

WORD OF THE WEEK

(26th September 2016 to 2nd October 2016)

Std. V

ATTIRE

Meanings:

Noun – clothes, specially fine or formal ones

Verb- be dressed in clothes of a specified kind

Origin- first used in 14th century, from Anglo-French 'atirer' (to equip)

Synonyms- apparel, dress, clothing, clobber, garments

Antonyms- disarray, disrobe, strip

Sentences-

- i) Proper attire is required at the restaurant.
- ii) A man in strange attire appeared at the door.
- iii) The rest of us remained in night attire but, he was fully dressed.
- iv) She came down attired in a robe, half-asleep.
- v) The old man was nattily attired in his customary fashion.

Std. VI

ATROCITY- Noun

Meaning: an extremely cruel, violent or shocking act

Synonyms: barbarity, barbarousness, nefariousness, horror, wickedness, heinousness, villainousness etc.

Antonyms: good behavior, pleasantness, pleasantry, kindness etc.

Usage:

1. The atrocities of the Korean monarch is beyond all limits.
2. Raising tax to this extent is an atrocities on poor people of the country.
3. The atrocities of Pak army in Balochistan is a testimony of Pakistan govt.'s barbarity in the state.
4. Let us take oath that we will not tolerate any atrocities in the name of terrorism.
5. Taxing little children with scores of books is an act of atrocities.

Std. VII

ANOMALY

Meaning : Something that deviates from what is standard, normal or expected

Origin : Late 16th century: via Latin from Greek anomalia, from anomalos.

Synonyms: Oddity, peculiarity, abnormality, deviation, variation.

Antonyms: Normality, regularity, standard, usual, conformity.

Sentences:

1. In order to find the anomaly, scientists had to repeat the experiment over a hundred times.
2. None of the astronauts were able to explain the anomaly they observed in space.
3. When the children looked at the picture of the anomaly in the water they believed they were looking at a monster.
4. Since my son has a history of failing classes, his good grade is an anomaly.

Std. VIII

APPERTAIN

Meaning- to belong to or be connected or related to something

Synonyms- pertain, refer, relate, apply, be part of, be pertinent, be proper, vest

Antonyms- unstudied, be irrelevant, be unrelated to

Sentences:

1. The actress will probably ignore media questions that do not appertain to her new film.
2. As I wrote an answer that did not appertain to the essay question, I received a poor grade on my paper.
3. If the prosecutor asks questions that do not appertain to your case, you are not required to answer them.
4. The responsibilities that appertain to your position will be explained during the new employee orientation.
5. The executive privileges are not for everyone and appertain only to guests staying on the hotel's club level.

Std. IX

ATONEMENT

MEANING : the action of making amends for a wrong or injury

ORIGIN : Early 16th century : from at one + -ment, influenced by medieval Latin *adunamentum* unity and earlier *onement* from an obsolete verb one 'to unite'.

SYNONYMS: Reparation, compensation, payment, restitution, indemnity, penance, redemption, satisfaction

ANTONYMS : Defiance, ambition, daring, assurance, daring, disrespect, penalize

SENTENCES-

1. He submitted his resignation as an act of atonement.
2. He wrote a large work on the Christian doctrine of justification and atonement.
3. Two goats were provided by the ancient Hebrews on the Day of Atonement.
4. True atonement requires sacrifice.
5. He had a longing to make atonement and to win forgiveness.

Std. X

AUDACIOUS

MEANING- very confident and daring : very bold and surprising or shocking

ORIGIN- Shakespeare used "audacious" seven times in his plays. That in itself wasn't exactly an act of bold originality. The word, which comes from the Latin root *audac-* ("bold"), had been around for decades. But the Bard was the first to use "audacious" in its "insolent" sense ("Obey, audacious traitor; kneel for grace," Henry VI Part 2), and he may have been the first to use the adverb "audaciously." "Audacious" itself was something of an innovation in the 16th century: it was one of the earliest "-acious" words in English.

ANTONYMS:- *shy, cautious, prudent*, defiant, disrespectful, shameless.

SYNONYMS — : *nervy, bold, daring, temeritous, bold-faced, brash, brassbound, brassy, brazen, brazen-faced, fresh, impertinent, impudent, insolent, sassy, saucy, wise*

SENTENCES

1. This is an audacious claim, and Kramer anticipates, even encourages, the controversy it might provoke.
2. Morgan Pressel, the top-ranked female amateur in the country, has charted a less audacious course.
3. He executes his audacious midnight burglaries outside of the city, working solo, mapping out every detail so that nothing can go wrong, then returning like a phantom.
4. They have audacious plans for the new school.
5. This is her most audacious film so far.
6. She made an audacious decision to quit her job.

Std. XI

ANACHRONISM

Meaning:

- i. something (such as a word, an object, or an event) that is mistakenly placed in a time where it does not belong in a story, movie, etc.
- ii. a person or a thing that seems to belong to the past and not to fit in the present

Origin and Etymology of *anachronism*:

probably from Middle Greek *anachronismos*, from *anachronizesthai* to be an anachronism, from Late Greek *anachronizein* to be late, from Greek *ana-* + *chronos* time

Synonyms: throwback, incongruity, misdate, antedate, reversion, archaism

Sentences:

1. Since there were not laptop computers during the Civil War, the presence of a portable computer in the history film is a definite *anachronism*.
2. An author's use of an airplane in a story set in the 1700's is an example of a literary *anachronism* because airplanes did not exist during this century.
3. The spy thriller is a genre that arguably should have died fifteen years ago, and its continued popularity seems an *anachronism* at first glance. —Rand Richards Cooper, *Commonweal*, 14 Sept. 2007
4. Monarchy is considered as *anachronism* in the age of democracy.
5. It contains historical *anachronism*, errors, scientific mistakes, grammatical errors, and contradictions.

Std. XII

ACCOUTREMENT

Meaning- an additional piece of clothing or equipment that is used in a particular place or for a particular activity

Synonyms- accessory, adapter, adjunct, appendage, appliance, attachment, supplement

Near Antonyms- essential, necessity, requirement, requisite

Sentences:

1. The only accoutrement missing from my kitchen is a hand mixer.
2. When Jack went shopping for an accoutrement for his game room, he purchased a new dart board.
3. If I cannot find the accoutrement that fits on the vacuum, I will not be able to clean my couch.
4. The office has every accoutrement a secretary requires including a colour copier.
5. She emerged from the kitchen with a tray laden with coffee and its accoutrements, a slice of bread and water.