

WORD OF THE WEEK – 12.09.2016 TO 18.09.2016

Class: Std. V

wizened (adj)

Meaning : wrinkled with age

Origin: Early 16th century from from English word 'wizen'

Synonyms: shrivelled, withered, dried up

Antonyms: unwrinkled

Sentences:

1. She was a wizened old woman with gray hair.
2. He removed the wizened remains of the rose bush from the garden.
3. The beautiful woman was, in reality, a wizened old hag with evil powers.
4. The bouquet I got two days ago had wizened.

Class: Std. VI

Askance:

Meaning: with an assistance of suspicion or disapproval

Synonyms: suspiciously, skeptically, cynically, mistrustfully, doubtfully, dubiously etc.

Antonym: welcomingly, approvingly etc.

Usage:

1. The reformers looked askance at mystical tradition.
2. The askance look he gave trembled the thief from within.
3. The students who did not learn were given an askance by the tutor.

Class: Std. VII

Paparazzi

Meaning

A freelance photographer who pursues celebrities to get photographs of them

Origin

1965-70; < Italian, from the surname of such a photographer in Federico Fellini's *La dolce vita* (1959), after the name of a hotelkeeper in George Gissing's *By the Ionian Sea* (1901); read by Fellini in its translation at the time of the movie production.

Synonyms:

Freelance photographer, paparazzo, photojournalist, shutterbug

Sentences:

1. She inclines her head graciously, permitting the paparazzi to photograph her.
2. Soon as I got out of stage, I was followed by several paparazzi muttering me with questions.
3. That would be the first place the journalists and the paparazzi would come looking for the celebrities.
4. Immediately behind the massive building stood a scrabbling posse of paparazzi.

Class: Std. VIII

BRANDISH (v)

Meaning- to wave or flourish swing (something such as a weapon) in a threatening or excited manner

Synonym- disport, exhibit, expose, flaunt, display, parade

Antonym- conceal, cover, hide, encircle,

Sentence

- During the bank robbery, only one of the masked men did not brandish a pistol at the horrified customers.
- The man jumped in front of his daughter when he saw a strange man brandishing a knife.
- If you choose to brandish your weapon in front of a police officer, you should be prepared for the consequences.
- I knew my daughter was afraid when she began to brandish a stick in front of the growling dog.
- During the riots, the police will only brandish their arms if they feel threatened.
- As soon as the homeowner started to brandish his shotgun, the burglar jumped out of the window.

Class: Std. IX

VLOGGING

MEANING - a blog that contains video materials

ORIGIN- early 21st century : blend of video and blog

SYNONYMS- web log, portal, forum, aggregator, e-network

ANTONYMS- audio blog, textual blog

SENTENCES-

1. There will be Olympic vlogging here in due course.
2. Scholars have started researching blogging and online video but they have yet to turn their attention to vlogging.
3. Vlogging is more popular nowadays.
4. Both blogging and vlogging has its own importance.

Class: Std. X

GEOTAG

Meaning : an electronic tag that assigns a geographical location to a photograph or video, a posting on a social media website, etc. assign a geotag or geotags to (a digital photograph or video, a posting on a social media website, etc.)

Synonyms : geochemical, geobotany, geocentric, geochemist

Sentences :

1. You can go back and add geotags to existing shots.
2. The device also has a 3 megapixel camera which can be used for geotagging.
3. Having the ability to geotag your photos can be a real convenience.

Class: Std. XI

CROWDSOURCING

Meaning: the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by soliciting contributions from a large group of people and especially from the online community rather than from traditional employees or suppliers.

Origin: crowd+ outsourcing

First known use= 2006

Synonyms: collaboration, outsourcing, crowd- based outsourcing, peer-production, joint working

Sentences:

1. The team's use of *Facebook* to crowdsource accurate scientific data allowed the project to be completed on time.
2. The newspaper crowdsourced its investigation into the scandal.
3. As a crowdsourcing project owner, you should know how to handle the crowd efficiently.

4. The main advantages of crowdsourcing for research are lower costs and access to a broader pool of information.
5. Crowdsourcing blurs the lines between what constitutes work and play.

Class: Std. XII

FARRAGO

Meaning:- an unorganized collection or mixture of various things .

Origin : The term "*farrago*", from Latin, meaning "mixed cattle fodder",^[3] means a confused variety of miscellaneous things. It has been used e.g. by Edward Tylor in his *Primitive culture*

Synonyms : agglomerate, agglomeration, alphabet soup, assortment, botch, clutter, collage, crazy quilt, miscellany, gallimaufry, grab bag, gumbo, hash, hodgepodge, hotchpotch, jambalaya, jumble, jungle, litter, macédoine, medley, mélange, menagerie, miscellanea, mishmash, mixed bag, montage, motley, muddle, olio, olla podrida, omnium-gatherum, pastiche, patchwork, patchwork quilt, potpourri, ragbag, ragout, rummage, salad, salmagundi, scramble, shuffle, smorgasbord, stew, tumble, variety, welter

Sentences :

1. *The shop is filled with a whimsical farrago of artwork, antiques, and vintage clothing.*
2. "All that heathen farrago comes back to me today", cried Paulus.
3. He had bowed several times, finding acquaintances; it seemed, even in this glittering farrago.
4. In that time farrago has been the seedbed for the academy, politics and a generation of journalists and cartoonists.