

# WORD OF THE WEEK

(29<sup>th</sup> August 2016 to 4<sup>th</sup> September 2016)

## Std. V

### SYLVAN

**Meaning** : associated with woods or forest

**Origin** : Mid 16<sup>th</sup> century from French word 'sylvain' and Latin word 'Silvanus'

**Synonyms** : forestlike, woody, foresty

**Antonyms** : unwooded, treeless

**Sentences** :

1. As a nature lover, Jack is always looking for new sylvan regions to explore.
2. We enjoy visiting the park because it is filled with trees and is the most sylvan area in our crowded city.
3. My great grandfather settled in thick sylvan lands of Andaman Islands in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.
4. The sylvan charm of the cottage and the surrounding countryside fascinated me.

## Std. VI

**MYSTIC** (Noun):

**Meaning**: a person who tries to become united with God through prayer and meditation and so understands important things which are beyond normal human understanding

**Synonyms**: spiritual, religious, transcendental, supernatural, occult, metaphysical, mysterious etc.

**Antonyms**: commonplace, exoteric, accessible, admission, announcement, appreciable etc.

**Usage**:

1. It was a mystic experience.
2. His words had mystic impact on the audience.
3. Yoga is the most mystic experience in the world.
4. Swami Yoganand was a great mystic saint.

## Std. VII

### PROLIFIC

**Meaning:**

1. Producing much fruit or foliage or many offspring
2. Present in large numbers or quantities; plentiful

**Origin:** 1640-50< medieval Latin prilificus 'fertile'

**Synonyms:** Teeming, fecund, abundant

**Antonyms:** Barren, lack, need, want.

**Sentences:**

1. As the huge storm is expected to produce a prolific amount of snow, government offices and schools are being closed.
2. The prolific chemical reaction produced a lot of carbon monoxide.
3. The company hopes to woo investors with news of its prolific stock returns.
4. Every team in the league wanted the prolific soccer player.

## Std. VIII

### MACHINATIONS

**Meaning:** a plot or scheme

**Synonyms:** artifice, cabal, design, scheme, sell out, trick, device, intrigue

**Sentences:**

1. After being caught running a machination against his political rival, the ruthless candidate lost the election.
2. Reading about the criminal's machination to rob the casino was enthralling.
3. Garg wanted the promotion so he set a machination in motion to make his competition appear incompetent.
4. Many spy movies revolve around a bad guy's machination to take over the world.
5. In order to rob the heavily guarded mansion, the burglar knew they needed to devise a clever machination.
6. No one realized that the terrorist's machination would cause thousands of deaths.

## Std. IX

### MACABRE

**Meaning-** disturbing because concerned with or causing a fear of death

**Origin** - Early 15 C, from Old French (danse) *macabre* “ (dance) of death”

**Synonyms** – ghastly, grim, horrible, hideous, gruesome, terrible, frightful

**Antonyms-** common, living, normal

**Sentences** –

1. Stephen King is famous for inventing all sorts of macabre story lines and plot twists.
2. Among the other evils committed under Hitler’s regime were the macabre experiments performed on prisoners.
3. I find this painting to be very disturbing , and when I turn it upside down, it becomes macabre!
4. While David has a talent for pulling macabre pranks, it can get a little bothersome when he doesn’t limit them to Halloween.
5. Since even the scariest of horror movies only made her laugh, Sofia supposed that she had a macabre sense of humour.

## Std. X

### INCINERATE

**MEANING:** To destroy something , especially waste material by burning

**ORIGIN:** Late 15<sup>th</sup> century; from medieval latin incinerat- burn to ashes, from verb incinerare, from in- into, towards +cinis, ciner- ashes

**SYNONYMS** : burn , burn up, reduce to ashes, consume by fire, carbonize

**ANTONYMS:** cool, extinguish, put out, smother, stifle, subdue

**SENTENCES**

1. The plan was to incinerate Tyler’s garage and reduce it to rubble.
2. We feared the enemies attack because they incinerate everything in their path.
3. If an atom bomb was dropped over Manhattan, the whole city would incinerate in a flash.
4. The thieves decided to incinerate the building after leaving fingerprints on the wall.
5. In the news today, two California wildfires incinerate 400 homes and displace 15,000 residents.

## Std. XI

### SALUBRIOUS

#### Meaning:

- I. favorable to or promoting health or well- being
- II. Making good health possible
- III. (of a place) pleasant; not run- down

**Origin:** Latin *salubris*; akin to *salvus* safe, healthy

First known use: 1547

**Synonyms:** healthful, wholesome, salutiferous, tonic, healthy, medicinal, nutritional

**Antonyms:** insalubrious, noxious, unhealthful, unwholesome, harmful, toxic

#### Sentences:

1. He doesn't live in a very salubrious part of town.
2. By mid- morning he reached the most salubrious part of Talabar, closest to the harbour and the Summer Palace.
3. While nuts are salubrious on a nutritional level, eating too many of them can cause you gain unwanted weight.
4. Janice has decided to open a salubrious restaurant specializing in grilled foods.
5. In cities where alcohol sales are prohibited, people tend to live longer and have more salubrious lives.

## Std. XII

### INCIPIENT (adj.)

**Meaning** : beginning to happen or develop.

**Synonyms** : basic, beginning, commencing, elementary, embryonic, fundamental, inceptive

**Antonyms** : developed, grown, mature

#### Sentences :

- The best way to stop the disease from spreading is by identifying it while it is incipient.
- My grandmother is suffering from the incipient stage of Alzheimer's.
- Even though the blaze was incipient when the fire department arrived, the destruction quickly spread and destroyed most of the building.
- The lilacs are incipient right now but soon they will take over the entire yard.
- Since the rumour is incipient, we can stop it by telling the truth immediately.