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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. PROPHYLACTIC (adj.) : प्रतिबंधक

Pronunciation: praw·fuh·lak·tuhk

Meaning: concerned with or serving to keep something from happening

Synonyms: precautionary, preventative, preventive

Antonyms: aiding, assisting, easing

Sentence: The many prophylactic measures that city officials could have taken to reduce the scope of the disaster.

2. KILLJOY (noun) : मज़ा खराब करने वाला

Pronunciation: kil·joy

Meaning: a person who deliberately spoils the enjoyment of others through resentful or overly sober behavior.

Synonyms: spoilsport, moaner, complainer

Antonyms: jester, reveller, celebrator

Sentence: Don't invite him. He's such a killjoy.

3. EGGING (verb) : अनुरोध करना

Pronunciation: eg·uhng

Meaning: urge or encourage someone to do something, especially something foolish or risky.

Synonyms: urge, goad, incite

Antonyms: discourage, dissuade, hold back

Sentence: Stop egging him on to drink more!

4. LANGUOROUS (adj.) : सुस्त

Pronunciation: lang·guh·ruhs

Meaning: characterized by tiredness or inactivity, especially of a pleasurable kind.

Synonyms: languid, lackadaisical, listless

Antonyms: ambitious, energetic, active

Sentence: Summer has a slow, languorous feel to it here.

5. ACQUISITIVENESS (noun) : अर्जनशीलता

Pronunciation: uh·kvi·zuh·tuhv·nuhs

Meaning: excessive interest in acquiring money or material things.

Synonyms: greediness, covetousness, cupidity

Antonyms: gratification, satisfaction, contentment

Sentence: His villa is filled with evidence of his acquisitiveness.

6. FRITTER (verb) : व्यर्थ नष्ट करना

Pronunciation: fri·tuh

Meaning: waste time, money, or energy on trifling matters.

Synonyms: squander, waste, misuse

Antonyms: conserve, save

Sentence: I wish we hadn't frittered the money away so easily

7. INTREPID (noun) : निडरता

Pronunciation: uhn·treh·puhd

Meaning: strength of mind to carry on in spite of danger

Synonyms: courage, bravery, fearlessness

Antonyms: cowardice, timidity, fearfulness

Sentence: To be an astronaut, you must be an intrepid person who craves adventure and is not afraid of heights.

8. MERCURIAL (adj.) : अस्थिर

Pronunciation: muh·kyoo·ree·uhl

Meaning: (of a person) subject to sudden or unpredictable changes of mood or mind.

Synonyms: volatile, capricious, temperamental

Antonyms: certain, changeless, constant

Sentence: Advertising is a mercurial business.

9. VOLUBLE (adj.) : बातूनी

Pronunciation: vaw·lyoo·bl

Meaning: (of a person) talking fluently, readily, or incessantly.

Synonyms: talkative, verbose, garrulous

Antonyms: silent, speechless, quiet

Sentence: Clarissa was extremely voluble on the subject of good manners.

10. DECREPIT (adj.) : बूढ़ा

Pronunciation: duh·kreh·puht

Meaning: (of a person) elderly and infirm.

Synonyms: feeble, infirm, weak

Antonyms: strong, fit

Sentence: A decrepit old man sat on a park bench.



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