) – शीघ्र

Pronunciation: faast-klip

Meaning: at a fast rate

Synonyms: quickly, speedily, rapidly

Antonyms: destabilize, work

Usage: Studios are releasing movies at a fast clip.

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5. WAFER-THIN (adjective, adverb) – बहुत पतला

Pronunciation: wei-fuh-thin

Meaning: very thin or thinly

Synonyms: subtle, insubstantial

Antonym: substantial

Usage:

- This curry is served with wafer-thin slices of bread. (adjective)
- How to slice radishes wafer-thin? (adverb)

6. RUSE (noun) – चाल, कूटयुक्ति, छल

Pronunciation: rooz

Meaning: an action intended to deceive someone

Synonyms: ploy, stratagem, tactic, move, device, scheme, trick, gambit

Antonyms: honesty, loyalty, truth

Usage: He wore a fake mustache in a ruse to conceal his identity.

7. VOUCH (verb) – जानकारी/अनुभव के आधार पर पुष्टि करना

Pronunciation: vauch

Meaning: to support the truth of something or the good character of someone, based on your knowledge or experience

Synonyms: confirm, assure, affirm, verify, swear to

Antonyms: contradict, deny, refute

Usage: As a medical examiner I can vouch that his death was accidental.

8. CLIMBDOWN (noun) – पीछे हटना; गलती स्वीकारना

Pronunciation: klaim-daun

Meaning: a withdrawal from a position taken up in argument or negotiation

Synonyms: decline, setback, recoil

Antonyms: assent, move forward

Usage: The government was forced into a humiliating climb-down.

9. QUANDARY (noun) – दुविधा; दुर्दशा, कठिन परिस्थिति

Pronunciation: kwond(u)ri

Meaning: a state of perplexity or uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation; a difficult situation

Synonyms: dilemma, plight, predicament

Usage: Her unwillingness to cooperate put me in a quandary.

10. CLAIMANT (noun) – दावेदार


Pronunciation: klei-m(u)nt

Meaning: someone who demands the right to be the legal owner of a particular property, payment, or title

Synonyms: applicant, candidate, suppliant, suitor

Usage: Proof of purchase was needed for the claimant to receive a full refund.

Now, choose any 2 or 3 words and try to use them in your own sentences, this way you can retain the learnt words in your memory for long time. You can share your sentences in the comment section.

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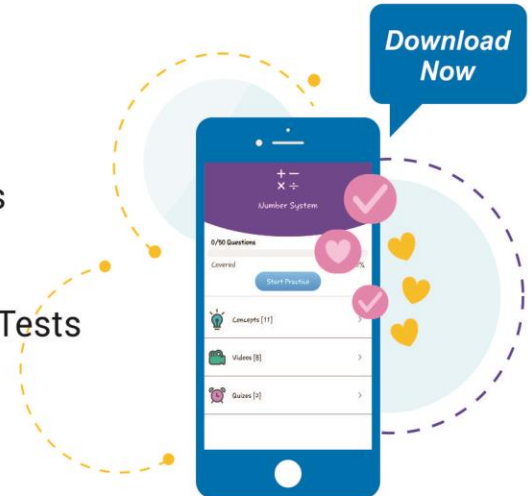
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