

Word of the week (18.04.2016 – 23.04.2016)

Std. V

Word: Dwindle

dwindle (verb) – diminish gradually in size, amount or strength

Origin – late 16th century from dwine

Synonyms- diminish, decrease, reduce, decline, lessen, shrink

Antonyms – increase, flourish

Sentences:

1. The amount of water had started to dwindle because of the extremely hot summer season.
2. The fire burnt for hours until it had dwindled away to red glowing embers.
3. If you keep on shopping like this, the money is going to dwindle down very quickly.
4. Our energy *dwindled* as the meeting dragged on.
5. The town's population is *dwindling* away.

Std. VI

Word: Amok

Meaning- in a confused and reckless manner

Synonyms: disordered, psycho, amiss, frantically, frenziedly, hectically, Insane, messy, orderless, unhinged, chaotic, defective, cracked, nuts etc.

Antonyms: calmly, collectedly, composedly, peacefully, meekly, methodically, systematically, sane, orderly, serenely etc.

Example:

It is an amok activity.

How amok of him to behave in such a way!

His amok behavior angered the class-teacher.

An amok person will confuse the family.

Std –VII

Word: Cartographer

Meaning

One who draws and make maps

Origin

The term “Cartography” was coined in 1859, from the French word Cart meaning card and graphie, from Greek, meaning to write

Synonyms:

Mapmaker, land surveyor, measurer, topographer

Sentences:

1. A number of cartographers throughout Europe were considered distinguished and honoured by the chairman.
2. The cartographer collected all the information he/she need to design an accurate topographical map of the nearby mountainous region.
3. When I went to the map store, I met a cartographer who helped me to solve my queries on map.

Std. VIII

Word: SALUBRIOUS (adj.)

Meaning- to describe something that is good for you or is generally favourable to mind or body; health-giving , healthy

Synonyms- beneficial, good, healthful, healthy, hygienic, invigorating, salutary, wholesome

Antonyms- insalubrious, unhealthy, unwholesome

Sentences:

- Vegetables are salubrious foods which provide essential nutrients.
- Janice has decided to open a salubrious restaurant specializing in grilled foods.
- Since I have been working out with a personal trainer, I have started eating a salubrious diet.
- Although I have a small headache, I feel pretty salubrious for the most part.
- While nuts are salubrious on a nutritional level, eating too many of them can cause you to gain unwanted weight.
- When I fall ill, I try and retain my health by taking salubrious herbs.

CLASS – IX

Word: DIATRIBE

Meaning – a forceful and bitter verbal attack against someone or something

ORIGIN - Late 16th century (denoting a disquisition) : From French, via Latin from Greek *diatribe* ‘ spending of time , discourse’ , from *dia* ‘through’ + *tribein* ‘rub’

SYNONYMS – stream of abuse, denunciation, condemnation , criticism

ANTONYMS – praise , recommendation , acclaim , admiration , fame

SENTENCES

1. Now let's calm down and analyze your diatribe.
2. Your anti- capitalist diatribe is negative and biased.
3. A child endures her mother's diatribe.
4. In the future just read more closely and understand clearly before writing your diatribe.
5. The facts that stunner's verbal diatribes are accompanied by minimum technological enhancement only add to their power.

CLASS X

WORD- PERINICIOUS

MEANING:- exceedingly harmful, especially in a gradual or subtle way.

ORIGIN:-Late middle english:from latin pernicious destructive from pernicious ruin.

SYNONYMS :- harmful, detrimental, deleterious, destructive, damaging, baneful, noxious

ANTONYMS:- useful, beneficial, healthy, helpful, nontoxic, secure, sound, non poisonous, harmless

SENTENCES:-

1. Physiological laws can explain the harmful and pernicious effects of deep breathing.
2. Yet this fear of the pernicious effects of property rights did not last for long.
3. Their persistence perniciously influences mood and emotional regulation.
4. The pernicious weed has spread all through the flower bed.
5. He had pernicious anemia at the age of 49.
6. This woman exercised a most pernicious influence over him.

Class XI

Word: VENEER

MEANING:

1. a thin layer of wood or other material that is attached to the surface of something in order to make it look better
2. a way of behaving or appearing that gives other people a false idea of your true feelings or situation

Origin of veneer:

German Furnier, from furnieren to veneer, from French fournir to furnish, equip — more at furnish

First Known Use: 1702

Synonyms:

Mask, covering, coating, façade, guise, exterior

Antonyms:

Inside, reality, interior, realness, subsurface

Sentence:

- i. Because the young man knew little about buying a vehicle, he was fooled by the truck's veneer and thought he was purchasing a new automobile.
- ii. The suspect knew the detective's veneer of concern was nothing but a pretense.
- iii. Although the celebrity wears a sociable veneer in public, she is ruthless when she deals with people in private.
- iv. The table top had a veneer of gold and ivory, which made it look elegant and much more expensive than it actually was.
- v. Her smile is nothing but a veneer.

Class XII

Word: proclivity

Meaning:

noun (pl) -ties

1. a tendency or inclination

Etymology:

C16: from Latin *prōclīvitās*, from *prōclīvis* steep, from *pro-* 1 + *clīvus* a slope

Synonyms:

:liking, inclination, tendency, leaning, disposition, propensity, bent, bias,
penchant, predisposition, predilection, partiality, preference, taste,
fondness, weakness, proneness;

Antonyms:

antipathy disinclination dislike hate

Sentences:

- When it comes time to write about his *proclivity* toward violence, I have all of these testimonies, filed in the same place.
- Nowhere is that *proclivity* more in evidence than in immigration policy.
- However laughable our *proclivity* is for questions, doubt, and endless theorizing, it is just as equally inevitable.
- The book concludes in a way that hardly matches my own political *proclivity*.
- There was nothing overtly broken with the game, but you may love or hate certain aspects of it depending on your personal *proclivity*.
- Jeremiah does not demonstrate a *proclivity* for making such specific predictions.