

WORD OF THE WEEK

(11th Sept 2017 to 16th Sept 2017)

Std. V

Arduous (Adjective)

Meaning: involving or requiring strenuous effort, difficult and tiring.

Origin: Mid 16th century

Synonyms: difficult, hard, heavy, laborious.

Antonyms: easy, effortless.

Sentences:

1. It was an arduous but fruitless effort.
2. It was not too arduous task for a Sunday morning.
3. After an arduous campaign, the Natal force being commanded by col.
4. It was a long and arduous journey by land and sea.

Std. VI

Foist (verb)

Origin- Mid 16th century (in the sense 'palm a false die, so as to produce it as the right moment'): from Dutch dialect vuisten 'take in the hand', from vuist

Meaning- impose an unwelcome or unnecessary person or thing on

Synonyms- impose, compel to accept, fob off, sneak in

Antonyms- leave alone

Sentences-

1. The government has decided to foist yet another tax increase on the public.
2. My lazy boss had the nerve to foist his assignment on me.
3. My bossy sister is always trying to foist her opinion upon others.
4. You aren't there to foist your own political ideologies on your students.
5. In this, he doesn't wish to foist 'a'.

Std. VII

Convivial: [kuh n-viv-ee-uh l] adjective.

Meaning: 1. Friendly; agreeable.

2. Fond of feasting, drinking and merry company; jovial.

Origin: 1660-70;< Late Latin convivialis festal.

Related form: noun: Convivialist, conviviality; adverb: Convivially; adjective; Convivial

Synonyms: sociable, companionable, genial.

Antonyms: dull, serious, solemn, blah, unsociable.

Sentences:

1. Carl was a convivial party host who made everyone feels at home.
2. If you cannot be convivial, then you should not invite people over for dinner.
3. Since I removed the modern furnishings from my dining room, the area looks more warm and convivial.

Std. VIII

Embroid

Origin –from French embrouiller in 1610 meaning confused

Parts of Speech – verb

Meaning- to get involved deeply in an argument

Synonym – entangle, ensnare, enmesh, mire, derange

Antonym – release, uncomplicated, emancipate, free, liberate

Sentences –

- 1) He embroided himself with his colleagues.
- 2) The town became embroided in the struggles of the civil war.
- 3) I avoided my two best friends as I did not want to get embroided in their dispute.

Std. IX

Adulation (Noun)

Meaning: excessive admiration or praise

Origin: late middle English: from Latin adulari ‘fawn on’

Synonyms: worship, admiration, respect, praise, applause

Antonym: sarcasm, criticism, contempt, vilification

Sentences:

1. It is obvious that most of the billionaire’s adulation comes from people who are simply after his money.

2. When Bill made the game winning shot, his teammates showered him with adulation.
3. My grandmother was a very religious lady who saved her greatest adulation for God.

Std. X

Feisty (Adjective)

Meaning- not afraid to fight or argue, very lively and aggressive

First Use: 1896

Origin:- Late 19th century, from earlier feist, fist ‘small dog’, from fisting cur or hound. Middle English fist ‘break wind’, of west Germanic origin.

Synonyms- aggressive, combative, truculent, contentious, discordant

Antonyms- peaceful, nonaggressive, pacific, peaceable

Sentences:-

1. The novel features a feisty heroine.
2. Even her opponents admire her feisty spirit.
3. I don't want to lose this feisty little jewel.
4. The shy sister always depended on her feisty siblings to stand up for her during difficult times.
5. Advocating heartily for his client, the feisty attorney refused to accept the unfair plea deal offered by the state.

Std. XI

Invective (Noun)

Meaning- insulting. Abusive or highly critical language.

Origin- Late Middle English, from Old French invective from late Latin invectives- ‘attacking’

Synonyms- abuse, censure, tirade, reproach

Antonyms (near) - moderate, discreet, judicious, praise

Sentences- 1. A woman had hurled racist invective at the family.

2. The local government seems to be working normally in spite of all the invective directed at its leadership.

Std. XII

Inure (in-ure) verb

First use: 15th century

Meaning: to cause someone to be less affected by something unpleasant; to accept something undesirable

Origin: middle English enuren, from in ure customary, from puttenin ure to use, put into practice, part translation of Anglo-French mettre en over, en uevre

Synonyms: fortify, indurate, familiarize, toughen

Antonyms: soften

Sentences:

1. Does violence on television inure children to violence in real life?
2. The hardship of army training inured her to the rigors of desert warfare