

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. MERRIMENT (NOUN): आमोद

Pronunciation: meh·ruh·muhnt

Meaning: gaiety and fun.

Synonyms: exuberance, cheerfulness, gaiety

Antonyms: dejection, depression, despondence

Sentence: Their unexpected merriment made him nervously inquire as to the reason for it.

2. NEOTERIC (ADJECTIVE): नवीन

Pronunciation: ne·o·ter·ic

Meaning: new or modern; recent.

Synonyms: latest, modern, recent

Antonyms: old, oldfangled

Sentence: The neoteric design of the building stood out among the surrounding traditional structures.

3. REACTIONARY (ADJECTIVE): प्रति क्रयावादी

Pronunciation: ree·ak·shuhn·uh·ree

Meaning: opposing political or social liberalization or reform.

Synonyms: conservative, rightist, orthodox

Antonyms: liberal, nonconservative

Sentence: The reactionary officer then ordered him arrested.

4. CATACLYSMIC (ADJECTIVE): दुर्घटना

Pronunciation: ka·tuh·kliz·muhk

Meaning: relating to or denoting a violent natural event.

Synonyms: disastrous, catastrophic, calamitous

Antonyms: non-destructive, protective

Sentence: These countries are on the brink of cataclysmic famine.

5. OBSEQUIOUS (ADJECTIVE): चापलूस

Pronunciation: uhb·see·kvee·uhhs

Meaning: obedient or attentive to an excessive or servile degree.

Synonyms: servile, ingratiating, unctuous

Antonyms: insurgent, mutinous, mulish

Sentence: The salesman’s obsequious manner was beginning to irritate me.

6. PORTENTOUS (ADJECTIVE): अमंगल

Pronunciation: paw·tent·uhs

Meaning: of or like a portent.

Synonyms: ominous, warning, foreshadowing

Antonyms: unthreatening, auspicious, benign

Sentence: There was nothing portentous or solemn about him.

7. ENRAPTURED (VERB): मंत्रमुग्ध

Pronunciation: uhn·rap·chuhd

Meaning: give intense pleasure or joy to.

Synonyms: delight, give great pleasure to, give joy to

Antonyms: depressed, discouraged, disheartened

Sentence: The audience was enraptured by her beautiful voice.

8. OVATION (NOUN): वाहवाही

Pronunciation: oh·vay·shn

Meaning: a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation from an audience, especially by means of applause.

Synonyms: applause, handclapping, clapping

Antonyms: booing, hissing, taunt

Sentence: He received the longest ovation of the evening.

9. ADDENDUM (NOUN): परि शब्द

Pronunciation: uh·den·dm

Meaning: an item of additional material, typically omissions, added at the end of a book or other publication.

Synonyms: appendix, codicil, postscript

Antonyms: introduction, preface, prologue

Sentence: I follow this letter with the addendum duly signed for your attention.

10. EXECRABLE (ADJECTIVE): भद्रदा

Pronunciation: ek·suh·kruh·bl

Meaning: extremely bad or unpleasant.

Synonyms: appalling, awful, dreadful

Antonyms: excellent, fine, wonderful

Sentence: He stood at the desk, laboring in his execrable handwriting.

11. ERGO (ADVERB): फलस्वरूप

Pronunciation: uh·goh

Meaning: for this or that reason

Synonyms: therefore, consequently, so

Antonyms: however, nevertheless, still

Sentence: She was the sole beneficiary of the will, ergo the prime suspect.

12. MISERLINESS (NOUN): कंजूसी

Pronunciation: mai·zuh·lee·nuhs

Meaning: excessive desire to save money; extreme meanness.

Synonyms: avarice, acquisitiveness, parsimony

Antonyms: bounty, generosity, largesse

Sentence: The party earned a damaging reputation for miserliness by cutting pensions.

13. PARLEY (NOUN): बातचीत

Pronunciation: paa·lee

Meaning: a conference between opposing sides in a dispute, especially a discussion of terms for an armistice.

Synonyms: negotiation, talk, meeting

Antonyms: quiet, disagree, ignored

Sentence: The governor was forced to parley with the rebels.

14. BOGGED (VERB): फंस गया

Pronunciation: bawgd

Meaning: be or become stuck in mud or wet ground.

Synonyms: trapped, stuck

Antonyms: freed, released

Sentence: Your car will bog down in the mud.

15. BEGET (VERB): उत्पन्न करना

Pronunciation: buh·get

Meaning: give rise to; bring about.

Synonyms: cause, give rise to, lead to

Antonyms: impede, limit, restrict

Sentence: One change in the natural environment will beget others.

16. CHEESEPARING (ADJECTIVE): कंजूस

Pronunciation: cheez·peuh·ruhng

Meaning: careful or stingy with money.

Synonyms: cheapness, penny-pinching, penuriousness

Antonyms: generosity, largesse

Sentence: I have never been in favour of cheeseparing in education.

17. CORUSCATE (VERB): उज्जवल होना

Pronunciation: kaw·ruh·skayt

Meaning: (of light) flash or sparkle.

Synonyms: flash, glance, gleam

Antonyms: dim, dull

Sentence: The light was coruscating from the walls.

18. PROBITY (NOUN): ईमानदारी

Pronunciation: proh·buh·tee

Meaning: the quality of having strong moral principles; honesty and decency.

Synonyms: integrity, honesty, decency

Antonyms: mendaciousness, mendacity, dishonesty

Sentence: Her probity and integrity are beyond question.

19. DERANGE (VERB): पागल या व क्षप्त कर देना

Pronunciation: duh·raynj

Meaning: cause (someone) to become insane.

Synonyms: demented, unhinge

Antonyms: relax, soothe, tranquilize

Sentence: Being stranded at night on a lonely road would derange anyone.

20. TRAVESTY (NOUN): अन्याय

Pronunciation: tra·vuh·stee

Meaning: a false, absurd, or distorted representation of something.

Synonyms: misrepresentation, distortion, perversion

Antonyms: applause, commendation

Sentence: The trial was a travesty of justice.

21. NIMBLE (ADJECTIVE): चतुर

Pronunciation: nim·bl

Meaning: quick and light in movement or action; agile.

Synonyms: agile, lithe, sprightly

Antonyms: vacuous, weak-minded

Sentence: She showed some nimble footwork and looked a promising player.

22. IMPEDIMENT (NOUN): बाधा

Pronunciation: uhm·peh·duh·muhnt

Meaning: a hindrance or obstruction in doing something.

Synonyms: hindrance, obstruction, obstacle

Antonyms: catalyst, goad, impetus

Sentence: He was satisfied there was no legal impediment to the marriage.

23. EXPIATION (NOUN): प्रयाशित्त

Pronunciation: ek·spee·ay·shn

Meaning: the act of making amends or reparation for guilt or wrongdoing; atonement.

Synonyms: atonement, redemption, redress

Antonyms: corruption, debasement, perversion

Sentence: He made expiation for our sins on the cross.

24. NEBULOUS (ADJECTIVE): अस्पष्ट

Pronunciation: neh·byoo·luhs

Meaning: having an often intentionally veiled or uncertain meaning.

Synonyms: indistinct, indefinite, unclear

Antonyms: accessible, clear, nonambiguous

Sentence: The rules are too nebulous to be applied consistently.

25. GAFFE (NOUN): चूक

Pronunciation: gaf

Meaning: an unintentional act or remark causing embarrassment to its originator; a blunder.

Synonyms: blunder, mistake, error

Antonyms: accuracy, correctness, perfection

Sentence: He didn't realize what a gaffe he'd made.

26. FIDGETY (ADJECTIVE): बेचैन

Pronunciation: fi·juht·ee

Meaning: inclined to fidget; restless or uneasy.

Synonyms: restless, restive, nervous

Antonyms: calm, cool

Sentence: As the questioning continued, he became fidgety and uneasy.

27. PROBITY (NOUN): इमानदारी

Pronunciation: proh·buh·tee

Meaning: the quality of having strong moral principles; honesty and decency.

Synonyms: integrity, honesty, uprightness

Antonyms: badness, evil, evildoing

Sentence: Her probity and integrity are beyond question.

28. TWEAK (VERB): बदलाव

Pronunciation: tveek

Meaning: improve (a mechanism or system) by making fine adjustments to it.

Synonyms: modify, alter, change

Antonyms: fixation, stabilization

Sentence: Engineers tweak the car's operating systems during the race.

29. VALOROUS (ADJECTIVE): बहादुर

Pronunciation: va·luh·ruhs

Meaning: showing great courage in the face of danger, especially in battle.

Synonyms: bold, brave, courageous

Antonyms: coward, ungallant, unheroic

Sentence: The warriors were very valorous in the battle.

30. INGRAINED (ADJECTIVE): दीर्घस्थायी

Pronunciation: in·graynd

Meaning: (of a habit, belief, or attitude) firmly fixed or established; difficult to change.

Synonyms: built-in, entrenched, established

Antonyms: adventitious, extraneous, extrinsic

Sentence: Morals tend to be deeply ingrained.

31. CULINARY(ADJECTIVE): रसोईया

Pronunciation: kuh·luh·nuh·ree

Meaning: a relating to cooking, food preparation, or the art of preparing and presenting food.

Synonyms: Gastronomic, Epicurean

Antonyms: Non cooking

Sentence: The culinary delights of the restaurant impressed the diners, who savored each expertly prepared dish.

32. FLURRY (NOUN): घबराहट

Pronunciation: fluh·ree

Meaning: a short time in which there is suddenly a lot of activity.

Synonyms: Bustle, Commotion

Antonyms: Calm, Stillness

Sentence: As the snow started falling, children ran outside with great excitement, creating a flurry of laughter and snowball fights in the neighborhood.

33. PROCURE (VERB): प्राप्त करना

Pronunciation: pruh·kyaw

Meaning: obtain (something), especially with care or effort.

Synonyms: Obtain, Acquire

Antonyms: Lose, Surrender

Sentence: She managed to procure a rare book from the library.

34. WILDERNESSES (NOUN): जंगली इलाका

Pronunciation: vil·duh·nuhs·uhz

Meaning: an uncultivated, uninhabited, and inhospitable region.

Synonyms: Wilds, Forests

Antonyms: Civilization, Urbanization

Sentence: They embarked on a challenging expedition through the remote wildernesses of Alaska.

35. EXTERMINATE (VERB): समाप्त करना

Pronunciation: uhk·stuh·muh·nayt

Meaning: destroy completely.

Synonyms: Eliminate, Eradicate

Antonyms: Preserve, Protect

Sentence: The authorities are taking measures to exterminate the pests infesting the crops.

36. EXACERBATED (VERB): बिगाड़ देना

Pronunciation: uhg·za·suh·bayt·uhd

Meaning: make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse.

Synonyms: Aggravate, Intensify

Antonyms: Aid, Alleviate

Sentence: His angry comments have exacerbated tensions in the negotiation process.

37. SEEPED (VERB): रिसना

Pronunciation: seep

Meaning: (of a liquid) flow or leak slowly through porous material or small holes.

Synonyms: Ooze, Trickle

Antonyms: Flooded, Surged

Sentence: The chemicals seeped into the ground.

38. MALAISE (NOUN): बेचैनी

Pronunciation: muh·layz

Meaning: a general feeling of being slightly ill or unhappy without any particular reason.

Synonyms: Uneasiness, Unhappiness

Antonyms: Wellness

Sentence: The country's current economic problems are symptoms of a deeper malaise.

39. DOGGED (ADJECTIVE): हठी

Pronunciation: dog·ged

Meaning: refusing to give up even when something is difficult.

Synonyms: Tenacious, Obstinate

Antonyms: Hesitant, Flexible

Sentence: Her dogged determination to uncover the truth about the scandal led to her winning a reporting prize.

40. SWASHBUCKLING (ADJECTIVE): रोमांचक और उत्साहपूर्ण

Pronunciation: svawsh·buh·kuhl·uhng

Meaning: engaging in daring and romantic adventures with bravado or flamboyance.

Synonyms: Swagging, Heroic

Antonyms: Timid

Sentence: He has not been the same swashbuckling player since suffering a knee injury.

41. INDICT (VERB): दोषी ठहराने

Pronunciation:uhn·dite

Meaning: to make a claim of wrongdoing against.

Synonyms: accuse, prosecute, incriminate

Antonyms: acquit, exonerate, vindicate

Sentence: The grand jury could indict the mayor for fraud and embezzlement.

42. MEASLY (ADJECTIVE): अल्प

Pronunciation: mee·z lee

Meaning: contemptibly small or few.

Synonyms: paltry, meager, scanty

Antonyms: significant, considerable, enough

Sentence: That measly little paycheck barely covered the rent.

43. INTERCESSION (NOUN): बीच-बचाव

Pronunciation: in·tuh·seh·shn

Meaning: the action of intervening on behalf of another.

Synonyms: intermediation, negotiation, intervention

Sentence: His intercession could be of help to the tribe.

44. BLOT (VERB): धब्बा लगाना

Pronunciation: *Blat*

Meaning: mark or stain (something).

Synonyms: stain, taint, smudge

Antonyms: cleanse, purify

Sentence: Dark patches of dirt blotted the gray dress.

45. PAROCHIAL (ADJECTIVE): संकीर्ण

Pronunciation: *puh·roh·kee·uhl*

Meaning: not broad or open in views or opinions

Synonyms: petty, small-minded, narrow

Antonyms: liberal, cosmopolitan, open

Sentence: Local newspapers tend to be very parochial.

46. FRAGILITIES (NOUN): नाजुकता

Pronunciation: *fru-jil-i-tees*

Meaning: the quality of being easily broken or damaged.

Synonyms: frailty, flimsiness, weakness

Antonyms: strong, sturdy, tough

Sentence: Osteoporosis is characterized by bone fragility.

47. DEFTLY (ADVERB): चतुराई से

Pronunciation: *deft·lee*

Meaning: in a way that is neatly skillful and quick in movement.

Synonyms: masterfully, skillfully, adroitly

Antonyms: ineptly, inexpertly, unskillfully

Sentence: The company spokesperson deftly sidestepped the investigative reporter's questions.

48. SENTENTIOUS (ADJECTIVE): उपदेशात्मक

Pronunciation: *sen·ten·shuhs*

Meaning: given to moralizing in a pompous or affected manner.

Synonyms: moralistic, moralizing, sanctimonious

Antonyms:

Sentence: The document was sententious and pompous.

49. UNSWERVING (ADJECTIVE): अ डग

Pronunciation: *uhn·svuhv·uhng*

Meaning: not changing or becoming weaker; steady or constant.

Synonyms: unwavering, unfaltering, unhesitating

Antonyms: timid, diffident, heedful

Sentence: The general had an unswerving devotion to duty.

50. FRAZZLE (NOUN): थकी हुई अवस्था

Pronunciation: fra·ztl

Meaning: the state of being completely exhausted.

Synonyms: exhaustion, fatigue, lethargy

Antonyms: refreshment, energy, rejuvenation

Sentence: The meeting left me feeling completely frazzled.

51. APATHETIC(ADJECTIVE): उदासीन

Pronunciation: a·puh·theh·tuhk

Meaning: showing or feeling no interest, enthusiasm, or concern.

Synonyms: uninterested, indifferent, unconcerned

Antonyms: interested, conscientious, concerned

Sentence: I realised I was becoming increasingly depressed and apathetic.

52. DWINDLING(ADJECTIVE): कम होना

Pronunciation: dvind·ling

Meaning: gradually diminishing in size, amount, or strength.

Synonyms: decreasing, diminishing, subsiding

Antonyms: increasing, growing, rising

Sentence: The elephant population is dwindling.

53. TEED OFF (VERB): गुस्सा होना

Pronunciation: tee-d awf

Meaning: feeling or showing anger.

Synonyms: ballistic, angry, infuriated

Antonyms: pleased, accepting, delighted

Sentence: He teed off on the Labour Government policies.

54. SINGE (VERB): जलाना

Pronunciation: sinj

Meaning: burn (something) superficially or lightly.

Synonyms: scorch, burn, sear

Antonyms: smother, chok

Sentence: My jumper started to singe when I leaned over a burning candle.

55. GOOF (NOUN): मूर्ख

Pronunciation: goof

Meaning: a stupid person.

Synonyms: idiot, moron, stupid

Antonyms: genius, brain, whiz

Sentence: I just stood there like a goof waiting for him to introduce her.

56. DULCET (ADJECTIVE): आनंद कर

Pronunciation: duhl·suht

Meaning: giving pleasure or contentment to the mind or senses.

Synonyms: delightful, enjoyable, felicitous

Antonyms: unpalatable, unpleasant, disturbing

Sentence: She recorded the dulcet tones of her family and friends.

57. INSULARITY (NOUN): संकीर्णता

Pronunciation: ins·yoo·la·ruh·tee

Meaning: ignorance of or lack of interest in cultures, ideas outside one's own experience.

Synonyms: narrow-mindedness, parochialism, provincialism

Antonyms: tolerance, liberalism

Sentence: But will Dublin's insularity prove to be its downfall?

58. VIRTUOSO (NOUN): कलाप्रवीण व्यक्ति

Pronunciation: vuh·tyoo·oh·soh

Meaning: a person highly skilled in music or another artistic pursuit.

Synonyms: genius, expert, prodigy

Antonyms: amateur, amateurish, inexperienced

Sentence: He was gaining a reputation as a remarkable virtuoso.

59. EXHORT (VERB): समझाना

Pronunciation: uhg·zawt

Meaning: strongly encourage or urge (someone) to do something.

Synonyms: urge, encourage, adjure

Antonyms: deter, discourage, dissuade

Sentence: The governor exhorted the prisoners not to riot.

60. INKLING (NOUN): आभास

Pronunciation: ing·kluhng

Meaning: a slight knowledge or suspicion; a hint.

Synonyms: idea, sense, notion

Antonyms: answer, solution

Sentence: The records give us an inkling of how people saw the world.