

## WORD OF THE WEEK

(17<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017)

### Std. V

#### **Dabble**

#### **Meaning:**

- 1) to participate or have an interest in an activity but in a casual or superficial way
- 2) immerse (hands or feet) partially in water and move them around gently

**Origin:** Between 1550-1560 from Dutch 'dabbelen'

**Synonyms:** dip into, play with, smatter, amuse oneself with

**Antonyms:** take seriously, dry

1. He dabbled his feet in the river.
2. She dabbles in art.
3. The moon hung over the harbour dabbling the waves with gold.
4. She sat by the pool, dabbling her feet in the cool water.

### Std. VI

#### **Babel**

**Meaning:** Confused medley of sounds

**Origin:** Babel capital of Babylon, late 14c., from Heb. Babel, from Akkadian bab-ilu "Gate of God". The name is a translation of Sumerian Ka-dinger. It is derived from the biblical story of the Tower of Babel.

**Synonyms:** bedlam, clang, din, jargon, discord

#### **Sentences:**

- a) The children filled the classroom with babel, leaving the teacher overwhelmed at the sound of so many voices at once .
- b) Trying to interpret the babel, the man pressed his ear against the office door.
- c) As the huge crowd arrived at the immigration station, a babel of voices in different languages could be heard.

## Std. VII

**Foment:** Verb

**Origin:** Century-15, from late latin fomentare

**Meaning:** To promote the growth or development.

**Synonyms:** to encourage, ferment, brew, provoke, raise, incite.

**Antonyms:** settle, still, bridle, discourage, quiet, inhibit.

**Sentences:**

- 1) He was accused of fomenting violence.
- 2) The police are here to keep people calm, not to foment violence.
- 3) The celebrities like to foment rumors for publicity.
- 4) the union leader is trying to foment discontent among the factory workers.
- 5) He was employed by the party in fomenting a disturbance against the ministry.

## Std. VIII

**Spangle:** noun- a small thin piece of glittering material typically sewn as one of many on clothing for decoration.

Verb: cover with spangles or other small sparkling objects

**Synonyms:** gleam, glimmer, glint, glisten, glister, luster, shimmer, flash, sparkle, beam, radiate, shine etc.

**Usage:** 1. This spangle has beautified the table cloth.

2. Don't spangle the silk cloth on cotton.

3. Many people use spangles to decorate their cloths.

4. His tie spangles on his shirt.

## Std. IX

### Rookie

**Meaning:** a first year player in a professional sport, a person who has just started a job or activity and has little experience

**Origin:** perhaps alteration of recruit. First use- 1892

**Synonyms:** apprentice, colt, beginner, newcomer, recruit

**Antonyms:** old hand, old-timer, vet, veteran

### Sentences:

1. There are three rookies in the starting lineup.
2. His reputation for being rough on rookies was well earned.
3. The officer gave a difficult task to the rookie.
4. Fewer doesn't want to lose you and I don't want to have another rookie to train.
5. "A rookie salesman would have done better," he confessed to Hank.

## Std. X

**Word :** GROUCH (Noun)

**Origin :** Late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, from old French "grouchier" meaning "to grumble, murmur".

**Meaning :** A habitually grumpy person.

**Synonyms :** Moaner, Complainer, Grumbler, Whiner.

**Antonyms :** Happy, Optimist.

### SENTENCES:

1. The grouch is shouting at the top of his voice.
2. He is not as big a grouch today as I said he would be.
3. We should not take any grouch person on picnic, as they would spoil it.

4. Beware of a grouch person.

5. My grandfather's growing age turned him into a grouch.

## Std. XI

### The word and its meaning:

PIQUE, piqued, piquing (**transitive verb**)

1. to arouse anger or resentment
2. to excite or arouse especially by a provocation, challenge, or rebuff.

### Origin and Etymology of PIQUE

French *piquer*, literally, to prick — more at PIKE

First Known Use: 1669

### Examples of Pique in a sentence

1. Democracy flourishing in Taiwan has been greeted in other parts of the Chinese-speaking world with a certain pique, and even with hostility.
2. After a moment of pique, the senator responded calmly to his accusers.
3. He slammed the door in a fit of pique.

### Synonyms and Antonyms of Pique

#### **Synonyms:**

aggravate, annoy, bother, bug, burn (up), chafe, eat, exasperate, frost, gall, get, grate, gripe, peeve, persecute, irritate, put out, rasp, rile, ruffle, spite, vex, PROVOKE, EXCITE, STIMULATE

#### **Antonyms:**

appease, conciliate, mollify, oblige, pacify, placate, propitiate;  
delight, gladden,

gratify, please, satisfy; assure, cheer, comfort, console, content, quiet, reassure, solace, soothe

## Std. XII

### **PUERILE (Adjective)**

**Meaning:** Childish silly and immature.

**Origin:** Late 16<sup>th</sup> century (in the sense 'like a boy'): from French pueril or Latin puerillis, from puer 'boy'

**Synonyms:** babyish, foolish, immature, juvenile, naïve.

### **Sentences:**

- 1) Since my son is thirty-three years of age, I do not find his puerile behaviour amusing.
- 2) Your jokes are puerile and not appropriate for a woman of your years.
- 3) If you behave in a puerile manner during a job interview, the interviewer will think you are very childish.