

Word of the week

(4th April 2016 to 9th April 2016)

Class - V

Word : Plummet

Meaning : Fall or drop straight down at high speed

Origin : Late 14th century.

Synonyms : collapse, decline, decrease, descend, drop

Antonyms : rise, shoot up, ascend, increase

Example Sentences:

1. Property prices have plummeted in recent months.
2. He plummeted to the ground.
3. A climber was killed when he plummeted 300 meters from the mountain.
4. The value of the painting plummeted and they decided to sell it off.

Class - VI

Word - Ramification

Meaning – the act or process of extending into subdivision

- a related or derived subject, problem, etc

ORIGIN - 1670-80; Middle French < Medieval Latin *ramificast(us)* (past participle of *ramificare* to ramify)+ Middle French *-ion*

SYNONYMS - branch, division, fork, divergence, bifurcation, arm, deviation, consequence, split

ANTONYMS – cause, aggregate, antecedent, causation, reason, union, root

SENTENCES –

1. The new tax law proved to have many ramifications unforeseen by the lawmakers.
2. Its ramifications drain the slopes of the Andes between 12° and 15° of latitude.
3. The ramifications were disturbing; my mind a myriad of flashing light and churning thoughts.
4. Cramer, gives a survey of the origin and ramifications of the movement in Europe and America.
5. The physical ramifications of not feeding for over thirty hours commanded attention.
6. They are ramifications of the highlands of Brazil.

Class – VII

Word : Fluke

Meaning

An unlikely chance occurrence, especially a surprising piece of luck.

Synonyms:

coincidence, accident, chance, a twist of fate.

Antonyms:

Certainty, plan, misfortune, misluck

Sentences:

1. It was a fluke to find a fifty dollar cheque on the ground.
2. If your favourite sports team loses the game, you could say that it was just a fluke.
3. It was fluke that they met each other after separation of five years .
4. It was merely a fluke that the baseball hit him right on his nose.
5. A husband and wife with the same birthday is quite a fluke.

Class – VIII

WORD- CURSORY

MEANING:- Hasty and therefore not thorough or detailed

ORIGIN:- From latin cursorius of a runner from cursor

SYNONYMS:- Hasty, helter-sketler rash, rushed, hurried

ANTONYMS:- Delibrate, unhurried, unrushed

SENTENCES:-

1. After a cursory examination of his face, the man decided he needed a shave.
2. After a cursory viewing of the horizon , it was clean that it needed to be scanned.
3. After a cursory look she moved on.
4. I made a cursory glance at a newspaper article.
5. Cursory of glances revealed that the documents is badly flawed.
6. Mr. Armani endured a cursory inspection by the T.S.A. agent.

Class – IX

Word : ONUS(n)

MEANING: something that is one's duty or responsibility; a difficult disagreeable obligation, task, burden etc.

SYNONYM: blame, burden, blot, charge, obligation, spot, stain, responsibility

ANTONYM: aid, benefit, blessing, help

SENTENCES:

1. It is the onus of the applicant to completely fill out the application material.
2. As your mother, it is my onus to prepare you for a successful future.
3. Being a leader is difficult because in this position one must bear the onus of making decisions for a group of people.
4. Computers have made researching so simple that student no longer have to take onus for collecting their own data.
5. The ability to purchase movie tickets online has eliminated the onus of having to stand at the box-office window.
6. As a good teacher, I accept the onus for making sure my students learn something each day.

Class – X

Word : SCRIMMAGE

Meaning:

1. A confused struggle or fight
2. An informal game that is played for practice: a game that is not official

Synonyms : Combat, conflict, contest, scrum, scrap, tussle, skirmish

Sentences :

1. Skaters will learn basic hockey fundamentals through practice drills, game situations and scrimmage games.
2. After the rest of the drills, Coach broke them up into teams of scrimmages.
3. When she got there, the girls were already scrimmaging.
4. We cleaned out a gang of gorillas afore we had this scrimmage in the road.
5. Last weekend we scrimmaged against Bell High.

Class – XI

Expunge

Meaning : to remove (something) completely

Synonyms for expunge

abolish	extinguish	discard
annul	omit	drop
delete	wipe out	efface
eradicate	black	exclude
erase	cancel	black out
exterminate	cut	

Antonyms for expunge

add	insert	give birth
bear	institute	<u>help</u>
create	put in	build
establish	allow	construct

Examples:

- The director asked the security to expunge the stranger out of the frame.
- We should endeavor to expunge the belief of witchcraft practice from our society.
- It is not so easy to expunge out unwanted habits from one's character.
- They expunged the conspirator from the department.

Class – XII

Word: Congeal

Meaning: verb

- to change or cause to change from a soft or fluid state to a firm or solid state.
- to form or cause to form into a coagulated mass; curdle; jell
- (of ideas) to take shape or become fixed in form.

Etymology:

Late 14c., from Old French congeler (14c.) "to freeze, thicken,"

from Latin congelare "to cause to freeze, to freeze together,"

Synonyms :

curdle thicken cake clot concrete condense dry freeze gel gelatinize harden
jell refrigerate solidify

Antonyms :

heat liquefy melt separate thin

Sentences:

1. Blood had **congealed** in thick black clots.
2. Everything froze into solid masses of ice; birds on the wing fell dead; saliva **congealed** on its passage from the mouth to the ground.
3. At that epoch the same three opinions were taken up and **congealed** into dogmas, which may be considered characteristic of the churches adopting them.
4. It is like molten glass cooled but not **congealed**, and the few motes in it are pure and beautiful like the imperfections in glass.
5. If they were permanently **congealed**, and small enough to be clutched, they would, perchance, be carried off by slaves, like precious stones, to adorn the heads of emperors.
6. The weather was already growing wintry and morning frosts **congealed** an earth saturated by autumn rains.
7. Dolokhov did not go away; he untied the handkerchief around his head, pulled it off, and showed the blood **congealed** on his hair.