

## WORD OF THE WEEK

(24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017)

### Std. V

**paragon** (noun)

**Meaning :** a person or a thing regarded as a perfect example of a particular quality.

**Origin:** Mid 16th century from Italian ‘paragone’

**Synonyms:** epitome, ideal, archetype

**Antonyms:** imperfection, flaw

#### Sentences:

1. Just who is this paragon whose name is on everyone's lips?
2. Ramesh is a paragon for me.
3. In the novel, Alex is a paragon of virtue who never compromises his reputation.

### Std. VI

**Pittance:** noun

**Meaning:** a very small or inadequate amount of money

**Origin:** Middle English :from old French ‘pitance’ , from medieval Latin ‘pitantia’ , from Latin ‘pietas’ “pity”.

**Synonyms:** a tiny amount, next to nothing, very little

**Antonyms:** generosity, lot, plenty

#### Sentences:

- a) The musicians were paid a pittance.
- b) The pittance the homeless man makes from selling scrap metal allows him to eat every other day.
- c) The maid earns a pittance that barely permits her to buy food for her children.

- d) The housekeeper was unable to pay her bills with the pittance her employers paid her.
- e) As Ram was unsatisfied with the pittance his parents gave him each week, he started his own business.

### Std. VII

**Insipid:** Adjective

**Origin:** 1610s “without taste” from France, incipidus from Latin, “

**Meaning:**

- 1) an extreme cruel, violent or shocking act
- 2) Flat, lacking character or definition.
- 3) Cloyingly sweet or sentimental.

**Synonyms:** Boring, wearish, tasteless, vapid, dull, bland, juvenile, fade.

**Antonyms:** appetizing, delicious, tasty, yummy, rude

**Sentences:**

- 1) The dines were disappointed with the plain, insipid soup they were served.
- 2) The textbook had a most insipid presentation of the controversy.
- 3) Greeting cards contain some of the most insipid words ever written.
- 4) Their letters had been so insipid.
- 5) He showed just how insipid he was.

### Std. VIII

**Tirade:**

**Meaning:** a long angry speech or scolding after the inspection (by the health dept.)

**Synonyms:** harangue, assault, attack, invective, reprimand, lashing etc.

**Antonyms:** eulogy, tribute, approval, blessing, endorsement, honor etc.

## Usage:

1. After seeing the worsening condition of the hospital, the director delivered a tirade in the doctor's meeting.
2. The dept. secretary delivered a tirade on the officers on not getting the work even initiated.
3. A tirade should be welcome sometimes to improve work culture.

## Std. IX

### PARIAH

**Meaning:** a person who is hated and rejected by other people

**Origin:** Tamil paraiyan, literally, drummer. First use- 1613

**Synonyms:** castaway, castoff, leper, outcast, reject

### Sentences:

1. He is a talented player but his angry outbursts have made him a pariah in the sport of baseball.
2. I felt like pariah when I wore the wrong outfit to the dinner party.
3. Being treated like a pariah is harder on me than it is on Kate.
4. No one said thank you and South Africa became the pariah of the world overnight.
5. If you are really considered her part of your navy, then you would not have treated her like a pariah from the start.

## Std. X

### LANGUISH

### Meaning:

*1 a* : to be or become feeble, weak, or enervated

*b* : to be or live in a state of depression or decreasing vitality

*2 a* : to become dispirited

*b* : to suffer neglect

**Origin:**

Middle English (in the sense 'become faint, feeble, or ill'): from Old French *languiss-*, lengthened stem of *languir* 'languish', from a variant of Latin *languere*, related to *laxus* 'loose, lax'.

**Synonyms:** weaken, grow weak, deteriorate, decline, go into a decline; wither, droop, wilt, fade

**Antonyms:** thrive, flourish

**Sentences:**

1. When the judge sentences the murderer, I hope he gives him a lifetime to languish in prison.
2. Are you going to languish in bed all Spring Break or do you plan on going outside and enjoying the sunlight?
3. Away from the sunlight, the plant will languish and eventually die.
4. The bill languished in the Senate for eight months.
5. Thousands of Tamils continue to languish in temporary camps - homeless in a country where they once thrived.

**Std. XI****Prurient** (Adjective)

\* characterized by lust

**Origin / Etymology :**

Late 16th century (in the sense 'having a mental itching'): from Latin *prurient-* 'itching, longing' and 'being wanton', from the verb *prurire*.

**Synonyms:**

salacious, licentious, lascivious, lustful, libidinous, lubricious, gross, indecent, lecherous, lewd, obscene, rude

**Antonyms:**

prudish, puritanical, prim, straitlaced, victorian, healthy

**Usage in a sentence:**

- 1) She'd been the subject of much prurient curiosity.
- 2) Those who peruse the book only from prurient curiosity will be disappointed.

- 3) On the contrary, it permitted his prurient imagination to become more mischievous in its influence.
- 4) So far as my words go, there is not a syllable to shock any but a prurient modesty.
- 5) The sight convicted him in the court of his own soul as a prurient and mean-minded rustic.
- 6) It was a prurient French romance, and a cynical laugh came from his lips.

## Std. XII

### IMPUTE

**MEANING:** to lay the responsibility or blame for often falsely or unjustly

**ORIGIN:** Late Middle English; from Old French imputer ‘enter in the account’, from in-, ‘towards’ + putare ‘reckon’

**SYNONYMS:** ATTRIBUTE, ASCRIBE, ASSIGN, CREDIT, ACCREDIT

### SENTENCES:

- 1) In the absence of efficient communication, potential belligerents are left to impute the worst possible motives to the unexplained actions of others.
- 2) The evangelists impute to him a higher claim than he made.
- 3) It was wrong of me to impute you for the failure of the dinner party when I was the one who did not properly plan the event.
- 4) On Monday, Ellen will impute her failure to complete the project on her malfunctioning computer.
- 5) Even though my sister had broken the window, she tried to impute the damage onto me.