

## WORD OF THE WEEK – 04.07.2016 to 09.07.2016

Class : Std. V

### ARTICULATE (ADJ)

Meaning: having or showing the ability to speak clearly and coherently. (clearly expressed and easily understood)

Origin: mid 16th century from Latin *articulates*.

Synonyms: understandable, clear, eloquent, well-spoken

Antonyms: unclear, misrepresented, unintelligible

Sentences:

1. The President is known for his ability to articulate his thoughts in front of millions of people.
2. A polished speaker, Jenna was able to articulate her points during any discussion.
3. She is an articulate teacher.
4. The baby is beginning to form articulate words and phrases.
5. The writer presented articulate expressions of his thoughts on education.

Class : Std. VI

### PSEUDONYM:

Meaning- a fictitious name especially used by an author

Synonym: aka, alias, appellation, assumed name, epithet, forename, nickname, sobriquet, pen name etc.

Antonym: real name, original name etc.

Usage:

- a. George Eliot is a pseudonym.
- b. Many Indian and western writers assume pseudonym.
- c. A pseudonym is assumed by a writer not with a view to hide his name but to adopt a name he thinks suitable.
- d. Dhanpat Roy wrote under the pseudonym of Premchand.
- e. Many authors are known by their pseudonym.

## Class : Std. VII

### POSTHUMOUS :

**Meaning** – Occurring, awarded or appearing after the death of the originator.

**Origin** – Early 17<sup>th</sup> Century; from latin postumus which means 'last' last – born

**Synonyms** – future, later, past-obit

**Antonyms** – early, too soon, ahead of time.

### Sentences:

1. The author received several impressive awards for her works, unfortunately, they were all posthumous.
2. After he died in person, new evidence turned up proving her innocence so the governor granted him a posthumous pardon.

## Class : Std. VIII

### BENCHMARK

**Meaning-** a standard or point of reference against which things may be compared

**Synonyms-** bar, standard, grade, touchstone, yardstick, par

**Antonyms-** aberration, abnormality, deviation

### Sentences:

- Her outstanding performance sets a new benchmark for singers throughout the world.
- Her hard work has set a benchmark for the rest of the students.
- The new hotel is a benchmark in opulence and comfort.
- National standards would set a benchmark for what children of different ages should be expected to know.
- The Federal Reserve cut its benchmark discount rate to a year low.

## Class : Std. IX

### RUBRIC

#### Meaning - a heading on a document

**Origin** - 1325-75; <Latin *rubrica* red ocher (derivative of *ruber red*); replacing Middle English *rubriche rubrike* (noun) < Old French

**Synonyms** - title, heading, subtitle, headline, caption, designation, banner, epithet, cognomen

**Antonyms** - possession, ownership

#### Sentences -

1. The photographs in the archive can be categorized under three major rubrics : objects, portraits and landscapes.
2. Be careful to read through the rubric , the instructions on the examination paper.
3. The standard rubric is that critics care about literary quality, not commercial success.
4. Ten chapters , each laid out under the rubric of a song title, map out some of the main concerns of popular music studies in a textbook format.
5. "Art for a purpose, not for its own sake", was his rubric.

## Class : Std. X

### EPIPHANY

**MEANING-** an appearance or manifestation especially of a deity

**ORIGIN-** from Greek *epiphainein* ' reveal'. The sense relating to the christian festival via old french *epiphanei* and ecclesiastical Latin *epiphania*. First known use- 14th century

**SYNONYMS** – revelation, emergence, inspiration, manifestation, appearance,prophecy, vision, revealment,discovery, enlightenment

**ANTONYMS-** secret, expectation

#### SENTENCES

- Just as I was about to fail the exam, I had an epiphany and remembered some of facts I had learned.
- Being in a car accident caused me to have an epiphany about the importance of chasing my dreams.
- On my twentieth birthday I experienced a huge epiphany while standing inside a church.
- Going to jail for something which I did not do was an epiphany which caused me to rethink about my choice of friends.
- The atheist's epiphany about a higher power led him to become a Christian.
- During my physics class yesterday, I had an epiphany and finally understood the theory we had been discussing for a week.

## Class : Std XI

### **PEDANTIC**

Meaning: Excessively concerned with minor details or rules; over scrupulous

Origin: Middle French, from Italian *pedante*

First use: 1558

Synonyms:

Didactic, scholastic, erudite, ostentatious, precise, nit-picking, pompous

Antonyms:

Imprecise, ignorant, uninformed

Sentences:

1. When the teacher covered my son's test paper with red marks, I felt she was being way too pedantic in her review.
2. Since the teacher said the purpose of this essay is to show off our pedantic skills, I will make sure that I focus on the grammar practices.
3. Although I am a decent proofreader, I do not believe I have the pedantic skills necessary to be a good editor.
4. My father is a pedantic man who usually misses all the fun because he is busy reviewing travel documents.
5. Japanese journalistic writing in these early years of Meiji was marred by extreme and pedantic classicism.

## Class : Std XII

### **EXPONENTIAL**

Meaning-(of an increase) becoming more and more rapid

Synonyms- growing, epidemic, ascending, mounting, rampant, wanton

Antonyms- decreasing, descending

Sentences:

- Because of the poor economy, there has been an exponential increase of crime in our state.
- The low cost of mobile phones has resulted in an exponential rise in the sales.
- The rise of private vehicles in the town has caused an exponential increase in the traffic.
- There has been an exponential expansion of computer since 1980.
- Due to an exponential increase in the population, the amount of usable land for housing has grown smaller.