

## Word/Phrase of the Week

### Word of the Week

#### STD III

**Word : Blossom**

Meaning - flourish

Origin - Old English "blostm"

Synonyms - Bud, floret, bloom, floweret.

Antonyms- Withering, die, decay, non-developing, fade.

Sentences-

- 1) The flowers blossom in rainy season.
- 2) The apple trees blossomed early this year.
- 3) Buds blossom in the morning.
- 4) The cherry blossoms are really beautiful.
- 5) The magic ashes made the withered trees blossom.
- 6) Some fruits blossom only during certain season.

#### STD IV

**Word : Iteration**

Origin :- Latin verb itereem which means again, act of repeating.

Meanings:- repetition

Synonyms:- recurrence, oscillation, emphasis, monotony, periodicity, recapitulation, repetition

Sentences:-

1. The current iteration of the super markets is in reality a bit of a pox upon our house.
2. The architect drafted several iterations of the floor plan before deciding on his final design.
3. We don't need to see every iteration to know what is happening there.
4. If the algorithms were successful at moving the robots closer to the target, they will be used as the next iteration.
5. The iterations in the syllabus have made it boring.

## Phrase Of the Week

#### STD V

**Phrase: A shot in the dark**

Meaning- A hopeful attempt, a wild guess

Sentences-

1. That was such a difficult question! I just took a shot in the dark.
2. You can try looking for your key on the beach, but I think it's a shot in the dark.
3. Come on, try it. Even a shot in the dark may win.
4. I knew that Mr. Craig had helped you, and it was a shot in the dark.
5. I didn't know the answer to the question so I took a wild shot in the dark.

## STD VI

**Phrase: Cross Swords**

**Meaning** – to argue with someone, have a disagreement

**Synonyms** – fight, quarrel

**Sentences** :

- 1.) Every day at 6 PM Aryan and Ishi crossed swords for watching their favourite show.
- 2.) I have crossed swords with her several times at committee meeting.
- 3.) Crossing swords with the straight political elites , particularly the power ministries is a tough problem.
- 4.) He crossed swords with the local typographical union and had been defeated.
- 5.) You say that you do not see how you and I have crossed swords with the priests.
- 6.) Crossing swords with the managing committee may cause problem.

## STD VII

**Phrase : Double -edged sword**

**Meaning**:- When something can have both favourable and unfavourable consequences, the term double-edged sword is often used to describe it.

**Sentences**:

1. The 30 year old actress views the sudden onslaught of success, however, as a double-edged sword.
2. The pursuit of happiness is a double- edged sword, self reliance often bleed into selfishness.
3. The technology, overall, is a double-edged sword in modern day relationships.
4. But Apple's secrecy has finally revealed itself as the double-edged sword.
5. By his side was a heavy broad sword and a sharp double-edged sword.

## STD VIII

**Phrase: Drop a bombshell**

**Meaning**: i) make an unexpected, startling or disturbing announcement

ii) reveal surprising information or news

examples: 1. My sister dropped a bombshell by announcing she was discontinuing her study for a job.

2. Mr. Sharma dropped a bombshell when he said he had resigned.

3. I do not have the courage to drop that kind of bombshell on my family.
4. The boss dropped a bombshell by saying that my application was rejected by the director.
5. The guard dropped a bombshell when he told the jailor that the most notorious criminal fled away from the custody.
6. Sachin Tendulkar dropped a bombshell by announcing his retirement from 'One Day Cricket'.
7. Pratima dropped a bombshell when she said that she was leaving .

## **STD IX**

### **Phrase : to the hilt**

Meaning - completely, to the maximum (if you do something to the hilt, you do it in the strongest and most complete way that you can)

Origin – This idiom alludes to the handle (hilt) of a sword , the only portion that remains out when the weapon is plunged all the way in. The figurative use of the term was first recorded in 1687.

Example-

- They took the new aircraft and tested it to the hilt.
- The blade was streaked with red to the hilt.
- Speculators with a ton of money get rich trading commodities, future contracts or otherwise leveraging their money to the hilt.
- Cosmopolitan Kuala Lumpur pampers women tourists to the hilt, provided you know where to find the best spots.
- The second part of this article explores some of the additional gadgets which can help explore your talents to the hilt.
- Nails were embedded in the teen's head, to the hilt.

## **STD X**

### **Phrase : Go Ballistic**

MEANING: To become extremely and uncontrollably furious

To become irrationally enraged

To become upset

SENTENCES:

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 : Fifth column

**Meaning:** A group of people who act traitorously and subversively out of a secret sympathy with an enemy of their country.

#### SENTENCES:

1. The rapid fall of France in 1940 led many to blame a fifth column rather than German military superiority.
2. He created a fifth column inside another nation by freeing that nation's blacks.
3. He was alarmed by the cultural fifth column of Islamic immigrants gnawing at Europe's traditions of tolerance and democracy.
4. Indian Mujahideen is the fifth column that is responsible for all subversive and anti-national acts all across India.

## STD XII

### Phrase : hoist with your own petard

#### Meaning

Injured by the device that you intended to use to injure others.

**Etymology:** based on the literal meaning of *hoist by your own petard* (*blown into the air by your own explosive device*), an expression made popular in Shakespeare's plays.

Mid 16th century: from French *pétard*, from *péter* 'break wind'.

#### Examples:

- (Hoist With One's Own Petard - Poem by Kumarmani Mahakul)

Krishna narrowly escaped from death and said,  
"Uncle Kansa was cause of own death, it is very sad"  
Hoist with one's own petard is true for all,  
Be cautious gentleman and ladies avoid own fall.

- He is a standing example of a politician who has been hoist by his own petard.
- It looks as though Boris Badenov is now hoist with his own petard.

- There is no doubt she set out to con a client, however got hoist by her own petard.
- She intended to murder her brother but was hoist with her own petard when she ate the poisoned food intended for him.
- The Vandals were hoist with their own petard when they tried to make an emergency call from the pay phone they had broken.
- It is always a pleasure to see the engineer of mischief hoist with his own petard.