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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. 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.

2. 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.

3. GORGE (Noun and Verb): घाटी , महाखड्ड

Pronunciation: gawj

Meaning: a narrow valley between hills or mountains.

Synonyms: eat heartily, consume

Antonyms: Abstain, fast, starve

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

4. UNSHACKLE (VERB): स्थिर होना

Pronunciation: uhn·sha·kl

Meaning: To set free from restrictions

Synonyms: Unfetter, Liberated

Antonyms: Restrain

Sentence: He can unshackle you from the love of money.

5. RETREAT (VERB): वापस लेना

Pronunciation: ri·treet

Meaning: (of an army) withdraw from enemy forces as a result of their superior power or after a defeat.

Synonyms: retire, draw back

Antonyms: advance

Sentence: The army must retreat and the order to do so must be given.

6. CHASTISE (VERB): सज़ा देना

Pronunciation: chas·tise

Meaning: rebuke or reprimand severely.

Synonyms: upbraid, berate

Antonyms: praise

Sentence: He chastised his colleague for his laziness.

7. DEDICATED (ADJECTIVE): समर्पित

Pronunciation: deh·duh·kay·tuhd

Meaning: devoted to a task or purpose.

Synonyms: devoted, staunch

Antonyms: indifferent

Sentence: He leads a team of dedicated doctors.

8. GALVANIZE (VERB): झटका देना

Pronunciation: gal-vuh-nyze

Meaning: shock or excite (someone) into taking action.

Synonyms: shock, startle

Antonyms: demotivate

Sentence: The urgency of his voice galvanized them into action.

9. ILLICIT (ADJECTIVE): अवैध

Pronunciation: il·luh·suht

Meaning: forbidden by law, rules, or custom.

Synonyms: unlawful, illegitimate

Antonyms: licit, ethical

Sentence: She slipped outside for an illicit cigarette.

10. EFFICACIOUS (ADJECTIVE): प्रभावशाली

Pronunciation: eh·fuh·kay·shuhs

Meaning: (of something inanimate or abstract) successful in producing a desired or intended result; effective.

Synonyms: successful, effectual

Antonyms: inefficacious

Sentence: This treatment was efficacious in some cases.

11. AUGMENT (VERB): बढ़ती करना

Pronunciation: augh-ment

Meaning: increase

Synonyms: add to, supplement

Antonyms: decrease

Sentence: He augmented his summer income by painting houses.

12. AMIABLE (ADJECTIVE): मित्रतापूर्ण

Pronunciation: ay·mee·uh·bl

Meaning: friendly

Synonyms: affable, amicable

Antonyms: unfriendly

Sentence: The amiable young man greeted me enthusiastically.

13. RECKLESS (ADJECTIVE): लापरवाह

Pronunciation: rek·luhs

Meaning: Careless of consequences

Synonyms: Rash, Heedless

Antonyms: Cautious, Careful

Sentence: He showed a reckless disregard for the safety of others.

14. SPREE (NOUN): आनंद का उत्सव

Pronunciation: spree

Meaning: A short period of doing a particular, usually enjoyable, activity much more than is usual

Synonyms: Binge, Orgy

Antonyms: temperance, restraint

Sentence: I went on a shopping/spending spree on Saturday.

15. GAUGE (VERB): मापना

Pronunciation: gayj

Meaning: to calculate an amount, especially by using a measuring device; to make a judgment about something, usually people's feelings.

Synonyms: measure, calculate, determine, assess, appraise, evaluate.

Antonyms: estimation, guess, speculate

Sentence: We need to gauge the amount of work required before committing to the project.

16. BATTERED (ADJECTIVE): क्षतिग्रस्त**Pronunciation:** ba·tuhd**Meaning:** hurt by being repeatedly hit; damaged, especially by being used a lot.**Synonyms:** beaten up, damaged, worn out, weathered, dilapidated**Antonyms:** undamaged, unspoiled, new, pristine**Sentence:** The old, battered car was still running, but it was clearly on its last legs.**17. STRANDED (ADJECTIVE):** फंसा हुआ**Pronunciation:** strand·uhd**Meaning:** unable to leave somewhere because of a problem such as not having any transportation or money (lacking what is necessary to leave a place or to get out of a situation).**Synonyms:** marooned, stuck, abandoned, isolated**Antonyms:** rescued, assisted, aided**Sentence:** The travelers were stranded in the desert when their car broke down.**18. VIRULENCE (NOUN):** विषाणुता और उग्रता**Pronunciation:** vi·ruh·luhns**Meaning:** the danger and speed of spreading of a disease; very strong feelings of hating or opposing something or someone.**Synonyms:** toxicity, malignancy, bitterness, acrimony**Antonyms:** harmlessness, benignity**Sentence:** The virulence of the virus made the disease very dangerous and deadly.**19. MERITORIOUS (ADJECTIVE):** सराहनीय**Pronunciation:** meh.ruh.toh.ree.uhs**Meaning:** deserving great praise or reward; having merit.**Synonyms:** laudable, commendable, worthy**Antonyms:** worthless, censurable, pitiable**Sentence:** I got a medal for my meritorious conduct.**20. DEFAMATION (NOUN):** अपयश**Pronunciation:** deh·fuhm·ay·shn**Meaning:** act of harming someone's reputation by making false statements**Synonyms:** slander, calumny**Antonyms:** commendation**Sentence:** She sued him for defamation.**21. HAIL (VERB):** प्रशंसा करना

Pronunciation: hayl

Meaning: acclaim

Synonyms: praise, applaud

Antonyms: criticize

Sentence: As the champion crossed the finish line, the crowd erupted in cheers, hailing the athlete's incredible achievement.

22. DISMAY (NOUN): निराशा

Pronunciation: duh·smay

Meaning: a strong feeling of disappointment and sadness

Synonyms: horrify, shock

Antonyms: encourage

Sentence: The poor performance of the team left the coach in dismay, wondering what went wrong.

23. ASSUAGE (VERB): राहत देना

Pronunciation: uh·svayj

Meaning: relieve

Synonyms: ease, alleviate

Antonyms: aggravate

Sentence: After a long day at work, a cup of hot tea can assuage my stress and help me relax.

24. EGREGIOUS (ADJECTIVE): चौंकाने वाला

Pronunciation: uh·gree·juhs

Meaning: shocking

Synonyms: appalling, horrific

Antonyms: marvellous

Sentence: Egregious errors were caused by the tablet's failure to check spelling.

25. DOLOROUS (ADJECTIVE): उदास

Pronunciation: daw·luh·ruhs

Meaning: sad

Synonyms: deplorable, dolent

Antonyms: cheerful, hopeful

Sentence: We should avoid getting dolorous about the things that happened in the past.

26. EMBARK (VERB): प्रारंभ करना

Pronunciation: uhm·baak

Meaning: begin

Synonyms: start, commence

Antonyms: end

Sentence: She embarked on a new career.

27. RUGGED (ADJECTIVE): टिकाऊ

Pronunciation: rug -ged

Meaning: durable

Synonyms: robust, sturdy

Antonyms: flimsy

Sentence: The binoculars are compact, lightweight and rugged.

28. FEROCITY (NOUN): क्रूरता

Pronunciation: fuh·raw·suh·tee

Meaning: savagery

Synonyms: brutality, barbarity

Antonyms: gentleness

Sentence: The ferocity of the storm caught them by surprise.

29. ARDENT (ADJECTIVE): उत्साही

Pronunciation: aa·dnt

Meaning: passionate

Synonyms: avid, impassioned

Antonyms: half-hearted

Sentence: I am an ardent admirer of modern art.

30. ASSENT (VERB): सहमत होना

Pronunciation: uh·sent

Meaning: accept.

Synonyms: approve, bless

Antonyms: refuse

Sentence: The Prime Minister assented to the change.

31. HELD (VERB): पकड़ना

Pronunciation: held

Meaning: grasped

Synonyms: clutched, detained

Antonyms: freed, liberated

Sentence: My niece held me tightly in her arms with a lot of excitement.

32. SUSPECT (VERB): संदिग्ध**Pronunciation:** sus-pect**Meaning:** to believe that something may happen or be true, especially something bad**Synonyms:** presume, speculate**Antonyms:** neglect, disregard**Sentence:** We must never suspect the honesty of our true friends.**33. PERISH (VERB):** नष्ट हो जाना**Pronunciation:** peh·ruhsh**Meaning:** to die or be destroyed**Synonyms:** cease, crumble**Antonyms:** commence, conceive**Sentence:** They have been told to perform or perish.**34. CRISIS (NOUN):** संकट**Pronunciation:** krai·suhz**Meaning:** problematic situation**Synonyms:** catastrophe, contingency**Antonyms:** harmony, prosperity**Sentence:** We need to end the crisis by taking suitable actions.**35. QUASH (VERB):** अभिखंडित करना, कुचलना**Pronunciation:** kvawsh**Meaning:** destroy**Synonyms:** annihilate, quell**Antonyms:** encourage, praise**Sentence:** The Supreme Court can quash the orders of the high court.**36. STUMBLING (VERB):** ठोकर खाना**Pronunciation:** stuhm·buhl·uhng**Meaning:** to hit your foot against something when you are walking or running and almost fall over**Synonyms:** stagger, flounder**Antonyms:** fix, straighten**Sentence:** They will be stumbling a lot if you don't direct them properly.**37. ABROGATION (NOUN):** अभिनिषेध**Pronunciation:** a·bruh·gay·shn

Meaning: the process of abolishing or nullifying something that was previously established.

Synonyms: Repeal, Revoke, Annul

Antonyms: Ratification, Endorsement

Sentence: The government decided to announce the abrogation of the controversial tax law, which had caused widespread protests among the citizens.

38. RAZED (VERB): ढाना

Pronunciation: rayzd

Meaning: to completely destroy.

Synonyms: Bulldoze, Obliterate

Antonyms: Build

Sentence: After the fire broke out in the factory, it was so intense that it razed the entire building to the ground, leaving nothing but ashes behind.

39. CHARRED (ADJECTIVE, VERB): जला हुआ

Pronunciation: chaad

Meaning: to burn or scorch something partially, resulting in a blackened surface.

Synonyms: Burn, Scorch, Sear

Antonyms: Extinguish, Unburn

Sentence: The firefighters found charred remains of the old documents after extinguishing the office fire.

40. SMEAR (VERB): लीपना

Pronunciation: smeeuh

Meaning: to spread or apply a substance (e.g., paint, ink, or grease) in a hasty, careless, or uneven manner, resulting in a blotchy or messy appearance.

Synonyms: Daub, Stain, Slather

Antonyms: Clean, Wipe, Clear

Sentence: The children had smeared peanut butter all over the table after their breakfast.

41. MONSTROUS (ADJECTIVE): विकट/राक्षसी

Pronunciation: mawn·struhs

Meaning: shockingly devilish.

Synonyms: atrocious, heinous

Antonyms: moral, sensible

Sentence: It is monstrous how badly he is treated.

42. MORPH (VERB): रूपबदलना

Pronunciation: mawf

Meaning: to change into.

Synonyms: transform, contort

Antonyms: Sustain, stagnate

Sentence: Cinematic special effects morphed the villain into a snake.

43. QUINTESSENTIAL (ADJECTIVE): सारमय

Pronunciation: kvin·tuh·sen·shl

Meaning: representing the perfect example of a class or quality.

Synonyms: classic, ideal

Antonyms: atypical, unique

Sentence: Everybody thinks of him as the quintessential New Yorker.

44. PREREQUISITE (ADJECTIVE): शर्त

Pronunciation: pree·reh·kvuh·zuht

Meaning: required or necessary as a prior condition.

Synonyms: mandatory, expedient

Antonyms: inessential, voluntary

Sentence: Young children can be taught the prerequisite skills necessary for reading.

45. REVERENT (ADJECTIVE): श्रद्धालु

Pronunciation: reh·vuh·ruhnt

Meaning: showing great respect.

Synonyms: reverential, appreciative

Antonyms: impolite, rude

Sentence: A reverent silence followed the professor's lecture.

46. JOLT (VERB): ऐँठना

Pronunciation: jolet

Meaning: convulse.

Synonyms: disturb, jar

Antonyms: calm, comfort

Sentence: His statement jolted me in my mind.

47. VERBOSE (ADJECTIVE): वाचाल

Pronunciation: vuh·bose

Meaning: wordy.

Synonyms: gabby, circumlocutory

Antonyms: concise, succinct

Sentence: He is a verbose man.

48. HERETIC (NOUN): नास्तिक

Pronunciation: heh·ruh·tuhk

Meaning: schismatic.

Synonyms: apostate, pagan

Antonyms: believer, follower

Sentence: As a relapsed heretic, he was left to the secular arm.

49. COVERT (ADJECTIVE): गुप्त

Pronunciation: cov-ert

Meaning: hidden.

Synonyms: undercover, secret

Antonyms: open, known

Sentence: Behind his soft behaviour, he has some covert intentions.

50. DEFILE (VERB): अपवित्र करना

Pronunciation: dih-fayl

Meaning: Corrupt.

Synonyms: degrade, desecrate

Antonyms: honour, praise

Sentence: He tried to defile the system.

51. CREMATED (VERB): दाह. संस्कार करना

Pronunciation: kruh·mayt·uhd

Meaning: the process of reducing a deceased person's body to ashes through combustion, typically done in a crematory.

Synonyms: Incinerated, Burned

Antonyms: Buried

Sentence: After her passing, her family decided to have her body cremated according to her wishes.

52. ENGULF (VERB): निगल जाना

Pronunciation: en·guhlf

Meaning: completely surround, cover, or swallow something or someone, often with great force or intensity.

Synonyms: Swallow, Devour

Antonyms: Release, Uncover

Sentence: The waves from the stormy sea were so powerful that they threatened to engulf the small boat.

53. STIFLING (ADJECTIVE): उमसदार, दमघौंठू

Pronunciation: stai·fuhl·uhng

Meaning: extremely hot, oppressive, or suffocating, making it difficult to breathe or causing discomfort.

Synonyms: Unbearable

Antonyms: Pleasant

Sentence: The stifling heat of the desert made it nearly impossible to stay outside for long.

54. THWART (VERB): विफल

Pronunciation: thvawt

Meaning: to prevent, hinder, or obstruct the success or accomplishment of a plan, effort, or intention.

Synonyms: Impede, Hinder

Antonyms: Aid, Assist

Sentence: Despite their best efforts, bad weather thwarted their plans for a picnic.

55. OUSTED (VERB): बेदखल

Pronunciation: awst·uhd

Meaning: forcefully remove or expel someone from a position, place, or situation.

Synonyms: Expelled, Ejected

Antonyms: Welcomed, Admitted

Sentence: The shareholders voted to oust the CEO due to allegations of financial misconduct.

56. AUGURS (NOUN): शकुनश

Pronunciation: aw·guhz

Meaning: people who predict or forecast future events.

Synonyms: Seers, Diviners

Antonyms: Realists

Sentence: The political leader sought the advice of the local augurs before making a critical policy decision.

57. ALLURE (NOUN OR VERB): प्रलोभन

Pronunciation: uh·lyoh

Meaning: the quality of being attractive, charming, or fascinating, As a Verb (to attract, entice, or tempt someone.)

Synonyms: Appeal, Charm

Antonyms: Aversion, Disgust

Sentence: (N)The allure of the exotic beach destination drew many tourists.

(V)The shop's window display was designed to allure customers to enter.

58. POSTULATE (NOUN): मान लेना

Pronunciation: pawz·choo·layt

Meaning: fundamental principles or assumptions that are accepted as true without proof.

Synonyms: Premises, Theories

Antonyms: Deny, Refute

Sentence: In geometry, Euclid's postulates serve as the foundation for proving various geometric theorems.

59. CHURLISH (ADJECTIVE): अक्खड़ ,असभ्य

Pronunciation: chuhl·uhsh

Meaning: ill. mannered or surly in behaviour.

Synonyms: Gruff, Impolite, Uncivil

Antonyms: Kind, Courteous

Sentence: His churlish behaviour at the dinner party offended many guests.

60. IMMACULATELY (ADVERB): बिना कोई दोष के

Pronunciation: uh·ma·kyoo·luht·lee

Meaning: a perfectly clean, neat, or flawless manner.

Synonyms: Pristinely, Exquisitely

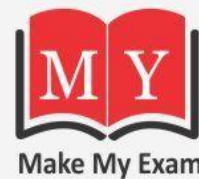
Antonyms: Sloppily, Untidily

Sentence: She dressed immaculately for the important job interview, impressing the interviewer with her attention to detail.

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