

Word of the week- 30.11.2015 to 05.12.2015

Class-V

DOMINATE

Meaning- to have power and influence

Origin- Latin word 'dominari'

Synonyms- boss, command, control, manage

Antonyms- follow, go along, submit, surrender

Sentences-

1. He refuses to let others speak and dominates every meeting.
2. They work as a group- no one person is allowed to dominate.
3. The dispute is likely to dominate the news.
4. Despite dominating the game, the team lost 2-0.

CLASS - VI

TYRANT

Meaning - a person who dictates,

- a cruel and oppressive ruler

ORIGIN - Middle English: from OLD FRENCH, via Latin from Greek *turannos*

SYNONYMS - dictator , despot , autocrat , absolute ruler

ANTONYMS - democrat ,

SENTENCES :

1. Every tyrant and every oppressor deserve the full wrath of justice.
2. Her father was a tyrant.
3. In the middle ages many rulers were known as tyrants.
4. Stalin had a sick sense of humour, but then he was quite the tyrant.
5. She was a tyrant around anyone else, but the people remembered her small kindness.

Std –VII

FIASCO

Meaning

He is a complete failure especially a ludicrous or humiliating one.

Synonyms:

Abortion, mess, flop, failure, disaster

Antonyms:

Advantage, blessing, boon, miracle, success

Sentences:

1. The strike turned out to be a complete fiasco.
2. To stop a repeat of last year's fiasco, no more animals are allowed on the site.
3. Due to the plumbing fiasco, we will be without water for at least two days.
4. The West Coast Mail line has become the biggest fiasco in the short history of rail privatization.
5. The President must except some balance for this economic fiasco.

Std. VIII

RACONTEUR

Meaning: someone who is good at telling stories, anecdotes

Origin: French, first use- 1828

Synonyms:

Author, describer, story teller, anecdotist, narrator, yarn spinner, chronicler, novelist, reporter, writer, teller of tales etc.

Usage:

1. Munshi Premchand was a great raconteur.
2. Fanishwar Nath Renu is regarded as a regional raconteur.
3. To become a raconteur, he started writing news stories for a local news paper.
4. Thomas Hardy was a Sussex raconteur.

5. She is an adept raconteur of spy anecdotes.
6. To become a successful raconteur, one has to be master of human psychology.

CLASS - IX

STRAIT-LACED (ADJ.)

Meaning: having or showing very strict moral attitudes

Synonyms: prudish, prim, proper, puritanical, prissy, rigid, strict

Antonyms: broad-minded, permissive, improper

Sentences:

- Judge Judy is known to operate her courtroom in a straitlaced manner.
- My straitlaced aunt doesn't approve of my going out in the evening.
- The teacher was straitlaced on the first day of school.
- Furthermore, the closer he gets to airplanes, the more straitlaced he becomes.
- Birds of paradise perch on an improbable branch of the avian family tree, the flashy cousins of straitlaced ravens and cows.
- I was just wondering what my straitlaced ancestors would say if they could see me now.

CLASS -X

STYMIE

Meaning:

1. To stop (someone) from doing something or to stop (something) from happening
2. Prevent or hinder the progress of

SYNONYMS:

Hold back, hamper, obstruct, fetter, impede

ANTONYMS:

Aid, assist, facilitate, help

SENTENCES:

1. Progress on the project has been stymied by the lack of money.
2. At the concert, the security guards worked hard to stymie crazy fans from grabbing their idols.
3. The purpose of the therapy is to stymie the growth of the cancer cells.
4. My rival did everything to stymie my efforts to become the head.
5. My parents tried to stymie my decision of joining this college because it's too expensive.

CLASS –XI

SUBPOENA

MEANING:

1. **LAW:** a written order that commands someone to appear in court to give evidence.
2. The usual writ for the summoning of witnesses or the submission of evidence, as records or documents before a court or other deliberative body.

SYNONYMS:

Command, court order, decree, mandate, summons, warrant, written order

SENTENCES:

1. He used his subpoena power to put people on the stand for long.
2. In criminal cases, the Courts have the power to subpoena witnesses to attend Court in person to give evidence.
3. I haven't had personal contact with him lately but he is subject to subpoena so he has to be careful.
4. He was subpoenaed to testify a hearing.
5. The prosecutor subpoenaed the defendant's financial records.

Class XII

OEUVRE

Meaning: Work, The body of work of a [painter](#), [composer](#), or [author](#)

Origin : Late 19th century: French, literally 'work'.

Synonyms: output, work, entirety, product, handiwork,
piece of work, workplace, body of work, employment

Examples:

1. Two paintings, more than anything else in his rich and complex **oeuvre**, have come to define John Brack.
2. It is an ambitious exhibition, tackling and readdressing older issues in his **oeuvre** and rocketing into new realms of exploration.
3. The later works fulfil something incipient throughout Bunny's **oeuvre**, which is the decorative impulse.
4. Whatever you think of the Ritchie **oeuvre**, he hardly seems the man for that particular job.
5. It's interesting in that respect that parts of Malouf's **oeuvre**.
6. Salinas clearly curates Rafael Aguilar's **oeuvre** with passion.