

WORD OF THE WEEK

(21st November 2016 to 27th November 2016)

Std. V

Icon

Meaning:

1. a person or thing regarded as a representative symbol or as worthy of veneration.
2. In computing: a symbol or graphic representation on a screen of a program, option, or window.
3. An image, symbol, picture or other representation which is an object of religious devotion.

Origin: Mid 16th century from Greek word 'eikon'

Synonyms: idol, figure, luminary

Antonyms: mediocrity, nobody, noncelebrity

Sentences:-

1. Sachin Tendulkar is an icon for many of the aspiring young cricket players.
2. Stone icons were widely used in Indian temples.
3. Click on the icon to open your e-mail program.
4. That man is an icon in the business. He personifies loyalty and good business sense.

Std. VI

Idyllic

Meaning: perfect; extremely pleasant

Synonyms: idealized, peaceful, picturesque, unspoiled, ideal, charming etc.

Antonyms: urban, bad, disabled, flawed, imperfect etc.

Usage:

1. It was an idyllic portrait of the king.
2. The idyllic condition in which education can be imparted is maintenance of discipline.
3. It was an idyllic marriage without any dowry.

Std. VII

Monotheism

Meaning-: 1. The doctrine or belief that there is only one God

Origin: mid 17th century: from momo- 'one' + Greek theos "god" +ism

Synonyms: Judaism, theism, Islamism, Muslimism.

Antonyms: atheism, polytheism.

Sentences:

1. In the church we believe in monotheism, the idea of a solitary God.
2. Christianity centers on the concept of monotheism, the view there is only one higher power.
3. Since the ancient Greeks and Romans did not believe in monotheism, they worshiped many Gods.
4. We brought monotheism to a pagan world, and guaranteed women's right in marriage.

Std. VIII

Coterie

Meaning: a small group of people with shared interests or tastes, especially one that is exclusive of other people.

Synonyms: circle, gang, band, pack, crew, club, fraternity

Antonyms: loner, individualist

Sentences:

- Our coterie of girls always sits at the best table in the school cafeteria.
- With his latest novel, James hopes to reach a whole new coterie of readers.
- The coterie of physician agreed it would be unwise to operate on the elderly patient.
- The President's coterie of advisors was unable to offer him a solution to the national problem.

Std. IX

Hara – Kiri (Noun)

Meaning- ritual suicide, any suicidal action, self murder

Synonyms: 1850-60; Japanese, equivalent to Harabelly.

Antonyms: ceremonious suicide, self-slaughter,

Sentences:

1. After some days of the death of the boy, he was condemned to hara-kiri.
2. I fully sympathize with the Japanese view of hara-kiri.
3. Hara-kiri is very much in practice among adolescents.

Std. X

Harbinger

Meaning- something that shows what is coming

Origin- Middle English herbergere, from Anglo-French, host, from herberge camp, lodgings, of Germanic origin. First use 14th century

Synonyms – angel, foregoer, forerunner, herald, outrider, precursor

Sentences :-

1. Everyone knows the groundhog is the harbinger of a change in seasons.
2. Whenever I see clouds, I know they are a harbinger of an approaching storm.
3. Sadly I realize my persistent headache is a harbinger of the flu virus that has attacked me.
4. If a rise in crime is a harbinger of economic decline, then this country really is in trouble right now.
5. When two enemies called a truce, everyone saw this action as a harbinger in their relationship.

Std. XI

Lachrymose

Meaning: given to tears or weeping: tearful

tending to cause tears : mournful

Origin: mid 17th century (in the sense 'like tears; liable to exude in drops'): from Latin lacrimosus, from lacrima 'tear'.

Synonyms: emotional, sad, mournful, woeful, unhappy, depressed, gloomy, melancholy, low-spirited, despondent, morose, sorrowful, forlorn, grief-stricken, lugubrious

Antonyms: beaming, blithe, blithesome, cheerful, cheery, gay, happy, jocose, jovial, merry, mirthful

Use of LACHRYMOSE in sentences:

1. I do not enjoy watching sad movies with my lachrymose wife because she is way too sensitive.
2. When I watch television shows about people dying from cancer, I become very lachrymose.
3. After my sister lost the writing contest, she was lachrymose and in need of a hug.
4. As I entered the house, I saw that the funeral home was filled with lachrymose mourners.

Std. XII

Shenanigans (Noun)

Meaning: secret or dishonest activity or manoeuvring

Origin: of uncertain origin. Perhaps Spanish chanada, a shortened form of charranada 'trick, deceit' of German Scheniecelei, peddler's argot for work, craft' or the related German slang verb schinaglen.

Synonyms: devilishness, devilment, devilry (or deviltry), impishness, Knavery, mischievousness.

Sentences:

1. I personally apologise to any female readers for these shenanigans.
2. There is front of me was full page article former President's brown's shenanigans.
3. Her brother had been known for such shenanigans , but the thought of face to face mortal combat turned her cold.
4. Finally all of Adam's shenanigans came to a head on February 28th, 2005.
5. I wondered if her son's shenanigans at school were widely appreciated.