

# 15 NEWSPAPER VOCABULARY

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# 1. Heartrending

**Adjective**

- **Meaning:**

Causing great sadness

- **Sentence:**

- Heartrending scenes of a newborn plucked alive from the rubble

# 2. Clutch

**Verb**

- **Meaning:**

To take hold of something tightly

- **Sentence:**

- a broken father clutching his dead daughter's hand

# 3. Lay bare

**Idiom**

- **Meaning:**

To reveal, uncover, make known

- **Sentence:**

- a broken father clutching his dead daughter's hand have laid bare the human cost of the earthquake.

# 4. Impromptu

**Adjective**

- **Meaning:**

Without being planned or rehearsed

- **Sentence:**

- For two days and nights since the 7.8 magnitude quake an impromptu army of rescuers have worked in freezing temperatures

# 5. Entomb

**verb**

- **Meaning:**

Bury or trapped within something

- **Sentence:**

- an impromptu army of rescuers have worked in freezing temperatures to find those still entombed among ruins

# 6. Pockmark

**Noun**

- **Meaning:**

Small hollows

- **Sentence:**

- to find those still entombed among ruins that pockmark several cities either side of the border.

# 7. Run out

**Phrasal verb**

- **Meaning:**

To come to an end

- **Sentence:**

- time is running out for the thousands injured and those still feared trapped.



# 8. Bleak

**Adjective**

- **Meaning:**

There is a little or no hope for the future

- **Sentence:**

- Even for survivors, the future seems bleak.

# 9. Revolt

**Verb**

- **Meaning:**

To take violent action against government

- **Sentence:**

- Sixty-one-year-old resident Celal Deniz said the police had to intervene when impatient crowds waiting for rescue teams “revolted”.

# 10. Tainted

**Adjective**

- **Meaning:**

Spoiled, damaged the value, quality or taste of something

- **Sentence:**

- even the joy of rescuing a newborn baby was tainted with sadness.

# 11. Tether

**Verb**

- **Meaning:**

To tie with a rope or chain

- **Sentence:**

- She was still tethered to her mother who was killed in the disaster.

# 12. Sole survivor

**Adjective**

- **Meaning:**

Someone who is the only survivor

- **Sentence:**

- The infant faces a difficult future as the sole survivor among her immediate family. The rest were buried together in a mass grave on Tuesday.

# 13. Pariah

**Adjective**

- **Meaning:**

A person who is not accepted by a social group

- **Sentence:**

- The Syrian Red Crescent appealed to Western countries to lift sanctions and provide aid as President Bashar al-Assad's government remains a pariah in the West, complicating international relief efforts.

# 14. Megalopolis

**Noun**

- **Meaning:**

Highly populated city

- **Sentence:**

- Experts have long warned a large quake could devastate Istanbul, a megalopolis of 16 million people

# 15. Rickety

**Adjective**

- **Meaning:**

Poorly made, likely to collapse

- **Sentence:**

- a megalopolis of 16 million people filled with rickety homes.



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