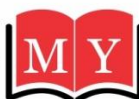


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Exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read the usages to learn how to use them in sentences. After this, take the quiz based on the vocabulary to check how much you learnt. This will really help you boost up your learning.

Happy learning!!!

1. STIFLE (VERB): दबाना

Pronunciation: stai·fl

Meaning: restrain (a reaction) or stop oneself acting on (an emotion)

Synonyms: suffocate, choke, smother

Antonyms: inspire, breathe, revive, inhale

Sentence: The children tried to stifle their laughter during class but couldn't hold back their giggles for long.

2. STARTLE (VERB): चौंकाना

Pronunciation: staa·tl

Meaning: cause to feel sudden shock or alarm

Synonyms: shock, stun, astonish, astound, stupefy

Antonyms: assure, soothe, cheer, comfort.

Sentence: If the music is too loud, it will startle the sleeping baby.

3. CALLOUS (ADJECTIVE): कठोर

Pronunciation: ka·luhs

Meaning: showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others

Synonyms: ruthless, merciless, heartless, cruel, unfeeling

Antonyms: sympathetic, compassionate, merciful

Sentence: The professor was callous and cold, and no one wanted to remain the class.

4. ANTECEDENT (NOUN): पूर्वर्ती

Pronunciation: an·tuh·see·dnt

Meaning: a thing that existed before or logically precedes another

Synonyms: previous, preceding, earliest, prior

Antonyms: subsequent, later, after, ensuing, following

Sentence: It is no longer what it was antecedent to the Revolution.

5. UNANIMOUS (ADJECTIVE): एकमत

Pronunciation: yoo·na·nuh·muhs

Meaning: united

Synonyms: like-minded, at one

Antonyms: divided

Sentence: The doctors were unanimous in their diagnoses.

6. CATASTROPHIC (ADJECTIVE): आप तजनक

Pronunciation: ka·tuh·straw·fuhk

Meaning: Disastrous event

Synonyms: Calamitous, Cataclysmic

Antonyms: Fortunate, Blessed

Sentence: His mother's untimely death had a catastrophic effect on him.

7. DETERIORATING (VERB): खराब होना

Pronunciation: duh·teeuh·ree·uh·rayt·uhng

Meaning: To become worse

Synonyms: Collapse, Degenerate

Antonyms: Improvement, Heighten

Sentence: The weather conditions are deteriorating.

8. ANNEXATION (NOUN): राज्य-हरण

Pronunciation: a·neks·ay·shn

Meaning: To take what originally belonged to someone else.

Synonyms: Seizure, Invasion

Antonyms: Detachment, Loss

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

9. NEVERMORE (ADVERB): कदा प नहीं

Pronunciation: neh·vuh·maw

Meaning: at no future time; never again.

Synonyms: seldom, never

Antonyms: forever, always, ever

Sentence: Nevermore will Germans draw the sword against one another.

10. BEFITTING (ADJECTIVE): उ चत

Pronunciation: buh·fit·uhng

Meaning: appropriate to the occasion.

Synonyms: proper, acceptable, satisfactory, correct, decorous

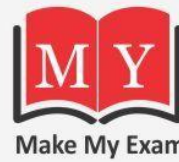
Antonyms: improper, wrong, unfitting, inappropriate

Sentence: The museum's silver jubilee was celebrated in a befitting manner.

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