

## WORD OF THE WEEK

(10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to 16<sup>th</sup> April 2017)

### Std. V

#### Lethal

**Meaning:** causing or capable of causing death.

**Origin:** In 1580s from Latin word 'lethalis'

**Synonyms:** destructive, fatal, deadly, harmful.

**Antonyms:** harmless, life-giving, beneficial.

#### Sentences:

1. It is a lethal drug.
2. The accident caused a lethal injury to his brain.
3. He was sentenced to death by lethal injection.
4. Death of their leader gave a lethal blow to their movement.

### Std. VI

#### Commute

**Meaning:** travel some distance between one's home and place of work on a regular basis

**Origin:** The word commuter derives from early days of rail travels in US cities such as New York, Boston and Chicago where, in the 1840s, the railways engendered suburbs from which travellers paying a reduced or commuted fare into city. Later, the back formations "commute" and "commuter" were coined therefrom.

**Synonyms:** drive, go back and forth, take bus/subway/train

#### Sentences

- a) He commutes to work everyday by train.
- b) She commutes 400 miles a week.
- c) The judge commuted his death sentence to life imprisonment.

## Std. VII

**Atrocity: Noun**

**Origin:** 1525- 35; Latin word

**Meaning:** 1) an extreme cruel, violent or shocking act  
2) a state of being utterly evil.

**Synonyms:** violent, shocking, awfulness, dreadfulness

**Antonyms:** delightful, morality, goodness, allurements, righteousness

**Sentences:**

- 1) They are committing atrocities against the civilian population.
- 2) These people are guilty of practicing atrocities.
- 3) The atrocities of the murders stunned the entire city.
- 4) After the bombing, the citizens were unified in sorrow by the terroristic atrocities.
- 5) The murder of the senior citizens showed the disturbed killer would not hesitate to commit an atrocities.

## Std. VIII

**Taciturn (adj.):**

**Meaning:** reserved and uncommunicative in speech; saying little

After such gathering, she would be taciturn and morose.

**Synonyms:** uncommunicative, reticent, quiet, secretive, unresponsive, reserved, introvert, media shy etc.

**Antonyms:** talkative, loquacious etc.

**Usage:**

1. She is taciturn with strangers.
2. His taciturn behaviour before the investigation team baffled everyone present.
3. A taciturn witness can damage the process of hearing.

## Std. IX

**Word: tumultuous**

**Meaning:** loud, excited and emotional

**Origin:** middle English tumult, from Anglo-french, from Latin tumultus; first use : 15<sup>th</sup> century

**Synonyms:** stormy, tempestuous, convulsive, turbulent

**Antonyms:** nonviolent, peaceable, peaceful

**Sentences:**

1. The returning astronauts were given a tumultuous welcome.
2. The room filled with tumultuous applause.
3. It had been a tumultuous couple of days.
4. The tumultuous storm was beginning to lose some of its fury.
5. In Iceland they lived active, tumultuous lives and left fine literary records of their doings and achievements.

## Std. X

**Word :** VOLITION (Noun)

**Origin:** It is derived from the Latin word “ Velle”, meaning “to wish”.

**Meaning :** An act of making a choice or decision.

**Synonyms :** Choice, Self-determination, Free-will, Accord.

**Antonyms :** Compulsion, Force, Pressure, Constraint.

**SENTENCES :**

1. I chose to go on my own.
2. Despite my parents’ preference, I have decided to attend an out-of-state college on my own volition.

3. Nathan plead guilty to the crime on his own volition and against his attorney's wishes.
4. You should choose the people you vote for, on your own volition and not by the preferences of others.
5. When the front door seemed to open of its own volition , everyone in the room ran behind the couch.

## Std. XI

### REPERCUSSION (Noun)

**Meaning:** a remote or indirect consequence of an event or action, especially an unwelcome one.

**Origin:** Classical Latin *repercussion*; from past participle of *repercutere*, to rebound, strike back.

**Synonyms:** reverberation, Backlash, chain reaction, effect, echo

### Sentences:

- 1) These are huge differences that would inevitably have dramatic repercussions on the overall cost of credit.
- 2) The legacy of World War II continues to have repercussions on the bilateral relationships.
- 3) Both Russia and the West are also worried by the repercussions of large- scale unemployment among its nuclear specialists.

## Std. XII

### Doppelganger ( noun )

\*A spirit that looks exactly like a living person, or someone who looks exactly like someone else but who is not related to that person / a ghostly counterpart of a living person

\* Double

## **Origin and Etymology of DOPPELGANGER**

German *Doppelgänger*, from doppel- double + -gänger goer

First Known Use: 1851

## **Examples of DOPPELGANGER in a sentence**

1. *In the story, the character is haunted by a doppelgänger.*
2. *At the mall today I saw someone who could be your doppelgänger.*

## **Synonyms and Antonyms of DOPPELGANGER**

1. Synonyms:

alter ego, carbon, carbon,

copy, clone, counterpart, double, copy, clone, counterpart, duplication,  
fetch, likeness, look-alike, match, mirror image, picture, replica

2. Antonyms:

antithesis, converse, opposite, reverse