

WORD OF THE WEEK (26th June 2017 to 2nd July 2017)

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PACHYDERM

Meaning :- a very large mammal with thick skin (especially an elephant)

Origin :- From Greek word 'pachus' meaning thick and 'derma' meaning skin

Synonyms :- mammoth, mastodon.

Sentences:-

1. My favorite **pachyderm** is the Asian elephant.
2. Yesterday, I watched a report on discovery channel about **pachyderms** like elephant, rhinoceros etc.
3. We watched a monster python trying to swallow a **pachyderm** from the rear.
4. Poachers use rifle to kill a **pachyderm**.

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HUMOROUS (adjective)

Origin : 1570-80 ; humor = -ous

Related forms : Adverb: humorously

Noun: humorousness

Synonyms : Ludicrous, laughable, witty, Jocular, comical, waggish

Antonyms : Depressing, dramatic, serious, tragic, Morose, uncomial, unfunny

Sentences :

1. He began his lecture with a **humorous** anecdote.
2. What's your favorite **humorous** quote?
3. His behavior at the party was so **humorous** that I could not help laughing.
4. I think Tom is **humorous**.
5. They play a **humorous** skit

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DESPONDENT (adjective)

Origin: 1690-1700 (Latin despondent)

Meaning: feeling or showing profound hopelessness, dejection, discouragement , or gloom

Synonyms: disheartened, downhearted, melancholy

Antonyms: happy, hopeful

Sentences:

- 1) Many were **despondent** or even suicidal when they first arrived.
- 2) **Despondent**, she chocked back sobs when she saw other women with babies.
- 3) **Despondent** at first, Tanny gradually reached a level of acceptance.
- 4) Rachel at one point felt, **despondent** and introspective, while singing the Beatles ballad "Yesterday".
- 5) It is all too easy to be **despondent** in the face of what seems like endless capacity of evil to reinvent itself

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ANNIHILATE (verb)

Meaning : destroy completely

Origin : From Latin 'annihilatus' which means 'to reduce to nothing'.

Synonyms : Obliterate, eliminate, eradicate, exterminate, abolish

Antonyms : Create, build, establish

Sentences :

1. Our soldiers will **annihilate** the enemy and secure our land.
2. If the fire is not put out soon, it will **annihilate** the entire division.
3. The fighting resulted into mass **annihilation** of the enemy's manpower.
4. The medicine will **annihilate** the bacteria causing the infection.

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EBULLIENT

Meaning: cheerful and full of energy

Synonyms: elated, exhilarated, excited, high spirited, vivacious, zestful, exuberant etc.

Antonyms: apathetic, sad, disappointed, disinterested, despondent etc.

Sentences :

1. Though dull in studies, he is ebullient on sports ground.
2. As soon as the injured boy listened to his success news in board exams, he became so ebullient that he started to dance.
3. Her ebullient nature helped her getting selected for the post of air-hostess.
4. Saurabh Ganguly was always ebullient on cricket pitch.
5. The credit of his selection in the team goes to his ebullient attitude.

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ANTEDILUVIAN

Origin: mid 17th century: from ante + Latin diluvium "deluge" + - "an"

Part Of Speech: Adjective

Meaning: very old fashioned and outdated

Synonym: ancient, old fashioned, antique, archaic, outworn

Antonym: modern, up to date, new, young, in vogue

Sentences:

1. The doors to the antediluvian world were opened by me.
2. My daughter often tells me that I wear antediluvian clothes that are out of style.
3. To most teenagers, landline phones are antediluvian in nature.

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ECLECTIC (Adjective)

Meaning: deriving ideas, style or taste from a broad and diverse range of sources.

Noun: A person who derives ideas, style or taste from a broad and diverse range of sources.

Origin: Late 17th century (as a term in philosophy): from Greek eklektikos, from eklegein 'pick out', from ek'out'+ legein'choose'

Synonyms: wide-ranging, extensive, comprehensive, varied, diverse, multidisciplinary, multifaceted, all-embracing.

Antonym : narrow, incomprehensive, particular, specific, unvaried.

Sentences:

1. He is very eclectic and his mix of abilities is so different from the common concept of an artist.
2. The atmosphere is cosy, the décor eclectic, but the overall ambience revolves around the staff.
3. The festival begins on Tuesday, Feb. 6th with a varied and somewhat eclectic orchestral program.
4. I like reading anything, everything, my tastes are exceedingly eclectic.
5. Emperor Akbar was an eclectic king who enunciated 'Din-I -Illahi'- a new religion encompassing good points of many existing religions.

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ECLAT (Noun)

Meaning: brilliant display or effect

Origin: Late 17th century: from French, from eclater 'burst out'

Synonyms: honour, glory, credit, merit, prestige, distinction

Antonyms: lethargy, sloth, dullness, idleness, indolence

Sentences:

1. She was quite unaware of the éclat of being ambassadress there.
2. He finished his recital with great éclat.
3. Ed had to call a locksmith when his attempt to open his car met without éclat.

