

WORD OF THE WEEK

(5th December 2016 to 11th December 2016)

Std. V

QUAINT (adjective)

Meaning : having an old-fashioned or unusual quality or appearance that is usually attractive or appealing.

Origin: Late 18th century

Synonyms: old-world, charming, unfamiliar

Antonyms: fashionable, up-to-date, new

Sentences:

1. The cottage had a quaint look.
2. His gentle courtesy and quaint speech won the heart of people.
3. The narrow streets lead to a quaint bridge over the river.
4. It's a quaint old village.
5. He commented on the quaint customs of the Romans.

Std. VI

INDOLENT

Meaningb: wanting to avoid activity or exertion; lazy

Synonyms: lazy, idle, slothful, loafing, inactive, inert, sluggish, lethargic, slow, torpid, dull etc.

Antonyms: industrious, energetic, systematic etc.

Sentences:

1. He is indolent about completing his homework.
2. What an indolent worker!
3. Her indolent brother is the root of all difficulties.
4. Indolent students don't do well in the exams.

Std. VII

QUANDARY

Meaning- A state of perplexity or uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation

Origin- Late 16th century; perhaps partly from Latin *quando* 'when'

Synonyms- plight, dilemma, unfortunate situation, uncertainty, puzzle.

Antonyms- advantage, certainty, confident, sure.

Sentences:

1. Raj is in a quandary about whether or not he should keep the money he found in the park.
2. Since I am always honest with my parents, I found myself in a quandary when my best friend asked me to lie to my father about my whereabouts.
3. The decline in the housing market has put many real estate agents into a financial quandary.
4. Hopefully, my doctor can clear up my medical quandary about which brand of vitamins to take.

Std. VIII

MENDACIOUS

Meaning - 1. Falsehood or dishonest

2. Likely to tell lies/based on lies

Synonyms - lying, dishonest, untruthful, deceitful

Antonyms - honest, truthful, veracious

Sentences:

- The newspaper story was mendacious and hurtful.
- The tabloid routinely publishes the most moronically mendacious stories about celebrities.
- Mendacious people hides the truth.
- How mendacious of Joan to habitually call in sick from work when she is feeling fine!
- You are a mendacious, dishonest student for bringing cheat notes to the exam once again.

Std. IX

SARTORIAL

Meaning- of or relating to clothes: of or relating to a tailor or tailored clothes;

Origin- Medieval Latin sartor. First use: 1823

Synonyms – garment maker, tailored, craft, readymade, trade, vestuary

Antonyms- dumpy

Sentences -

1. He was raised by a tailor, which gave him a sartorial sense for clothing.
2. The emperor had the most splendidous sartorial look no matter what he wore.
3. He always took pride in his clothing, showing a certain sartorial elegance no matter what the occasion.
4. His girlfriend often insulted his lack of any sartorial sense.
5. Being a tom girl as a child, she had grown up without any sartorial interests.
6. Knitting and sewing are both sartorial skills.

Std. X

VISCERAL

Meaning- coming from strong emotions and not from logic Or medical reason : felt in or as if in the internal organs of the body

Origin- : First use in 1575

Synonyms –: accustomed, automatic, habitual, inborn,

Sentences:-

1. He had a visceral dislike for Europe.
2. It added the visceral punch it needed.
3. Because of this, our outrage and our sympathy and our revulsion are amplified—not artificially through deliberate manipulation, but through a more real and visceral experiencing of our world.
4. The advertising creates a visceral sensation of fear for which reason it also sells well.
5. Jacobean plays, before Shakespeare, were particularly visceral, and I don't think Alex is going to ignore that!
6. It created a visceral thrill that carries you along through the film's two hours.

Std. XI

RED HERRING

MEANING:

1. Something that misleads or distracts from a relevant or important issue.
2. Something intended to divert attention from the real problem or matter at hand, a misleading clue.

Origin: 1375- 1425; late Middle English

Synonyms: attention- grabber, bait, deviation, fool's errand, distractor

Sentences:

1. When a murderer plants a knife in someone else's home to try to throw the police off track, the knife is an example of a red herring.
2. The brutality of Dothraki culture is actually a red herring.
3. Health care is complicated but everything except the tax issue is a quibble or a red herring.
4. Like his view on immigration and Chinese labor, it was a red herring across his path.

Std. XII

VITUPERATIVE

Meaning: uttering or given to censure: containing or characterized by verbal abuse

First use: 1727

Synonyms: Castigating, invective, opprobrious, scurrile, truculent, abusive, reproachful, pugnacious

Antonyms: uncritical

Sentences:

1. We cannot be friends anymore if you continue to attack me with vituperative words.
2. Some people really seem to enjoy hurting others by writing vituperative comments on the Internet.
3. Without a doubt, Brad should apologize for speaking to his mother in such a vituperative tone.
4. The student was given detention for using vituperative language in class.