

WORD OF THE WEEK – (11th April 2016 to 16th April 2016)

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TAUNT

Taunt - a remark made in order to anger, wound, or provoke someone.

Origin - Latin, Latin, French, French

Tantus, tantum, tan, tant, pour, tant, taunt

(so much) (tit for tat) (early 16 century)

Synonyms – jeer, mockery, gibe, insult, teasing, provocation

Antonyms - praise, respect, compliment

Sentences:

1. As the visiting team walked on the court, the hometown fans began to taunt the players.
2. Don't taunt the dog by holding food in front of its face.
3. His friends taunted him onto asking for a raise in salary.
4. You are taunting me.
5. They taunt each other whenever they have the chance

Std. VI

MYTH

Myth : Meaning- a traditional or legendary story

Synonyms: fable, fiction, legend, lore, parable, tale, apologue, saga, folk tale, mythos etc.

Antonyms: fact, non-fiction, reality, truth, certainty, history, verity, literalness etc.

Sentences:

1. His account of the event is pure myth.
2. Many people believe that the story of King Dashrath is a myth.
3. The myth of a demon descending from the old banyan tree in night still prevails in the village.
4. What you say is purely a myth, what I suggest is practical.

Std. VII

PETITE

Meaning: (of a woman) attractively small and dainty

Synonyms: Small, slight, little, tiny, elfin

Antonyms: Extra-large, huge, tall

Sentences:

1. The lady in the party was petite and vivacious.
2. A small, petite girl with a necklace around her neck looked gorgeous.
3. Being the only postal employee in a small town, the petite extravert was always ready for conversation..
4. She recognized the petite man, who wrenched open the door and ran.

Std. VIII

NOSTALGIA

Meaning- a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

Synonyms- fond memories, hearts and flowers, homesickness, longing, pinning, reminiscence

Antonyms- practical, despising, loathing

Sentences:

- The story about the country boy managed to evoke nostalgia.
- It appears that he had a certain nostalgia for his old profession.
- It is pure nostalgia when I go back to my own school.
- Looking at my album full of old pictures, it gives me a feeling of nostalgia.
- Photos of my favourite childhood actors bring on pure nostalgia.

Std. IX

INCOGNITO

Meaning – having one's true identity concealed

ORIGIN - 1630-40 ; < Italian < Latin *incognitus* unknown equivalent to in+*cognitus*

SYNONYMS – anonymous , concealed, unknown, disguised, nameless, isolated, hidden, obscure

ANTONYMS – known , unconcealed , openly , famous , labeled, named, renowned, specified

SENTENCES –

1. Sia is now navigating a new life in America as an incognito boarding school student.
2. When I was a spy , I lived incognito as a welder in the shipyards.
3. Even stars who go out incognito are often recognized by the public.
4. After he faked his death , he attended his own funeral incognito to see what people were saying about him.
5. She has an assortment of wigs , stage makeup , and body padding so that she can move around town incognito.
6. Although she tried to crash the party incognito , one of her former friends recognized her voice and had her tossed out.

Std. X

VORACIOUS

MEANING:- Excessively greedy and grasping

ORIGIN:- Latin vorac-, vorax, from vorare to devour

SYNONYMS:- rapacious, acquisitive, ravening, wolfish, ravenous

ANTONYMS:- Unacquisitive , Abstemious

SENTENCES:-

1. When I was pregnant, I was voracious and ate constantly.
2. According to legend, vampires are voracious creatures who must consume large amounts of blood in order to survive.
3. Since I am a voracious reader, I often read two or three books a day.
4. The best students are voracious learners who always seek out extra information after class.
5. Unfortunately, teenagers have become voracious consumers of reality television.
6. After being sick and unable to eat for three days, I had a voracious hunger on the fourth day.
7. Because the lion has a voracious appetite, it can easily eat a baby antelope.
8. When my son's two voracious friends come over for a visit, I usually order two extra-large pizzas just for them.

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QUIXOTIC

Meaning:

1. Extremely idealistic; unrealistic and impractical
2. Hopeful in a way that is not practical

Origin:

Don Quixote.

Synonyms:

Idealist, starry, utopian, visionary, starry-eyed, impulsive, impractical

Antonym:

Clear-eyed, clear-sighted, practical, pragmatic

Sentences:

1. She is a quixotic mixture of illusion and reality.
2. The idea of him listening to the wind had a certain quixotic appeal.
3. Think solid and reliable rather than quixotic and surprising.
4. He has spent too much money and time on a quixotic fight for justice.
5. "I suppose I must not object, but your plan appears to me rather quixotic."

Std. XII

SHIBBOLETH

Meaning:

noun: **Shibboleth**; plural noun: **Shibboleths**

1. a custom, principle, or belief distinguishing a particular class or group of people, especially a long-standing one regarded as outmoded or no longer important.

Etymology:

late 14c., the Hebrew word **shibboleth**, meaning "flood, stream," also "ear of corn;" in Judges xii:4-6. It was the password used by the Gileadites to distinguish their own men from fleeing Ephraimites, because Ephraimites could not pronounce the *-sh-* sound.

Synonyms:

catchword custom password phrase practice saying truism watchwords

Sentences:

1. When the man spoke, it was obvious from his **shibboleth** that he was not a native English speaker.
2. "Make America Great" is the **shibboleth** often repeated by the candidate's followers.
3. If a member does not say the correct **shibboleth**, he will not be admitted into the exclusive gentleman's club.
4. "The term "ya'll" is a **shibboleth** that is associated with southern culture," commented Simon.
5. In order to be recognized by fellow gang members, you must learn the **shibboleth** we use as a greeting.