

WORD OF THE WEEK (3rd July 2017 to 9th July 2017)

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Thrift(n)

Meaning:- The quality of using money and other resources carefully and not wastefully

Origin:- From Old Norse 'thrifa' meaning 'grasp, get hold of'

Synonyms:- frugality, economizing

Antonyms:- extravagance, profligacy

Sentences:-

1. Through hard work and thrift they sent all their children to college.
2. Her thrift and hard work paid off when she was able to buy a house for herself.
3. To practice thrift is a virtue.
4. She valued thrift and self-reliance.

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Secede (Verb)

Origin – Early 18th century . From Latin Secedere, from Se – (“ apart “) + Cedere- (“ to go “).

Meaning – To withdraw from an organization, (such as a religious communion, political party or federation)

Synonyms :- Splinter , break away , leave , quit , disaffiliate , separate , withdraw.

Antonyms :- Combine , come in , join , unite .

Sentences :-

1. Japan seceded from the leagues of Nations in 1933.
2. Singapore seceded from the federation of Malaysia and become an independent sovereign state.
3. Slovenians voted overwhelmingly Sunday for their republic to secede from Yugoslavia.
4. The American civil war started because the slaves stats seceded from union.
5. It retains the right to secede at will.

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Stipend : [stahy-pend] Noun.

Meaning : 1. A periodic payment, especially a scholarship or fellowship allowance granted to a student.
2. fixed or regular pay, salary.

Origin : 1400-50 Late Middle English, Latin word.

Related form: Adjective: Stipend less

Synonyms : Allowance, award, pay, salary, consideration, emolument, wage.

Antonyms : Debt, expense.

Sentences:

1. The organization now provides him with a stipend for his work.
2. People living off base are given a stipend to cover their housing costs.
3. Jim knows he must get an additional job to supplement the financial stipend he receives from the trust fund.
4. Because Sarah will receive only a stipend during her fellowship, she is searching for a room-mate to help pay her rent.
5. Along with a stipend, teachers will receive free housing and meal vouchers.

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Minion (noun)

Meaning- a follower or underling of a powerful person, especially a servile or unimportant one

Origin- late 15th century: from French *mignon, mignonne* .

Synonyms- henchman, hanger-on, follower, servant, hireling, flatterer

Antonyms- master, commander, chief , captain, guardian

Sentences-

1. At work, I am the minion who does what my boss says.
2. As the manager's minion, John does all of his personal errands.
3. The king's minion is not allowed to speak without permission.
4. In the movie, the yellow minions obeyed his master's command.

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Posthumous

ORIGIN: Early 17th century from Latin postumus “last”; in late Latin spelled posth by association with humus “ground”

PART OF SPEECH: Adjective

MEANING: occurring, awarded or appearing after the death of a person

SYNONYM: post mortem, post obit, post obituary, post prandial, after death

ANTONYM: antemortem, early, middle

SENTENCES:

1. His name is permanently associated with a posthumous publication.
2. The soldier’s widow bore a posthumous child last night.
3. The author received many awards but they were all posthumous.

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Posterity

Meaning: People in the future, all future generations

Origin: Middle English posterite, from Anglo-French pusterite, from Latin posteriat.

First use: 14th century

Synonyms: fruit, issue, offspring, progeny, spawn.

Antonyms: near past, antecedent, primogenitor, progenitor.

Sentences:-

1. Posterity will remember her as a woman of courage and integrity.
2. A record of the events was preserved for posterity.
3. The truth about what happened will be known to posterity.
4. We bury time capsules for ourselves and for posterity.
5. Even if you do not care about posterity, you should at least care about yourself.
6. For the sake of posterity, countries of the world must put aside their differences.

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Ministration(Noun)

Meaning : act of helping or taking care of people or providing for their needs.

Origin: Late Middle English, Latin ministrations.

Synonyms: service, help, relief, assistance, comfort.

Antonyms: handicap, carelessness, hurt, blockage, absence.

Sentences:

1. In her last difficulty years, she relied on the ministrations of her husband.
2. His most eloquent teaching was his ministrations to the wants and the suffering of the wretched.
3. A kitchen made spotless by the ministrations of a cleaning lady".

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SERENDIPITY (Noun)

MEANING: The occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy OR beneficial way

ORIGIN: 1754 : coined by Horace Walpole, suggested by the Three Princes of Serendip, the title of a fairy tale in which the heroes were always making discoveries, by accidents and sagacity, of things they were not in quest of.

SYNONYMS: Blessing, good luck, happenstance, lucky break, stumbling upon.

ANTONYMS: Bad fortune, misfortune, mishap, accident-prone, luckless

SENTENCES:

- 1) They found each other by pure serendipity.
- 2) President Trump and his family would do well to recognize these gestures as something more than pure serendipity.
- 3) Finding the sketches was a matter of serendipity, Childs says.
- 4) My diagnosis of prostate cancer at this time was pure serendipity.
- 5) I literally got some amazing stuff on stage in my last concert out of sheer serendipity.

