

Word / Phrase of the week

STD III

Word: Abolish

Definition: French word "aboliss" which means destroy

Examples:

- The king abolished the law of killing people.
- Slavery was abolished from the country.
- Eating junk food is abolished from my school.
- Few words were abolished from the dictionary.
- The trip was abolished after a week.
- She would not allow them to abolish such a fine painting.
- I will abolish this work.
- Taxes on food were abolished.

STD IV

Word: Demolish

Definition: To destroy, to forcefully tear down or take apart, to damage. Middle French demolis-, stem of demolir, from Latin demoliri, from de- + moliri to construct from moles mass- more at MOLE

Examples:

- The old factory was demolished to make way for a new parking lot.
- Tones of explosives were used to demolish the building.
- The town hopes to restore the old theater rather than have it demolished.
- The car was demolished in the accident.
- They demolished the other team by 51-7
- It was demolished in 1897, the defences being antiquated.
- Old types of vessels have been sold or demolished, and replaced by newer type.

STD V

Phrase: as mad as a hatter

Definition: completely insane, crazily eccentric

Examples:

- He is indisputably a genius, but he is also mad as a hatter.
- Everybody in my family knew that our uncle was as mad as a hatter.
- Did you see that guy on the corner? He was mad as a hatter.
- She hadn't answered though, and he could tell from her eyes that she was as mad as a hatter.
- You are as mad as a hatter.

Phrase of the week

STD VI

Phrase: go bananas

Definition: to lose control, to be wildly enthusiastic

Examples:

- I know Joe would go bananas when he see his results.
- Arnar went bananas over the new shoes from the Bata. I think he bought five pairs.
- The children will go bananas when they see the sweet little puppy.
- Aparna went bananas when she was introduced to Brad Pitt.
- Sorry, I just went bananas for a minute.
- She will go bananas if she sees the room in this state.

STD VII

Phrase: a head start

Noun

1. Sports A start before other contestants in a race.
2. An early start that confers and advantages.

Noun(plural head starts)

1. (idiomatic) An advantage consisting in starting a competition or task earlier than might be expected; given(taken), for example, prior to the beginning of a race.
 - Fred give his younger brother a five minute head start in the Easter egg hunt.
 - I want to set off at dawn to get a head start over the competition.
2. (iodiomatic) A factor conducive of superiority and success.
 - His father's money gave him a head start of life.

Examples:

- Israel takes a head start on world as first to switch off.
- The iTunes app store already has a huge head start on all it's competitors (Google, Microsoft, Blackb, 5, Ryu_reborn.)
- Looking for some new ideas or need a head start on the competition this summer? You will find it here! Iwill share some tips with you for your summer.
- Follow these 7 simple steps to get a good head start using Twitter.
- If you want to give your children a head start in life.
- Give yourself a head start on your journey by delving into some French-based novels and you will feel as if you are walking the streets of Paris in no time.

STD VIII

Phrase: drive a hard bargain

Definition: to work hard to negotiate prices or agreements in one's own favour

Example:

- I'm impressed that you got Rs 2000 for that car. You certainly drive a hard bargain.
- It's more than I planned to pay, but you drive a hard bargain.
- The bank was able to drive a hard bargain as the company needed immediate cash.
- He drives a hard bargain, but the party finally made the deal .
- You drive a hard bargain, Jane, but I'll sign the contract.

STD IX

Phrase: rank and file

Definition: The individuals who constitute the body of an organization, society, or nation as distinguished from the leaders.

Examples:

- The leaked documents included lists of liberal rank and file members in it.
- The rumours of corruption at the top disturbed the party's rank and file.
- We had a rank and file group that actually wanted to move up in the company one day and that gave me a lot of confidence.
- Though Thomas now enjoys the corner office and title of "Executive Office Manager" he spent three years in the rank and file of the company.
- This new senator really appeals to the rank and file in the Labour Unions.

STD X

Phrase: go ballistic

Definition: To become extremely and uncontrollably furious, to become irrationally enraged.

Examples:

- He will go ballistic if bureaucrats attempt to meddle in his decision.
- Dad will go ballistic when he sees you dented the car.
- The boss went ballistic when he saw my expense report.
- Fred went ballistic and punched five holes in the wall and threw a microwave halfway across his house.
- The guy went ballistic when I tried to tell him he couldn't return the socks if the package had been opened.
- The professor went ballistic when the student didn't know the answer to a very elementary question.

STD XI

Phrase: with a vengeance

Definition: I. With great violence or force.

II. To an extreme degree

Examples:

- Her headache is back with a vengeance.
- The angry soldier attacked the enemy with a vengeance.
- Bob ate his dinner and gobbled up his dessert with a vengeance.
- The cottage was filthy and Mary began cleaning with a vengeance.
- December has turned cold with a vengeance.
- Susan works out with a vengeance when she goes to the gym.

STD XII

Phrase: take exception to

Definition: Object strongly to, Disagree with

Examples:

- Many viewers took great exception to the programme's content.
- He says almost with regret, that the simple understanding of the scientist must take exception to Einstein's theory.
- I think he took exception to the joke about environmentalists.
- I take exception to the assumption that simply because I am young, I am not able to discern fact from fiction.
- Don't take exception to what he said, he was only joking.

