

# WORD OF THE WEEK – 08.08.2016 to 13.08.2016

## Class : Std. V

### Word of the week- ire (noun)

**Meaning:** intense and usually openly displayed anger

**Origin:** From Latin word 'ira'

**Synonyms:** rage, fury, temper, annoyance

**Antonyms:** calm, joy, pleasure, delight

### Sentences:

1. The doctor's rude behaviour triggered the patient's ire.
2. She threw the ball with ire.
3. The proposal has drawn the ire of local residents.
4. The victim felt a great deal of ire towards the suspect.

## Class : Std. VI

### Eke – (Verb)

**Meaning-** make an amount of supply of something last longer by using or consuming it frugally

**Synonym:** economize on, skimp on, be more economical with, save, survive, stay alive, scrape, scratch, scrimp etc.

**Antonym:** squander

**Usage:** 1. The remains of yesterday's stew could be eked out to make another meal.

2. Eke the fund wisely.
3. She cannot eke throughout this week with the raw materials in the kitchen.
4. Many traders barely eke out a living.
5. You will have to eke with the pocket money this month.

## Class : Std. VII

### Path-breaking

#### Meaning

Pioneering, innovating

#### Synonyms:

Ground breaking, revolutionary, innovative, new.

#### Antonyms:

Obligatory, tired, musty, hack

#### Sentences:

1. Their path-breaking work opened up a new era in cancer research.
2. To be a path-breaking leader, it takes a certain type of personality.
3. The result of the class was the path-breaking study of the syllabus.

## Class : Std. VIII

### PENCHANT

**Meaning-** a strong or habitual liking for something or tendency to do something.

**Synonym-** proclivity, proneness, inclination, taste, liking, tendency, affinity

**Antonym-** averseness, dislike, distaste, allergy, disfavour, disinclination.

#### **Sentences:**

- He has a penchant for adopting stray dogs.
- At an early age, my annoying brother seemed to have a penchant for getting into trouble.
- Hackers have a penchant for getting into secured areas.
- To be an exceptional baseball player, you must have skill and a penchant for the game itself.
- I have gained weight due to my penchant for eating chocolate cup cakes.

## Class : Std. IX

### Oscillate

**Meaning** : to move repeatedly from one position to another

**Origin** : early 18th century: from Latin oscillat- 'swung', from the verb oscillare.

**Synonyms** : fluctuate, sway, waver, waddle, wag, waltz

**Antonyms** : stay, stabilize, remain, steady

### **Sentences** :

1. Though you cannot see it, sound waves constantly oscillate as they travel through the air.
2. The pendulum oscillated side to side, making it difficult for the man to focus on anything but the clock.
3. To aide with his hypnosis, the hypnotists oscillated a pocket watch in front of his patient.
4. As a demonstration, the science teacher placed a string on top of a speaker so his students could watch it oscillate.
5. After being presented with new evidence, he could not help but oscillate somewhat on his opinion.
6. Lying in his hospital bed, the young boy watched his heartbeat oscillate on the monitor.

## Class : Std. X

### ICONOCLAST

**MEANING-** A person who attacks cherished beliefs, traditional institutions etc., especially an opponent of orthodoxy and religion.

**ORIGIN-** Medieval Latin iconoclasts, from middle Greek eikonoklastes

**SYNONYMS** – deviant, bohemian, maverick, lone wolf

**ANTONYMS-** iconodule, adherent, follower, supporter, conformer

### SENTENCES

1. Musical iconoclast Frank was the nemesis of Tipper Gore.
2. I appealed to his iconoclast, millionaire rodeo - cowboy ego.
3. I was a real iconoclast for peaceful revolution amongst my own people.
4. He was a rebel by nature and an iconoclast by training.
5. He now puts an iconoclastic spin on the greatest story ever told in his book, Jesus.
6. William, an iconoclast, He refused to be bound by western musical traditions of harmony and structure.

## Class : Std. XI

### NEOPHYTE

**Meaning:** i. a person who is new to a subject or activity

ii. A new convert to a religion

**Origin:** Middle English, from Late Latin neophytus, from Greek neophytos

### Synonyms:

Beginner, learner, novice, newcomer, trainee, apprentice

### Antonym:

Old-hand, old-timer, vet, veteran

## **Sentences:**

As Jack had no experience with the financial markets, everyone on the trading team considered him to be a neophyte.

1. It was the duty of the veteran soldier to teach the neophyte how to use his weapon.
2. All neophyte swimmers will work on their techniques in the shallow end of the pool.
3. The heading had been much less simple to calculate than a neophyte would have thought just from looking at a space chart.
4. The manual is sufficient by itself to teach a neophyte how to read and write in Quikscript.

## **Class : Std. XII**

### **Imponderable**

**Meaning** : not ponderable; that cannot be precisely determined, measured, or evaluated

**Origin** : derived from Medieval Latin imponderābilis

**Synonyms** : ephemeral, inconsiderable, intangible, unobservable, trivial

**Antonyms** : Ponderable, considerable, important, substantial, significant

### **Sentences** :

1. We are supposed to read history as an imponderable mystery.
2. The rest 98% is affected by the unconscious, which is genes, as well as other external imponderable factors.
3. Devil sat in his corner, his shadowed gaze fixed on Honoria's face, and pondered the imponderable.
4. There are two full paragraphs on the unknowables and imponderables of the new drugs.
5. We cannot compare the incomparables and weigh the imponderables.