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Some exceptional words of English vocabulary from the newspaper 'The Hindu' are listed here. Go through these words and read their usages to learn how to use them in sentences. This will really help you boost up your learning.

Happy Learning!!!

1. standstill (noun) – ठहराव, विराम

Pronunciation: stand-stil

Meaning: a situation or condition in which there is no movement or activity at all

Synonyms: halt, stop, stand

Usage: The train came to a complete standstill.

2. tempestuous (adjective) – तूफानी, अशांत

Pronunciation: tem-pes-chu-us

Meaning: characterized by strong and turbulent or conflicting emotion

Synonyms: turbulent, stormy, tumultuous, violent, wild; blustery, squally, wild, windy, gusty

Antonyms: peaceful, placid, calm

Usage: She is in a tempestuous mood.

3. persecute (verb) – अत्याचार करना, कष्ट देना

Pronunciation: per-si-kyoot

Meaning: to treat someone unfairly or cruelly over a long period of time because of their race, religion, or political beliefs; harass or annoy (someone) persistently.

Synonyms: oppress, abuse, victimize, ill-treat, mistreat, maltreat; harass, hound, plague, badger

Usage: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

4. recurrent (adjective) – आवर्तक

Pronunciation: ri-kur(u)nt

Meaning: occurring repeatedly

Synonyms: repeated, recurring, repetitive, periodic

Antonyms: isolated, single, unique

Usage: I have a recurrent dream that I've turned into an elephant.

5. bystander (noun) – दर्शक

Pronunciation: bai-stan-der

Meaning: a person who is present at an event or incident but does not take part

Synonyms: onlooker, observer, spectator

Antonyms: participant

Usage: Police warned bystander to keep away from the blazing building.

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6. insight (noun) – समझ, बोध

Pronunciation: in-sait

Meaning: the capacity to gain an accurate and deep understanding of someone or something

Synonyms: intuition, perception, awareness, discernment, understanding, comprehension

Usage: These texts give the reader an insight into the Chinese mind.

7. abysmal (noun) – भयानक, खौफनाक

Pronunciation: ubiz-mul

Meaning: extremely bad

Synonyms: appalling, dreadful, awful, terrible, frightful, atrocious

Antonym: superb

Usage: The weather was abysmal.

8. backlog (noun) – भराव, जमाव

Pronunciation: bak-log

Meaning: an accumulation of uncompleted work or matters needing to be dealt with

Synonyms: accumulation, logjam, pile, heap

Usage: I've got a huge backlog of work to do.

9. mercantile (adjective) – व्यापारिक

Pronunciation: mer-kun-tail

Meaning: relating to trade or commerce

Synonyms: commercial, trade, trading, business

Antonyms: idealistic, unworldly

Usage: The food show is mercantile, with everyone competing for business.

10. pestilential (adjective) – संक्रामक

Pronunciation: pesti-lenshul

Meaning: relating to or tending to cause infectious diseases

Synonyms: plague-like, contagious, communicable, epidemic, pestilent

Usage: We must get rid of these pestilential flies.



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