

WORD OF THE WEEK

(7th Aug 2017 to 12th Aug 2017)

Std. V

Spurious (Adjective)

Meaning: false, not authentic

Origin: Late 16th century from Latin word 'spurius'

Synonyms: bogus, fake, counterfeit

Antonyms: genuine, valid

Sentences:

1. He was arrested on spurious corruption charges.
2. His arguments were totally spurious.
3. To win elections, politicians often make spurious promises to voters.
4. The suspicious-looking jeweller had sold me a spurious jewel.
5. When the millionaire died, many people made spurious request on his estate.

Std. VI

Flaccid:- Adjective

Origin:- 1610-20 ; Latin flaccidus flabby , equivalent to flacc (ere) to grow weak
languish + idus – id .

Related Forms:- Noun – flaccidness , flaccidity

Adverb – flaccidly

Meaning:- not firm or stiff , lacking vigor or force

Synonyms:- flabby , loose , soft , flimsy , irresilient, yielding

Antonyms :- firm , taut , tight , solid , strong .

Sentences :-

- 1) Cut plants are allowed to wilt, or become flaccid, before removal from the field, to prevent injury to the leaves.
- 2) Since Prince Andrew has last seen him Kutuzov had grown still corpulent, flaccid and fat.
- 3) The flaccid wind did not stir the chimes on the front porch.
- 4) The President's critics denounce his anti – war policies by calling them flaccid.
- 5) The local union is a flaccid organization that lacks the power to negotiate higher wages for its members.

Std. VII

Blatant: [Bleyt –nt] Adjective.

Meaning:

1. brazenly obvious; flagrant.
2. Offensively noisy or loud; clamorous.
3. Tastelessly conspicuous.

Origin: Coined by Spenser in 1596; compare Latin blatre to babble.

Related form: Noun: blatancy; adverb: blatantly.

Synonyms: unmistakable, overt, undeniable, obtrusive, loud.

Antonyms: inconspicuous, quiet, subtle, unpronounced, hidden.

Sentences:

1. He lifted his head in blatant rejection.
2. When the Judge heard the defendant's blatant lie, he became very angry.
3. It is not wise to offer a police officer a blatant bribe.
4. When the waitress ignored the African- American family, everyone felt as though it was a blatant case of racism.

Std. VIII

Disdain- (Noun)

Meaning- consider to be unworthy of one's consideration or respect.

Origin- Middle English: based on Latin dedignari, from de - (expressing reversal) + dignari 'consider worthy' (from dignus 'worthy').

Synonyms:-

contempt, scorn, scornfulness, contemptuousness, disrespect, haughtiness, arrogance, dismissiveness;

Antonyms- admiration, respect

Sentences-

- 1) It is evident from the media coverage that New York protesters have great disdain for Wall Street
- 2) We should not disdain handicap people based on their disabilities.
- 3) The mother was in complete disdain after finding out her son failed in the exam.

Std. IX

Grandiose

Origin: mid 19th century; from French from Italian grandiose, from grande “grand”

Part of Speech: Adjective

Meaning: extravagantly imposing in appearance or style

Synonym: superb, striking, glorious, magnificent, impressive

Antonym: calm, moderate, small, unpretentious

Sentence: 1) His plays are grandiose historical poems in dramatic form.

2) The billionaire has this grandiose idea about building a house in Mars.

3) He dismissed his assistant with a grandiose sweep of his hand.

Std. X

Decadent

Meaning- (Adjective)—having low morals and great love of pleasure, money, fame etc. (noun) one of a group of late 19th century French and English writers tending toward artificial and unconventional subjects and subtilized style

Origin- Mid 19th century; From French decadent, From medieval Latin decadentia From French.

First use: 1873

Synonyms- effete, decayed, degenerate, overripe, washed-up

Antonyms- undecadent, ascetic

Sentences:-

1. The book condemns some of society’s wealthiest members as decadent fools.
2. Without your betrayal, how will I have now decadent.
3. Don't let decadent ideas eat into yourselves.
4. There was something very decadent about filling ourselves with so much rich food.
5. Pop music was condemned as decadent and crude.
6. I started to feel a revulsion against their decadent lifestyle.

Std. XI

Frenetic (Adjective)

Meaning: fast and energetic in a rather wild and uncontrolled way

Origin: late Middle English (in the sense 'insane'): from Old French frenetique, via Latin from Greek phrenitikos, from phrenitis 'delirium', from phrēn 'mind'. Compare with frantic.

Synonyms: frantic, wild, frenzied, feverish, fevered, mad, manic, hyperactive, energetic, tumultuous, confusing, exciting, excited, swivel-eyed

Antonyms: calm, balanced

Sentences:

1. Keeping a critical distance is the best reaction to a frenetic hype that acquired religious characteristics.
2. Whenever I hear a developer pounding away frenetically at the keyboard, 9 times out of 10 they are pounding away at an email.
3. Case is it's a bad article by a frenetic journalist.
4. I don't think so - I think the guy is just wired on caffeine :-)) Watch his hand movements when he's on screen - pretty frenetic IMO
5. If you want to learn some extremely useful tips for real productivity in Vim, I'd suggest the detailed videos on over this frenetic if enthusiastic video.

Std. XII

Saturnine (Adjective)

Meaning- 1. (of a person or their manner) of a gloomy or surly disposition

2. relating to lead

Origin- Late Middle English (as a term in Astrology) from Old French saturnin, from Medieval Latin Saturninus 'of Saturn'.

Synonyms- black, cold, comfortless, dark, depressing, solemn, sombre, forlorn

Antonyms- bright, cheerful, cordial, festive, friendly, gay.

Sentences

1. The dog's eyes became saturnine whenever he was left at home.
2. As the widow accepted offers of sympathy at her husband's funeral, she struggled to keep tears from her saturnine eyes.
3. Since Natasha has been ill, she has been in a saturnine mood.
4. It was hard to not be saturnine after learning of my favourite aunt's death.