

WORD OF THE WEEK – (20 June 2016 to 25 June 2016)

Std - V

Word of the week – Rancid

Meaning : smelling or tasting unpleasant as a result of being old and stale.

Origin : early 17th century from Latin word 'rancidus

Synonyms : sour, stale, rotten, foul, rank, stinking.

Antonyms : fresh, clean, pure.

Sentences :

1. The milk which was left out overnight went rancid.
2. The restaurant unknowingly served rancid food to its customers.
3. The house was deserted with a rancid half-eaten meal still on the dinner table.
4. His rancid words hurt his mother so much that she decided never to see him again.
5. Once the supplies begin to go rancid, the supermarkets start selling them at low prices.

Std. VI

Word of the week : Vestige

Meaning : a small part of something that still exists after the rest of it has stopped existing

Synonym : antiquity, bygone, ruin, artifact, relic, heirloom etc.

Antonym : whole, full, alive, healthy etc.

Example :

- a. There is no vestige of truth in the rumor.
- b. The vestige shows that it is done by none other than Pallav.
- c. The vestige of spots on the road show that the accident occurred here.
- d. No vestige of his involvement in this case was found.
- e. The scoundrel has left hardly any vestige after committing the crime.

Std. VII

Word of the week : Maladroit

Meaning : Inefficient or inept; clumsy

Origin : French maladroit from **mal** which means “bad/badly” and **adroit** meaning “skillful”

Synonyms : Clumsy, awkward, bungling, graceless

Antonyms : Able, capable, skillful

Sentences:

1. The nervous boy was maladroit over his words as he was called on stage to dance.
2. When the maladroit waiter served us, he spilled water on my dress and dropped my plate on the floor.
3. The maladroit robber locked himself inside of the bank vault.
4. The monitor has been criticized for his maladroit handling of the class discipline.

Std. VIII

Word of the week : Desultory

Meaning: lack of plan, purpose or enthusiasm

Synonyms: aimless, haphazard, orderless, unsystematic, deviating, unmethodical

Antonym: focused, steady, stable, ordered, purposeful, systematic

Sentences:

1. Unhappy with his pay increase, James made only a desultory effort to complete his duties at work.
2. The students were confused by the teacher's desultory lecture which seemed to have no real focus.
3. The couple's divorce came as a no surprise because everyone knew their marriage was only a desultory arrangement.
4. The committee meetings are desultory in practice because they generally have no real purpose other than a social gathering.
5. Since my grandmother suffers from a brain disorder, she often speaks in a desultory tone which comes across as unorganized.

Std. IX

Word of the week : Listicle

Meaning : an article on the internet presented in the form of a numbered or bullet-pointed list

Origin : early 21st century: blend of *list* and *article*

Synonyms : list, agenda, archivist, taxonomy, schedule, tally, ballot, catalogue, dictionary, menu, prospectus, syllabus

Antonyms : listless, unplanned, unorganized

Sentences :

1. The site breaks everything into an easy –to-digest 10- listicle.
2. A recent listicle called ' 21 Pictures That Will Restore Your Faith in Humanity' has attracted more than thirteen million views.
3. I hate those listicles called 'Things You Didn't Know About Cats'.
4. The teacher told the students that all the listicle content could be summarized in two-three sentences.
5. A listicle note is easy to memorise.

Std. X

Word of the week : Click Bait

Meaning : A sensationalized headline or piece of text on the internet designed to entice people to follow a link.

Origin : 1995 – 2000 click + bait

Synonyms : link bait

Antonyms : no antonyms

Sentences :

1. However, Mizrahi is less certain that click bait culture will fade away in the near future.
2. My reaction to his article was click bait.
3. I'd tell any business to skip the click bait lists and create something that is genuine and unique.
4. Click bait articles contribute to the online visibility of the news website.
5. The stuff page views are made of click baits.

Std. XI

Word of the week : Quiescent

Meaning: In a state or period of inactivity or dormancy

Origin: Latin *quiescent, quiescens*, present participle of *quiescere* to become quiet, rest, from *quies*

Synonyms: asleep, rest, deactivated, fallow, inert, latent, passive, slumbering, stagnant

Antonyms: active, operative, functioning

Sentences:

1. Tonight the playing-fields were quiescent and harmless, and the only pedestrian on either footpath was Isobel Clarke.
2. The Army of Northern Virginia never before had been quiescent for so long.
3. What is really going on in the quiescent stage?
4. The Communist Party was in charge, the populations were quiescent and the possibility of mass turmoil was remote.
5. Laguna Beach, then a quiescent town dotted with a scant number of bungalows along its shore and in its hills.

Std. XII

Word of the week : Redolent

**MEANING - Strongly suggestive of ,
- Fragrant or sweet-smelling.**

Origin - Late Middle English(in the sense 'fragrant'): from Old French , or from Latin redolent- 'giving out a strong smell'

Synonyms- evocative, reminiscent, remindful , smelling of, perfumed, sweet, odoriferous, aromatic

Antonyms- fetid, fusty, reeky, stinky, smelly, foul, forgetful, unmindful, unscented, noisome

Sentences :

1. An old village church is redolent of everything that is England.
2. The place is redolent of Viennese history as the city government's web site points out.
3. No blooming season is more redolent than spring.
4. The order came after repeated complaints from residents, yet the exact source of the repulsive redolence was never exactly revealed.
5. In the party, air redolent with the fumes of beer and whiskey.
6. The pine woods are redolent having a strong pleasant odour.