

WORD OF THE WEEK- 02.05.2016 to 07.05.2016

Class: Std. V

Word of the week - CACKLE

Meaning- the raucous clucking cry.

Origin- middle low german “Kakelen”.

Synonyms- cluck, clack, squawk, cry, sob, blubber, buzz, groan, bark.

Antonyms- gabble, prattle, crow, giggle, titter, prate, jabber, quack.

Sentences:-

1. The hen was cackling as if demented.
2. Ducks have a harsh growling cackle.
3. There are neither cockerels to crow nor hens to cackle in the yard.
4. When the servant threw a stone on the door, then a loud cackling was heard outside.

Class: Std. VI

Dreary (adj.)

Meaning- causing sadness or gloom; dull; boring; sad

Dreariness (noun) dreariness (adjective)

Synonyms: gloomy, dismal, drear, cheerless, depressing, comfortless, tedious, monotonous, wearisome, tiresome etc.

Antonyms: cheerful, interesting, soothing etc.

Examples:

- a. The dreary Court of Chancery was much defamed for its partiality.
- b. He saw a dreary dream and woke up panting.
- c. Throughout the night, he kept roaming in the dreary town.
- d. It was a dreary cave.
- e. The look she gave was so dreary that the child screamed.

Class: Std. VII

Cacophony

Meaning: A harsh discordant mixture of sounds

Origin : Mid 17th century: from French cacophonie, from Greek Kakophonia. Kakophonos means 'ill-sounding', i.e. Kakos 'bad' and phone 'sound'.

Synonyms: Clamor, disharmony, harshness, sour note, racket

Antonyms: Calm, lull, serenity, hush

Sentences:

1. The woods became alive with sound, a great cacophony of noise came as the two brothers fought.
2. Birds form a group and create a cacophony of sound to ward off the attack.
3. Sometimes, it seems as though the dogs in our neighborhood bark together to create a cacophony that wakes me up every morning.
4. The cacophony in the classroom drowned out the Principal's announcement.

Class: Std. VIII

Bon vivant (n)

Meaning- a person who devotes themselves to a sociable and luxurious lifestyle

Synonyms- aficionado, connoisseur (connoisseur of food, wine), enthusiast, epicure, gourmet

Antonyms- ascetic, abstaining, austere, puritanical, disciplined, strict

Sentences:

- Churchill was a bon vivant while Hitler a wowser.
- He was a diplomat, bon vivant, and womaniser par excellence.
- The bon vivant had a dinner in the 5-star restaurant.
- He was a bon vivant, a bohemian who knew Thackeray, Rossetti, Whistler, and Wilde.
- Shakespearean actor and bon vivant Richard Piper will be playing an important role in one of the famous play.

Class: Std. IX

CALIBRATE

Meaning – mark with a standard scale of readings

- Carefully assess, set or adjust

Origin – Mid 19th century

SYNONYMS – adjust, scale, measure, change, compute, appraise, quantify, evaluate

ANTONYMS - calculate, indispose, put together, put on, make headway

SENTENCES

1. You might want to calibrate your bathroom scale now and then to be sure it is adjusted for exact weight.
2. The radiocarbon results would need to be calibrated to convert them to calendar ages.
3. The regulators cannot properly calibrate the risks involved.
4. Rohan has carefully calibrated the pressure applied by his followers.
5. Views isn't a bad record, if your expectations are properly calibrated, much of it is sublime.
6. The potentiometer may be used to calibrate a voltmeter by the aid of a divided resistance of known value.

Class: Std. X

BUMPTIOUS

MEANING- obtrusively pushy, self assertive to a pretentious extreme

ORIGIN- early 19th century humorously from bump on the pattern of fractious.

SYNONYMS – arrogant, conceited, egoistic, forward, full of oneself, loud, pushy, obnoxious

ANTONYMS- humble, modest, uncertain, unsure

SENTENCES

1. My old boss was a bumptious and obnoxious guy.
2. Bumptious people can never get along with anyone in the society.
3. Principal decided to control bumptious students in the college.
4. I hate and avoid people who are bumptious in nature.
5. The 12 years old boy was far too bumptious for his age.
6. No one cares about him anymore because he is bumptious.

Class: Std. XI

CAMARADERIE

MEANING: Mutual trust and friendship between people who spend a lot of time together.

Origin: mid 19th century: from French, from camarade ‘comrade’.

SYNONYMS: Friendship, comradeship, fellowship, companionship, brotherhood, togetherness, team spirit, esprit de corps

ANTONYMS: Gloom, dislike, hate

SENTENCES:

- a) He enjoyed the *camaraderie* of army life.
- b) There is great *camaraderie* among the teammates.
- c) They have developed a real *camaraderie* after working together for so long.
- d) He enjoyed the camaraderie of a single, tight-knit army squad, bound together through the chaos of battle over the course of the entire game.
- e) *Camaraderie* built up through the training weekends and matches was fantastic.

Class: Std. XII

Febrile(adj.)

Meaning- having or showing the symptoms of a fever or characterized by a great deal of nervous excitement or energy

Synonyms- delirious, fevered, fiery, flushed, hallucinatory, inflamed

Antonyms- cold, freezing, frigid

Sentences:

- The mother gave her febrile son paracetamol to bring down his body temperature.
- If you get the febrile illness, you will have a fever for several weeks.
- My mother touched my forehead to see if I had a febrile sickness.
- The woman's febrile condition caused her to experience chills and hot flashes.
- When I was in the hospital, the nurses checked my temperature often to assess my febrile response to the infection.