

WORD OF THE WEEK – 25.07.2016 to 30.07.2016

Std. V

EARNEST (ADJ)

Meaning: showing sincere and intense conviction

Origin: From old English 'earnoste'

Synonyms: serious, keen, zealous, profound

Antonyms: frivolous, half-hearted

Sentences:

1. He had a reputation for being dreadfully earnest
2. They were engaged in earnest prayer on hearing about the earthquake.
3. He is a lazy boy who will only work in earnest when he knows someone is watching.
4. She has an earnest desire to help poor people in our city.

Std. VI

EMBELLISH

Meaning: Make beautiful, decorate

Synonyms: adorn, dress up, embroider, exaggerate, beautify, deck, garnish, grace etc.

Antonyms: Decrease, harm, lessen, reduce, deface, disfigure, spoil etc.

Sentences:

1. The entrance gate was embellished with flowers.
2. Embellish your art work properly.
3. Bridal garments look beautiful when embellished.
4. Why don't you embellish your room?
5. One should embellish one's surrounding to avoid embarrassment.

Std. VII

ECCENTRIC

Meaning: Unconventional and slightly strange

Origin : 1350-1400; medieval Latin *eccentricus* meaning out of center

Synonyms: Strange, weird, bizarre.

Antonyms: Normal, regular, ordinary, customary.

Sentences:

1. The eccentric old man never ate anything other than cat food.
2. The eccentric furniture designer is known for turning unusual objects into tables and chairs.
3. Most geniuses come across as eccentric because they are very unique people.
4. As I often wear clothes that were popular in another century, many people refer to me as eccentric.

Std. VIII

EMACIATED

Meaning - abnormally thin or weak, especially because of illness or a lack of food.

Synonyms- anorexic, famished, scrawny, cadaverous, attenuate, gaunt, lank.

Antonyms- fat, heavy, overnourished, plump

Sentences:

- The emaciated boy was too weak to fight off his kidnapper.
- Although the prisoners of war were provided three meals a day, many of them still looked emaciated and hungry.
- Jim's long-term illness is causing him to appear emaciated.
- During the winter, many deer become emaciated and die because of food shortage.
- Our troops are not winning the war because the starving soldiers are too emaciated to fight.

Std. IX

EFFRONTERY

MEANING- INSOLENT OR IMPERTINENT BEHAVIOUR

ORIGIN- Late 17th century : From French *effronteries* based on late Latin *effrons,effront* – ‘shameless barefaced’ , from ex- ‘out’ + frons ‘forehead’

SYNONYMS –impudence, impertinence, insolence, audacity, front, forwardness, nerve, presumption, shamelessness, bad manners

ANTONYMS- courtesy , modesty, manners, shyness, shame, account, timidity, amenity

SENTENCES

1. I was shocked by the mugger’s effrontery to thank me after grabbing my bag.
2. When the defendant put his feet up on the table, the judge scolded him for his effrontery.
3. The two policemen laughed at the effrontery of the criminal who tried to disguise himself by dressing as a woman.
4. Although I have an advanced degree in business , my boss still had the effrontery to ask me to bring him coffee.
5. Though my friend Ram cheated me , still he has the effrontery to accuse me of being disloyal to him.

Std. X

EBULLIENT

MEANING- 1. boiling, agitated

2. Lively and enthusiastic

ORIGIN- Latin ebullient-, ebulliens, present participle of ebullire to bubble out

ANTONYMS- spiritless

SYNONYMS – : advantageous, auspicious, beneficial, benign, brave, bright, Dexter, encouraging, favouring, fortunate, happy, hopeful, lucky, pat, promising, prosperous, rosy, seasonable, timely, useful, well-timed

SENTENCES

1. The ebullient song was so uplifting that I danced in my chair.
2. Because my Uncle Jake has an ebullient personality, he is a great circus clown.
3. Jack always felt ebullient after drinking his morning coffee.
4. After being stranded in the airport for eight hours, we were far from ebullient.
5. Charlie's ebullient attitude made him a favourite in the office.
6. When Matthew lost his job, he was no longer ebullient and excited about his future.

Std. XI

ESOTERIC

Meaning: intended for or likely to be understood by only a small number of people with a specialized knowledge or interest.

Synonyms: abstruse, obscure, abstract, difficult, hard, puzzling, perplexing, enigmatic, inscrutable, cryptic

Antonyms: public, common, obvious, known

SENTENCES:

1. The medical research was so esoteric that only a few physicians could actually understand the results.
2. Janice loved her country and found it difficult to agree with the esoteric ideas of the terrorists.
3. Gerald was an eight-year-old genius who had esoteric interests much different from kids of a similar age.
4. Eric made an esoteric joke that only he and his brother understood.
5. The two roads in the poem "THE ROAD NOT TAKEN" are esoteric one.

Std. XII

ECLECTIC

MEANING- **including** things taken from many different sources.

Selecting what appears to be best in various doctrines, methods, or styles, composed of elements drawn from various sources

ORIGIN- Greek eklektikos, from eklegein to select, from ex- out + legein to gather — more at legend
First Known Use: 1683

ANTONYMS- manifold, multifarious; multiple, multiplex, myriad;
Disparate, divergent, diverse, sundry, various; chaotic, cluttered, confused, disarranged, disarrayed, disheveled, disordered, jumbled, littered, messed, messy, muddled; amalgamated, blended, combined,

SYNONYMS – : assorted, miscellaneous, heterogeneous, indiscriminate, Kitchen-sink, magpie, mixed, motley, patchwork, piebald, promiscuous, ragtag, varied

SENTENCES

1. The restaurant's menu was eclectic and included foods from a number of ethnic groups and culture.
2. My friends are an eclectic group of individuals who can rarely agree on a single topic.
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. While Henry is a well-known country music lover, his wife's music taste is more eclectic and includes everything from classical music to rock music.
6. In the historic part of our city, you can find a variety of eclectic shops filled with antique furniture and homemade products from local dealers.
7. The sculptor used an eclectic assortment of materials to create his latest piece of art.