

Word of the week- 25.01.16 to 30.01.16

Class-V

Pesky

Meaning- causing trouble, annoying

Origin- First use-1775

Synonyms- disturbing, abrasive, irritating, vexing, irksome

Antonyms- pleasing, friendly, lovable, nice

Sentence-

1. “This is the perfect spot to picnic, no crowd and no pesky people,” said Myrah to her mother.
2. Darian walked down the hall to the study where his brother Damian was probably plotting how to outsmart the pesky little immortals who had declared war on them.
3. “It is certainly pesky for me to get such messages from companies”, said Atul.

CLASS - VI

DECRY

Meaning – to express one’s vigorous disapproval of or to denounce

ORIGIN - 1610-20; French *decrier* , Old French *descrier*

SYNONYMS - belittle, denigrate, condemn, put down, criticize, disparage

ANTONYMS - exalt, applaud, compliment, praise, appreciate

SENTENCES:

1. When a child recently died in an abusive foster home, people march in protest to decry the states foster care system.
2. She decried the lack of support for the arts in this country.
3. This liberal news media is constantly trying to decry the efforts of the country’s conservative president.
4. After the immigration bill was passed, the racist groups started to decry the features of the act.
5. What kind of person will decry the death of a dog yet laugh at the death of a human?

Class – VII

Deflect

Origin - [1545–55; < Latin *dēflectere* to bend down, turn aside]

Meaning- To make something deviate from its original path

Synonyms- angle, arc, bending, bow, shift, divert, deviation, shift

Antonyms- line, unbending, boost, cherish, clearance, collaborate, collide

Sentences-

1. Prisms deflect rays of light towards their bases.
2. She refused to be deflected from anything she had set her mind on.
3. The bullet was deflected harmlessly into the ceiling.
4. He deflected his competitors.
5. His forearm deflected most of the punch.
6. The Prime Minister deflected mounting criticism today by announcing tax cuts.
7. The ball deflected off my shoulder, straight into the goal.
8. The crowd cheered as the goalkeeper deflected the shot.
9. He deflected the ball away from the goal.

Std. - VIII

Dexterous or dextrous

(adjective); meaning: skillful with your hands

Synonyms: skillful, smooth, shrewd, sophisticated, sharp, knowing, professional, plausible, wise, adroit, deft, smooth etc.

Antonyms: unskillful, ignorant, naïve, stupid, unintelligent, simple, slow, coarse, rough, unpolished, un-clever etc.

Usage:

1. Manoj sir is dexterous in art and craft.
2. He puts dextrous efforts in an unviable project.
3. The more dexterous you become, the more you succeed.
4. Dexterous endeavours pay in the long run.
5. Mr. Amit Shah is a dexterous politician.

CLASS - IX

DEFERENCE

MEANING- polite respect

ORIGIN- 1640-50; French deterrence, Middle French

SYNONYMS- respect, reverence, veneration, regard, admiration, courtesy, honour

ANTONYMS- contempt, disobedience, defiance, disdain, impoliteness

SENTENCE

1. Firefighters deserve to be granted with the utmost deference for their loyal service.
2. With all deference, I really think the council should reconsider its decision on tax increase.
3. If you treat others with deference, then people will respect you back.
4. My deference for people who disrespect others is low.
5. Honorable soldiers have rightfully earned my deference.

Std. X

EUREKA

MEANING:

It is an interjection – used to express excitement when a discovery has been made.

Marked by usually sudden triumphant discovery

SENTENCES:

1. It is definitely “a Eureka! moment” to be celebrated with great enthusiasm.
2. Eureka! I have found the keys.
3. It was really a eureka moment when she discovered her lost earrings.
4. She cried “Eureka! This is the pen I was hunting for so long.”
5. It is believed that the word eureka was first uttered by Archimedes when he discovered a way to determine the purity of gold by applying the principle of specific gravity.

Std. XI

EULOGIZE

Meaning:

To say or write good things about someone or something; especially: to praise (someone who has died) in a eulogy

To praise highly in speech or writing

Synonyms:

Acclaim, applaud, compliment, honor, pay tribute

Sentences:

1. The dead man was eulogized at the funeral.
2. He has been more extravagantly eulogized than any other man I know.
3. Ashley wiped away her tears as she began to eulogize her brother.
4. Jennifer thought it a great idea to eulogize her heroic uncle with a poem.
5. Standing near the dead body he said, "I come to eulogize our leader and to sing his highest praises."

CLASS - XII

Exacerbate

Meaning:

To make something that is already bad, even worse.

Etymology: Mid 17th century: from Latin *exacerbate* - 'made harsh', from the verb *exacerbare*, from *ex-* (expressing inducement of a state) + *acerbus* 'harsh, bitter'. The noun *exacerbation* (late Middle English) originally meant 'provocation to anger'.

Synonyms:

aggravate, make worse, worsen, inflame, compound, intensify, increase, heighten, magnify, add to, amplify, augment, make matters worse, compound the problem
informal add fuel to the fire/flames, fan the flames, rub salt in the wounds, add insult to injury

Antonyms:

aid, alleviate, appease, calm, delight, help, improve, make happy, please, soothe, comfort, compose, pacify, placate

Sentences:

1. This attack will **exacerbate** the already tense relations between the two communities.
2. Rising inflation was **exacerbated** by the collapse of oil prices.
3. He was largely responsible for the Scandinavian Seven Years' War (1562-70), which did so much to **exacerbate** the relations between Denmark and Sweden.
4. My headache started to **exacerbate** when my daughter played her loud music.
5. More than likely, the stress at work will **exacerbate** your illness and make you moody.
6. Not paying your taxes will only **exacerbate** your financial problems in the future.
7. If you do not tell the truth in court, you will only **exacerbate** the charges against you.