

WORD OF THE WEEK

(1st August 2016 to 6th August 2016)

Std. V

Word : KILLJOY (NOUN)

Meaning : a person who prevents others from having fun

Origin : First used in 1776

Synonyms : miserabilist, spoilsport, wet blanket, party pooper

Antonyms : celebrator, rejoice

Sentences:

1. He has been characterised as the ultimate killjoy.
2. Lets not be a killjoy and enjoy the party.
3. The killjoy is in the fear that inflation is going out of control.
4. I don't want to sound like a killjoy, but shouldn't we study tonight?

Std. VI

Word : STICK-IN-THE-MUD

Meaning: an unadventurous person (01/08/16 - 06/08/16)

Synonyms: die-hard, reactionary, conservative, obstinate person

Antonyms: liberal, radical, adventurer, progressive

Sentences:

1. He is purely a stick-in-the-mud.
2. A stick-in-the-mud dislikes novel changes.
3. Mr. Das, a stick-in-the-mud, didn't board the ship.
4. He who remains a stick-in-the-mud hardly develops.

Std. VII

Word - AIRY-FAIRY

Meaning

Impractical and foolishly idealistic, fanciful

Origin

19th century from Tennyson's poem Lillian (1830) where the central figure is described as Airy-Fairy Lillian.

Synonyms:

Impractical, unrealistic, idealistic.

Antonyms:

Cynical, practical, realistic

Sentences:

1. You are talking about some airy-fairy concept which will never come in my lifetime.
2. Raj stated that there was nothing airy-fairy about his drama classes.
3. There is an airy-fairy element to his plan for improving the Scottish game.

Std. VIII

WILLY-NILLY

Meaning- without direction or planning

Synonyms- ambivalent, haphazard, inevitable, perforce, unavoidable, randomly.

Antonyms- methodical, readily, willingly

Sentences:

- The government was dragged willy-nilly into the confrontation.
- Clerks bundled the papers into files willy-nilly.
- The people were running around willy-nilly when a mouse was spotted in the restaurant.
- After her boss got sick, she found herself directing the project willy-nilly.

Std. IX

WHISTLE-BLOWER

MEANING - A person who informs on a person or organization regarded as engaging in an un lawful or immoral activity.

ORIGIN- 1965-70

SYNONYMS- inside man, tattletale

ANTONYMS- adherent

SENTENCES-

1. The difference between a leaker and a whistle-blower is important.
2. “I was amazed at how terrifying it would be to be a whistle-blower”, he said.
3. He was a whistle-blower who helped expose the former MP.
4. These whistle-blower prosecutions would lead to some of the largest multibillion – dollar settlements in history.
5. A whistle-blower who had reported the company had been sent back to gather more evidence.

Std. X

TRAILBLAZER

MEANING- A person who makes, does, or discovers something new and makes it acceptable or popular

ORIGIN- The expression came into being in the late 18th Century when the American settlers were pushing further and further west — towards Oregon, California, etc.

SYNONYMS – groundbreaker, forerunner, innovator, precursor, antecedent, explorer, harbinger

ANTONYMS- inhabitant

SENTENCES

1. Espresso Melbourne's restaurant world is mourning a trailblazer with the death of Gloria Staley.
2. Kate Chopin did not regard herself as a suffragist, but her work has grown to be acclaimed as a trailblazer in feminist issues.
3. Jambu will always be remembered as a trailblazer in cancer research.
4. Padma was a trailblazer in the field of AIDS research.
5. The company has blazed a trail in developing new medicines for curing AIDS.
6. He has blazed a trail in developing awareness among people about cancer.

Std. XI

OOMPH

Meaning:

- i. the quality of being exciting, energetic
- ii. a quality that makes something attractive or appealing

Synonyms:

Power, vigour, strength, zeal, liveliness

Antonyms:

Impotence, laziness, feebleness, indolence, infirmity

Sentences:

1. Salted, transparent potato crisps add some snapping textural oomph, while vinegar-pickled beetroot and shallots provide a restrained tang.
2. The plot of the story lacks oomph.
3. The truck doesn't have the oomph to haul the boat.
4. From a distance of may be fifteen yards, I heard bodies clash and the oomph of breath knocked out of lungs.
5. He landed on the ground with oomph and sat looking at her, panting wildly.

Std. XII

CHUTZPAH

Meaning- extreme self-confidence or audacity

Synonyms- arrogance, audacity, boldness, brass, gall, spine

Antonyms- bashfulness, shyness, diffidence, frailness.

Sentences:

- Jimmy's newly acquired chutzpah shocked us as we watched him demand a raise.
- Caroline finally found the chutzpah to perform, in the talent show.
- Einstein had the chutzpah to discard common sense and long-established theory.