

WORD OF THE WEEK

(21st Aug 2017 to 28th Aug 2017)

Std. V

Sea change (Noun)

- Meaning:**
1. A radical changes,
 2. A profound or notable transformation

Origin- Drawn form a phrase in Shakespeare’s play ‘The Tempest’ (1610)

Synonyms- Alteration, modification, variation, change.

Sentences:

1. Recent years have witnessed a sea change in the fortunes of car safety as a marketable quantity.
2. People are looking at sea change for a better work life balance.
3. A sea-change has taken place in young people’s attitudes to their parents.
4. Television has undergone a sea change in the last two years.

Std. VI

Impertinen: [in-pur-tn-uh nt] Adjective.

- Meaning:**
1. Not showing proper respect; rude.
 2. Not pertinent to a particular matter; irrelevant.
 3. Inappropriate.
 4. Obsolete.

Origin: 1350-1400; Middle English < late Latin.

Related form: Noun: impertinentness; adverb: unimpertinently; adjective; unimpertinent.

Synonyms: arrogant, fresh, impolite, off base, rude

Antonyms: kind, mannered, nice, polite, refined, respectful

Sentences:

1. Although she thought she was just being funny, her teacher didn’t agree and sent her to the principal’s office for being impertinent.
2. He never intended his remark to be impertinent
3. Because he is generally disrespectful and impertinent with peers and customers, he has lost four jobs within the past years.

Std. VII

Idiosyncrasy (Noun)

Origin- Early 17th century (originally in the sense ‘physical constitution peculiar to an individual’) : from Greek idiosunkrasia, from idios ‘own, private’ + sun ‘with’ + krasis ‘mixture’

Meaning-

- 1) a mode of behavior or way of thought peculiar to an individual
- 2) an abnormal physical reaction by an individual to a food or drug

Synonyms- affection, distinction, feature

Antonyms- conformity, sameness

Sentences-

- 1) Her habit of using “like” in every sentence was just one of her idiosyncrasies.
- 2) The current system has few idiosyncrasies.
- 3) An idiosyncrasy is what makes you unique from everyone else.
- 4) Your idiosyncrasy of always wearing a red hat makes you look funny.
- 5) The little boy had an idiosyncrasy which made him believe that he could talk to animals.

Std. VIII

Sanguine (Adjective)

Origin – from old french sanguine “blood red”; from latin sanguineus “of blood”

Part of speech – Adjective

Meaning – to have a positive attitude in a difficult situation

Synonym – buoyant, cheerful, lively, optimist, spirited

Antonym – depressed, sad, unhappy, pessimistic

Sentences – 1) The bank manager did not feel sanguine about the loan.

2) He seemed quite sanguine about his chances of success.

3) They are less sanguine about the prospects of peace.

Std. IX

Salubrious: Adjective

Meaning- a fancy way to describe something that is good for you or is generally favourable to mind or body

Origin: Latin-salus ; latin-salubris; Latin+English OUS- salubrious in 1540s

Synonyms: pleasant, agreeable, nice, select, healthy, beneficial, fashionable, luxurious, high class, leafy etc.

Antonyms: unpleasant, down market, unhealthy, unwholesome, sick, unhygienic, diseased, injurious, insanitary, poisonous, baneful, detrimental etc.

Usage:

1. Her way of presenting things is salubrious.
2. The interviewer's tone in the interview board was not salubrious.
3. How salubrious and candid the teacher was in his discussion and presentation of the topic!
4. An orientation should be salubrious.

Std. X

Scurrilous (Adjective)

Meaning: making or spreading scandalous claims about someone with the intention of damaging their reputation

Origin: from French scurrile or Latin scurrilus

Synonyms: abusive, derogatory, defamatory, scandalous, disparaging

Antonyms: clean, polite, kind, moral

Sentences:

1. Jeremy got me fired by telling my boss scurrilous lies about me.
2. When the judge learned about the scurrilous accusations made against him, he immediately called for his personal lawyer to sue the magazine.
3. The Principal warned the troublesome student about making scurrilous remarks about his peers.

Std. XI

Atavistic: at-a-vism

Adjective

First use: 1833 (late 19th Century)

Meaning: relating to or characterized by reversion to something ancient or ancestral.

Origin: French atavisme, from Latin atavus ancestor, from at- (probably akin to atta daddy) + avus grandfather- more at uncle.

Synonyms: animal, childlike, undeveloped

Antonyms: cultured, modern, sophisticated

Examples:

1. Not surprisingly, Jake was an atavistic alcoholic like his father.
2. In the early 1900s, the two families decided to stop the atavistic war their ancestors had started half a century ago.

Std. XII

Word – Arriviste (Noun)

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Meaning- a) An ambitious or ruthlessly self- seeking person.

- b) A person who is determined to be accepted as a member of a social group, etc. to which they do not really belong

Origin: Early 20th century; from French, from arriver

Synonyms: new money, nouveau riche, new rich, self- made man, upstart, social climber

Antonyms: gentleman,

Sentences:

- 1) Travel by private jet has become such a Hollywood commonplace, that a sort of arriviste snobbery now prevails.
- 2) I see a deeply religious man who behaves like a power-mad arriviste.