

WORD OF THE WEEK

(24th July 2017 to 30th July 2017)

Std. V

Airy-Fairy

Meaning: impractical and foolishly idealistic.

Origin: from Tennyson's poem Lillian (1830)

Synonyms: fanciful, shaky, feeble, dreamy

Antonyms: cynical, practical

Sentences:

1. The scheme seems a bit airy -fairy to me.
2. I know the sound airy-fairy, but there is truth to it.
3. They were airy-fairy shots, poor shot selection.
4. He came up with all airy-fairy ideas.

Std. VI

Derring-do (Noun)

Meaning - action displaying heroic courage.

Origin - C16: from Middle English 'durring do' which means daring to do, from 'durren'-to dare + 'don' - to do

Synonyms - audacity, bravado, heroic-deed, over boldness, valour

Antonyms - cowardice, timidity, poltroonery, pusillanimity, spineless

Sentences -

1. The soldier received a medal of valour for his derring-do on the battlefield.
2. When the man rushed into the burning house to save the old woman's cat, he performed nothing but an act of derring-do
3. I'm not very brave so I could never perform a derring-do like jumping out of an airplane

Std. VII

Digress: Verb

Origin: 1520-30, < latin digressus, past participle of digress” to go off.

Meaning: 1. To deviate or wander away from the main topic or purpose in speaking or writing, depart from the principle line of argument, plot, study etc.

2. To turn aside.

Related Forms: noun: digresser, adverb: digressingly, verb: redigress

Synonyms: ramble, depart, wander, divagate, roam, swerve

Antonyms: be direct, stay, keep, be same, conform.

Sentences: 1) She always digresses when telling a story.

2) you shouldn't digress when you give a lecture.

3) If you get emotional talking about your father, then you may digress.

4) You digress to avoid talking about the real problem.

5) I need you to stay on subject and not digress.

6) Jerry would digress every time his parents asked for his report card.

Std. VIII

Altruism: Noun

Meaning- the fact of caring about the needs and happiness of other people more than one's own

Origin: French altruisme, from autrui other people, from Old French, oblique case form of autre other from Latin ater

Synonyms: kindness, unselfishness, suitability, virtue, modesty, morality, delicacy good manners etc.

Antonyms: self seeking, self centered, self serving, heartlessness, cruelty, hastiness, unpleasantness, selfishness etc.

Usage:

- a. Altruism is a heavenly quality.
- b. He is opposed by his family members for his altruism.
- c. Shaking off their altruism, people are becoming self-centered which is harmful for a democratic society.
- d. True altruism is better shown in behavior than percept.
- e. Altruism is a part of my behavior.

Std. IX**Flamboyant**

Origin – 1825 – 35; French, present participle of flamboyer to flame

Part of Speech – Adjective

Meaning – strikingly bold or brilliant

Synonym – brilliant, flashy, gaudy, glamorous, jazzy

Antonym – moderate, modest, tasteful, calm, restrained

Sentences –

- 1) The flamboyant singer loves to wear shimmering suits while performing.
- 2) The magician's flamboyant act included fireworks and a live tiger.
- 3) The immature actor was arrested for speeding in his flamboyant sports car.

Std. X

Altercation- Noun

Meaning- A noisy or angry argument, noisy controversy

Origin- Late middle English; from Latin altercation from the verb altercari

First use: 14th century

Synonyms- argument, battle royal, controversy, fight,

Antonyms- agreement, harmony, concord, union, peace

Sentences:-

1. During the altercation, Frank had two ribs broken.
2. Hopefully, the verbal altercation will end before any punches are thrown.

3. The altercation between the two men was quickly broken up by mall security.
4. According to the news, one person died as a result of the altercation that occurred outside the baseball stadium.
5. Until more information is known, the police will not reveal details about the altercation between the arresting officer and the suspect.

Std. XI

Apocalypse: Noun

First use: 13th century

Meaning: a great disaster, a sudden and very bad event that causes much fear, loss.

Origin: Middle English, revelation, Revelation, from Anglo-French **apocalypse**, from Late Latin **apocalypsis**, from Greek **apokalypsis**, from **apokalyptein** to uncover, from **apo-** +**kalptein** to cover – more at hell.

Synonyms: disaster, calamity, cataclysm, catastrophe, debacle, tragedy

Antonyms: godsend, manna, windfall

Examples:

1. His book tells of an environmental apocalypse.
2. The fear that the next global pandemic could be an apocalypse of biblical proportions.

Std. XII

Apocryphal (Adjective)

Meaning- Of doubtful authenticity

Origin- First recorded in 1580-90 Apocrypha refers to sections of the Bible that are not sanctioned as belonging to certain official canon.

Synonyms- Fictitious, legendary, mythical, dubious.

Antonyms- Authentic, doubtless, real, true.

Sentences:-

1. It's a good story but I dare say it is apocryphal.
2. The old man often shared apocryphal stories with anyone who would listen.