

# WORD OF THE WEEK

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## Std. V

**Ragamuffin (noun)** - a person in ragged, dirty clothes

**Origin**- First used in 1581 (Middle English)

**Synonyms**- vagabond, urchin, guttersnipe, street person

**Antonyms**- sophisticate, dandy

**Sentence:**

- i) The little boy played marbles with some of his ragamuffin friends.
- ii) No ragamuffin was ever so tattered and torn as this rakish individual.
- iii) The small ragamuffin children were crawling on the soil, playing with plastic balls.
- iv) Out of his mob of ragamuffin heroes, he wanted to make a strong team.
- v) The ragamuffins slept on the mat for the whole night.

## Std. VI

**Myth:** meaning- an ancient story about gods and brave people often one that explains an event in history or natural world

**Synonyms:** allegory, chronicle, fable, fiction, legend, parable, saga

**Antonyms:** document, fact, history

**Usage:**

1. Myth is an idea or story which is not true but is believed by many people.
2. The myth of Brahma Rakshas is told and heard with great interest in India.
3. What you are telling is a myth.
4. A myth may be pleasant to hear but it is far away from truth.
5. The story of Lord Ram is not a myth.

## Std. VII

**incognito**

**Meaning**

(of a person) having one's true identity concealed

**Origin**

1630-40 < Italian < Latin *incognitus* unknown, equivalent to in + cognitus, past participle of *cognoscere* to get to know.

**Synonyms:**

Disguised, undisclosed, unidentified

**Antonyms:**

Known, famous, openly, designated, seen

**Sentences:**

1. Even stars who go out incognito are often recognized by the public.
2. After he faked his death, he attended his own funeral incognito to see what people say about him.
3. Although she tried to crash the party incognito, one of her former friends recognized her voice and had her tossed out.
4. She has an assortment of wigs and stage makeup so that she can move around the town incognito.

## Std. VIII

### SABBATICAL(n)

**Meaning**- a period of paid leave granted to a university teacher for study or travel, traditionally one year for every seven years worked

**Synonyms**- break, furlough, vacation, holiday, liberty, recess, time off

**Antonyms**- task, job, exercise, occupation, toil, employment

**Sentences:**

- The professor's sabbatical was related to his health issues.
- The company offers month-long paid sabbatical for all the employees.
- As I rely too much on technology, I decided to take a sabbatical from social media.
- He took a year's sabbatical from teaching to write a book.
- John spends his sabbatical operating in under-developed countries.
- She recently returned to work after a two-year sabbatical from her acting career.

## Std. IX

### TIMOROUS

**Meaning**- Showing or suffering from nervousness or a lack of confidence

**Origin** - Late Middle English

**Synonyms** – fearful, timid, shy, faint-hearted, lacking courage, apprehensive

**Antonyms**- bold, brave, fearless, confident, daring, heroic

## Sentences –

1. The timorous kitten would not come out from under the bed.
2. Since I am allergic to most insect bites , I tend to be quite timorous even when I see a tiny spider.
3. The timorous witness refuses to testify because of the defendant's murderous reputation.
4. During the storm, the timorous little boy would not come out of his closet.
5. The timorous boy ran away when he saw a dog coming towards him.

## Std. X

### RACONTEUR

**Meaning :-** a person who excels in telling anecdotes, one recognized as being a talented teller of stories

**Origin :** Borrowed from French *raconteur*

**Synonyms :** author, chronicler, describer, novelist, reporter, teller of tales, writer

### Sentences :

1. The kindergarten teacher was an excellent raconteur who had no problem keeping her young charges engaged with her stories.
2. Throughout his years on the radio, 'Talking Ed' was a famous raconteur who kept his fans entertained with stories about his wacky wife.
3. A screenwriter is a raconteur who simply puts his stories on paper.
4. After Christmas dinner, we sit by the fireplace and listen to our grandpa, the family raconteur, who tells tales about our father's childhood.
5. A superb raconteur, Perez keeps his fandom enthralled with his celebrity stories.
6. Raconteurs subsequently spun this into the myth of the Chinese noodles.
7. Falstaff is a superb entertainer, one of the best stand-up comics and raconteurs in the business.

## Std. XI

### IMBROGLIO

**MEANING:** i. an extremely confused, complicated and embarrassing situation

ii. an unwanted, difficult, and confusing situation, full of trouble and problems

**ORIGIN:** mid 18<sup>th</sup> century: Italian, from *imbrogliare* 'confuse'; related to embroil

**SYNONYMS:** complicated, controversy, difficult, complexity, dispute, spat

**ANTONYMS:** agreement, peace-making, elucidation, unscramble

## SENTENCES:

1. The police officer found it hard to understand the imbroglio that caused the two neighbours to throw rotten eggs at each other.
2. Perhaps the professor's explanation will allow me to make sense of this scientific imbroglio.
3. Will the treaty end this imbroglio that has kept the two countries at war for over sixty years?
4. The Soviet Union became anxious to withdraw its soldiers from the Afghan imbroglio.
5. There seems to be no solution to the imbroglio in the region; both sides are adamant on their stands.

## Std. XII

### DOPPELGANGER

**Meaning-** An apparition or double of a living person

(someone who looks exact as another person ,yet not a twin)

**Origin** - mid 19<sup>th</sup> century : from German, literally 'double-goer'

**Synonyms** – clone, ghost, copy, twin, look alike, specter, duplicate

**Antonyms**- original, single, only one

**Sentences** –

1. Actors have doppelgangers.
2. I have not met my doppelganger yet.
3. To confuse everyone and for his own security , Laden kept his own doppelganger with him.
4. Instead of Sohan , his doppelganger signed his property-papers.
5. Coming face to face with her doppelganger in a police file was one of the most unsettling things that had ever happened to her.