

# WORD OF THE WEEK – 15.08.2016 to 21.08.2016

## Class: Std. V

### Flair (Noun)

**Meaning:** Innate talent or aptitude

**Origin:** Late 19th century from French word 'flairer'

**Synonyms:** ability, knack, skill

**Antonyms:** inability, failure, ineptness

### Sentences:

1. Speaking with flair and expertise are key characteristics of a great speaker.
2. He has a flair for making friends easily.
3. None of us had such artistic flair.
4. She teaches how to write with flair.
5. Mohan has a flair for Mathematics.

## Class: Std. VI

### Flippant,

**Flippant:**(adj.) not showing a serious and respectful attitude

**Synonyms:** frivolous, superficial, thoughtless, carefree, irresponsible etc.

**Antonym:** serious, respectful, careful etc.

### Usage:

- a. He passed a flippant remark on his neighbour.
- b. How flippant of you is to mention this mean thing!
- c. A flippant attitude creates misunderstanding among friends.
- d. She is never flippant while talking to teachers.

## Class: Std. VII

### **Flagrant**

### **Meaning**

Conspicuously or obviously offensive

### **Origin**

1400-50; late middle English < Latin flagrant (stem of flagrans)

### **Synonyms:**

Disgraceful, rank, outrageous, awful, monstrous.

### **Antonyms:**

Disguised, hidden, mild, moral.

### **Sentences:**

1. In spite of his imaginative temperament, his cruelty to animals is flagrant.
2. If she had committed some flagrant act of injustice, the victim would have borne it in silence..
3. After the basketball player committed a flagrant foul, he was kicked out of the game.
4. The driver's flagrant disregard for the speeding laws did not escape the police officer's notice.

## Class: Std. VIII

**Anomaly:** something that deviates from what is standard, normal or expected

**Synonyms:** peculiarity, abnormality, irregularity, inconsistency, incongruity, deviation etc.

**Antonyms:** normality, standard, usual, regularity, conformity, normal, equivalence, impartiality etc.

### **Usage:**

1. There are a number of anomalies in the present system.
2. This anomaly in your behavior will anger any teacher.
3. What an aghast anomaly!
4. These anomalies will hamper your abilities.

## Class: Std. IX

### ECLECTIC

**Meaning** – deriving ideas, style or taste from a board and diverse range of sources

**ORIGIN** - Late 17th century ; Greek eklektikos from ek-out + legein- to choose

**SYNONYMS** –varied , selective, broad, diverse, mixed, universal, liberal, choosy

**ANTONYMS** narrow, specific, particular, accurate, alike, exclusive, apprehend

### SENTENCES –

1. My friends are an eclectic group of individuals who can rarely agree on a single topic.
2. The restaurant's menu was eclectic and included foods from a number of ethnic groups and cultures.
3. Because Leslie has travelled all over the world, her home is filled with many eclectic furnishings.
4. The painter's recent work is an eclectic collection of landscapes she has recently visited.
5. Neoplatonism cannot be yet described as an eclectic system, in the ordinary sense of the word.

## Class: Std. X

### Esoteric

**Origin** - 1650s, from Greek esoterikos "belonging to an inner circle," from esotero "more within," comparative adverb of eso "within," related to eis "into," en "in" (see en- (2)). In English, originally of Pythagorean doctrines. According to Lucian, the division of teachings into exoteric and esoteric originated with Aristotle.

**Meaning**- known about or understood by very few people

**Synonyms**- abstruse, arcane, deep, profound, hermetic (also hermetical), recondite, secret, recondite, hidden, abstruse, private

**Antonyms**- exoteric, public, known, obvious, comprehensible, understandable, accessible, broadcast, intelligible, manifest, open

## Sentences-

1. Unlike the other professors, Margaret was very familiar with esoteric literature from the middle ages.
2. Only the children of royal families are allowed in the esoteric organization.
3. Eric made an esoteric joke that only he and his brother understood.
4. While the writing appeared simple, its meaning was esoteric in the fact only a number of scholars could comprehend it.
5. Janice loved her country and found it difficult to agree with the esoteric ideas of the terrorists.
6. Gerald was an eight-year-old genius who had esoteric interests much different from kids of a similar age.

## Class: Std. XI

### DIASPORA

Meaning: a group of people who live outside the area in which they had lived for a long time or in which their ancestors lived

**Origin:** Greek, dispersion, from diaspeirein to scatter, from dia-+sperein to sow

First use: 1881

#### **Synonyms:**

Dispersion, displacement, expatriation, expulsion, migration, relegation, scatter

#### **Antonyms:**

Concentration

#### **Usage in sentences:**

1. If we resort solely to Judaism for explanation, it must be a Judaism of the Diaspora type.
2. An example of diaspora is the 6<sup>th</sup> century exile of Jews from outside Israel to Babylon.
3. When war broke out in their home country, a diaspora of refugees settled in a neighbouring nation.
4. A diaspora of Irish immigrants moved to my city during the potato famine.
5. After fleeing from the Middle East, a large Muslim diaspora moved to Europe.

## Class: Std. XII

### diaphanous

**Origin** - Medieval Latin diaphanus, from Greek diaphanēs, from diaphainein to show through.

**Meaning**- very sheer and light; almost completely transparent or translucent

**Synonyms**- filmy, sheer, transparent, gauzy, translucent, see-through, thin, clear, flimsy, light, delicate

**Antonyms**- opaque, thick, acute, awkward, clever, critical, foggy, sad, solid, ambiguous, astute, cloudy, concrete, crass

### Sentences-

1. Mary found it quite easy to see through the diaphanous drapes.
2. The high-powered microscope made the tiny cell appear diaphanous.
3. Although the moon appears diaphanous, it is actually solid and not transparent in the least.
4. The thin mask was diaphanous and did not hide the superhero's real identity.
5. In the movie, the aliens who came to earth were short diaphanous creatures .