

WORD OF THE WEEK

(4th Sept 2017 to 9th Sept 2017)

Std. V

Godsend(n)

Meaning: a desirable thing, event or person that comes unexpectedly

Origin: Early 19th century from God's send meaning 'What God has sent'

Synonyms: boon, blessing, bonus.

Antonyms: scourge, misfortune

Sentences:

1. The widespread rain was a godsend for farmers.
2. The hot weather has been a godsend for ice cream sellers.
3. The river proves a godsend for the sweaty tourist.
4. Offer of this job is a godsend in the present circumstances.

Std. VI

Go – getter (Noun)

Origin:- 1920 – 25, Americanism ; probably from the exhortation Go get 'em !

Related Forms:- Adjective: go – getting.

Meaning:-

1. An aggressively enterprising person.
2. A person who works very hard and who wants very much to succeed.

Synonyms: - achievers, doer, highflier, enterpriser, self- starter.

Antonyms: - idler, slacker, neglecter, quitter.

Sentences:-

1. She has a reputation as a real go-getter.
2. Tom Pitella is a go-getter and does not rely on others to prove things in the field of mathematics to him.
3. Angela was a real go-getter and had scored a job at pretty 37.
4. By nature he is a go-getter.

Std. VII

Scallywag: [scal-ee-wag] Noun.

Meaning: 1. A person, typically a child, who behaves badly but in an amusingly mischievous rather than harmful ways.

2. someone, especially a child, who has behaved badly but who is still liked.

Origin: Mid 19th century.

Synonyms: cheat, fraud, liar, rogue, sneak.

Antonyms: angel, innocent, saint: hero

Sentences:

1. My younger brother is a scallywag because he frequently sneaks into my room and hides my things.
2. As a teenager, George was a scallywag who found joy in harassing his classmates.
3. Tim, our town scallywag, is the first person our police chief suspects when a crime is committed.

Std. VIII

Redoubtable (Adjective)

Meaning- formidable (producing respect and a little fear)

Origin- late Middle English from Old French redoutable, from redouter 'to fear', from re- (expressing intensive force) + douter 'to doubt'.

Synonyms- formidable, awe-inspiring, fearsome, daunting, alarming, commanding, resolute, mighty

Antonyms- insignificant, minor, unimportant, inferior, mediocre; obscure, unsung

Sentences-

1. The young girl was anxious about facing off the redoubtable singer.
2. The boxer fainted in the ring when he saw his redoubtable opponent.
3. It took him several weeks to complete the redoubtable task assigned to him.

Std. IX

Ostracize- (Verb)

Meaning- to exclude someone from a group

Origin- Greek ostrakizein to banish by voting by potsherds, from ostrakon shell, potsherds; first used: 1649

Synonyms: exclude, shun, spurn, reject, repudiate, blacklist, avoid, ignore, ban, snub, bar, debar, exile, expel, banish etc.

Antonyms: welcome, accept, befriend, include, encompass, take in, incorporate etc.

Sentences:

1. The group ostracized the miscreant.
2. Ostracize your unwanted friends to improve your grades in exams.
3. Having used invectives on whatsapps, he was ostracized from the group.
4. Please do not ostracize a diligent member from the club.

Std. X

Ineffable (Adjective)

Meaning- too great or extreme to be described in words

Origin- late Middle English: from Old French, or from Latin ineffabilis

Synonyms- inexpressible, undefinable, unutterable, overwhelming, astounding.

Antonyms- definable, describable, utterable

Sentences-

1. The shocking ending of the story left us all in an ineffable daze.
2. After being beaten quite badly in the match, the boxer felt an ineffable sense of humiliation.
3. Rita's ineffable loveliness made her stand out in the room of plain girls.

Std. XI

Gung ho (Adjective)

First use: 1941

Meaning: extremely or overly zealous or enthusiastic, extremely excited and enthusiastic about doing something.

Origin: Gung ho!, motto (interpreted as meaning “ work together”) adopted by certain United states marines, from Chinese(Beijing)

Synonyms: anxious, ardent, athirst

Antonyms: apathetic, indifferent, uneager

Sentences:

1. He was gung ho about his accounting class.
2. We were really gung ho about joining the team.

Std. XII

Hunky-Dory (hung ke- dor e) (Adjective -informal)

Meaning-perfectly satisfactory; fine

First used in 1866

Origin-Mid 19th century; hunky from Dutch honk 'home, base'

Synonyms-adequate, admissible, decent, delightful

Antonyms- disagreeable, disturbing, unacceptable, unwelcome, unsatisfactory

Sentences

1. You can't lose your temper one minute and then expect everything to be hunky dory again the next.
2. I was late but when I reached there everything was hunky-dory