

WORD OF THE WEEK

(17th July 2017 to 23rd July 2017)

Std. V

Observe

Meaning: 1) To notice or view carefully and attentively.

2) To follow or obey the custom, practice or rules.

Origin: From Latin 'ob' meaning towards and 'servare' meaning 'attend to, look at'

Synonyms: perceive, watch

Antonyms: overlook, ignore

Sentences:

1. She observed that every man in the room had removed his hat.
2. Please observe the speed limits while driving.
3. Children learn by observing their parents and teachers.
4. We must all observe traffic signals.
5. Scientists must carefully observe the data before making conclusions.

Std. VI

Mirth: Noun

Origin: Before 900; Middle English Mirthe, Old English Myrghth.

Meaning: 1. Gaiety or jollity, especially when accompanied by laughter.

2. Amusement or laughter.

Synonyms: great merriment, hilarity, mirthfulness, glee, amusement.

Antonyms: sadness, gloom, misery, mourning, wretchedness, distress

Sentences:

1. As he redoubled his efforts, so the mirth of the audience grew more hysterical.
2. And all in the midst of her mirth, the dear young lady burst out weeping,
3. Their mirth was singularly interrupted.
4. The locker room was filled with mirth as the football team celebrated their victory.
5. Jane and Amy could hardly contain their mirth as they giggled over jokes in front of the campfire.

Std. VII

Superstition-Noun

Origin- 1375-1425; late Middle English <Latin superstition-(system of superstitio),equivalent to superstit-(stem of superstes) standing beyond, outliving (super-super- + -stit-,combining form of stat-,adj. derivative of stare to stand)+ -ion

Meaning- unreasonable belief in supernatural ways, religion etc

Synonyms-fear, false belief, notion, irrationality

Antonyms- fact, reality, truth

Sentences-

- 1) He had fits of superstition which in healthier moments he despised.
- 2) This superstition dominated Scotland.
- 3) The young king regarded him with an affection which the superstition of the time attributed to witchcraft.
- 4) He shared the peity and superstition of the age, and did much for the spread of Christianity.
- 5) Protestantism took over the superstition from.

Std. VIII

Schism- (Noun)

Meaning - a split or division between strongly opposed sections or parties, caused by differences in opinion or belief.

Origin – late Middle English: from Old French scisme, via ecclesiastical Latin from Greek skhisma ‘cleft’, from skhizein ‘to split’.

Synonym- division, split, rift, breach, rupture, break, separation, detachment; Chasm, disunion

Antonyms- harmony, union, agreement, accord, unanimity

Sentences-

- 1) In the United States, the schism caused by slavery eventually led to the Civil War.
- 2) Because of the schism that has divided the football players, our high school team will not play a game this week.
- 3) After a fifty-year schism, the government and the rebels were finally able to make peace and form a united country.

Std. IX

Archaic (Adjective)

Meaning: very old or old- fashioned

Origin: French archaïque, from Greek archaikos, from archaios.

Synonyms: obsolete, obsolescent, anachronistic, antediluvian, old- fangled, extinct

Antonyms: modern, new, young, present, recent

Usage in Sentence:

1. My mother has an archaic mindset and does not believe that women should work outside the home.
2. In comparison to portable laptops, typewriters are considered archaic.
3. The system is archaic and unfair; it is needed to be changed.
4. The English used in the Chaucer's play is an archaic form of the language.

Std. X

Voracious

Meaning- craving or consuming large quantities of food, excessively eager.

Origin-Latin vorac- vorax from vorare to devour First recorded in 1625–35; voraci(ty) + -ous

First use: 1635

Synonyms- ravenous, rapacious, insatiable, greedy, gluttonous

Antonyms- apathetic, indifferent, uneager, unenthusiastic

Sentences:-

1. The football player was a voracious eater who easily consumed two chickens during one meal.
2. In the jungle, there are many voracious animals that will eat anything they can catch.
3. He has a voracious appetite.
4. According to legend, vampires are voracious creatures who must consume large amounts of blood in order to survive.
5. Since I am a voracious reader, I often read two or three books a day.

Std. XI

Rarified

Parts of speech: Adjective

Meaning: being less dense, relating to, or interesting to a select group, very high

Origin: Latin

Synonyms: exclusive, elevated, grand high minded,

Antonyms: familiar, public, known, common place.

Make sentences:

1. She was surrounded by a rarified atmosphere and the voice of earth troubled her lot..
2. Doreen sat on a heap of ashes, enclosed in a rarified atmosphere of her own..
3. I can't remain in a rarified atmosphere too long.

Std. XII

Supercilious

Parts of speech: Adjective

Meaning: behaving or looking as though one thinks one is superior to other, superior, and disdainful.

Origin: Latin superciliosus, from supercilium eyebrow, haughtiness, from super- + cilium

Synonyms: assumptive, chesty, haughty, masterful, and pompous

Antonyms: humble, lowly, modest, unarrogant

Make sentences:

1. Lynda is so supercilious that she refuses to friend anyone outside her race.
2. The supercilious woman demands special treatment for being pretty.
3. You look down people with your supercilious attitude.