

## WORD OF THE WEEK

(2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 to 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017)

### Std. V

**Apprehension** (Noun)

**Meaning:**

1. anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen.
2. the ability to understand; grasp

**Origin:** Late Middle English from ‘apprehensio’

**Synonyms:** doubt, dread, prior knowledge, awareness

**Antonyms:** trust, certainty, confidence

**Sentences:**

1. His apprehension of the new teacher was baseless.
2. The thought of moving to a new city fills me with apprehension.
3. She is popular because of her quick apprehension of the wishes of people.
4. There was great apprehension in the classroom on the day of the test.

### Std. VI

**MUNDANE** (adjective)

**ORIGIN:** From old French “Mondain”, from late Latin “Mundanus” from Latin “Mundus” meaning “world” dates from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**MEANING:** 1. Lacking interest or excitement , dull

2. Of this earthly world rather than a heavenly or spiritual one.

**SYNONYMS:** Day-to-day, ordinary, uneventful, monotonous, worldly, non-spiritual.

**ANTONYMS:** Noble, abnormal, rare, special, extraordinary, spiritual.

## **SENTENCES:**

1. Her conversation was mundane and her interests narrow.
2. She has the happy knack of making the most mundane report appear Interesting.
3. Sitting by a river meditating is nice, but real spirituality comes from making the Mundane sacred.
4. The Japanese elevated the mundane practice of drinking tea to a spiritual Discipline.
5. The truth is far more mundane and less interesting than the story might Suggest.

## **Std. VII**

**impeccable:** Adjective

**Origin:** 1525 – 35, is from the Latin word ‘impeccabilis’.

**Meaning:**

- 1) Perfect, without faults, flaws or error
- 2) Incapable of wrong doing or sin.

**Synonyms:** unassailable, unexceptionable, accurate, exact, correct, errorless.

**Antonyms:** Flawed, imperfect, wrong, defective, blemished, corrupt.

**Sentences:**

- 1) He grows up in Norway, but he writes impeccable English.
- 2) It was easy for James V to imprison Lady Gami, but actually convicting her was far more difficult, her character was impeccable and she was highly respected by all who know her.
- 3) Without your impeccable English skill, writing essays should be a cinch.
- 4) Winning every game, John is impeccable at playing Basketball.
- 5) “Impeccable” is not a human quality as everyone makes mistakes.

## Std. VIII

### **Vulnerable:**

**Meaning:** lacking protection from danger or resistance against attack

**Synonym:** defenseless, endangered, exposed, open, subject (to), honor etc.

**Antonyms:** insusceptible, invulnerable, unexposed, unsusceptible etc.

### **Usage:**

1. This student is vulnerable to G.K. questions.
2. Pakistan should not think Baluchistan a vulnerable state.
3. A vulnerable society or sect dies out in course of time.

## Std. IX

### **INVINCIBLE**

**Meaning:** impossible to defeat or overcome

**Origin:** middle English, from Middle French or Late Latin; Middle French, from Late Latin invincibilis. First use: 15<sup>th</sup> century

**Synonyms:** bulletproof, indomitable, invulnerable, unbeatable, unstoppable

**Antonyms:** superable, surmountable, vincible, vulnerable

### **Sentences:**

1. The team proved it was not invincible when it lost the last game of the season
2. The teenager jumped off the building because he thought he was invincible to get hurt.
3. Since the seaside town has never been hit by a hurricane, the residents view their community as invincible.
4. Always remember that there is nothing invincible in the world other than a thought that is put into action.
5. You will only start feeling invincible when you have conquered your inner demons.

## Std. X

### EXORBITANT

**Meaning:** (of a price or amount charged) unreasonably high

**Origin:**

late Middle English (originally describing a legal case that is outside the scope of a law): from late Latin exorbitant- ‘going off the track’, from exorbitare, from ex- ‘out from’ + orbita ‘course, track’.

**Synonyms:** excessively high, extremely high, excessive, sky-high, prohibitive, outrageous, unreasonable, preposterous, inordinate, immoderate, inflated, , unconscionable, huge, extortionate, enormous, over the odds

**Antonyms:** reasonable, competitive

### Sentences using the word “EXORBITANT”

1. Arabs of Dubai are known for their exorbitant expenses for lifestyle and lavishness.
2. Even if I do get rich, I do not think I will be spending exorbitant amounts on jewellery or cars.
3. The exorbitant amount the actress paid for that dress could feed at least ten families for a whole month!
4. Although Jane's apartment is quite lovely, the rent is a bit exorbitant for my taste.
5. Because of my budget, I am unable to make exorbitant purchases.

## Std. XI

### ENSCONCED

verb

past tense: **ensconced**; past participle: **ensconced**

establish or settle (someone) in a comfortable, safe place.

"Agnes **ensconced herself** in their bedroom"

**Synonyms:**

settle, install, establish, park, shut, plant, lodge, position, seat, entrench, shelter, screen;

**Origin:**

Late 16th century (in the senses ‘fortify’ and ‘shelter within or behind a fortification’; formerly also as insconce): from en-, in- ‘in’ + sconce.

### **Examples of ENSCONCE in a sentence:**

1. The sculpture is safely ensconced behind glass.
2. He ensconced himself in front of the television.
3. 'Edward was a year old then, and we were happily ensconced on the south coast.
4. Soon the baby is ensconced in a booster seat.'
5. 'Come Saturday, we were ensconced in our New York hotel when we spied delightful snowflakes.'
6. 'Ken is conveniently ensconced in his very own bachelor pad.'

### **Std. XII**

#### **Pseudonym: (Noun)**

- A fictitious name, especially one used by an author.

#### **Synonyms:**

pen name, assumed name, incognito, alias, false name, professional name, sobriquet, stage name, nickname etc

#### **Origin / Etymology:**

Mid 19th century: from French pseudonyme, from Greek pseudōnymos, from pseudēs 'false' + onoma 'name'.

#### **Usage in a sentence:**

- 1) I wrote under the pseudonym of Evelyn Hervey.
- 2) And he could not have been seeking fame, for he used a pseudonym.
- 3) After years of hiding behind a pseudonym to protect his identity, Aumran had finally been uncovered by the Syrian police.
- 4) She is a popular feminist writer who writes under a pseudonym.
- 5) Mr Wednesday is the Norse God Odin operating under a pseudonym.