

# WORD OF THE WEEK

(6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 to 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017)

## Std. V

**Devout** (Adjective)

**Meaning** -

1. having or showing deep religious feeling or commitment.
2. Committed to a cause or belief.

**Origin**- From Latin word 'devovere'

**Synonyms**- pious, dedicated, sincere, genuine

**Antonyms**- insincere, irreligious, apathetic, unbelieving, uncommitted

**Sentences**

1. He is a devout Christian.
2. It is his devout wish to help people in need.
3. She is the most devout environmentalist I have ever met.
4. My grandmother reads the Bible everyday and is a devout believer in God.
5. Their population is a mix of devout and more secular Hindus.

## Std. VI

**Novella** (Noun)

**Meaning**- A short novel or long short story

**Origin**- From early 20<sup>th</sup> century: from Italian, 'novel'

**Synonyms**- narrative, story, tale, yarn

**Words related to Novella**:- bedtime time story, fable, parable, anecdote

**Sentences:**

1. The Historia Novella is annalistic in form.
2. Rule, Rolls Series, 1884; William of Malmesbury, Gesta Regum and Historia Novella.

3. In 1267 he entered the Dominican House of Santa Maria Novella in Florence, and in 1272 that of St. Catherine in Pisa.
4. About this date he undertook to write the Historia Novella, giving an account of events since 1125.
5. The Badia, Santa Spirito, Santa Maria Novella, are a few among the many famous and beautiful churches of Florence.

### Std. VII

**Elevenes** (Noun)

**Meaning-** a short break for light refreshments, usually with tea or coffee, taken at about eleven o'clock in the morning.

**Origin-** (1860–65) doubly pluralized form of eleven, Perhaps as ellipsis of eleven hours eleven o'clock

**Synonyms-** brunch, coffee-break, luncheon, mid-morning snack

**Interesting Fact-** For elevenes, Winnie the pool preferred honey on bread with condensed milk!

**Sentences-**

1. They worked hard until the bell rang for elevenes.
2. We stopped for elevenes and then resumed our journey.
3. She had a cup of coffee for elevenes.

### Std. VIII

**Occult** (Adjective)

**Origin** – 1530s from Middle French “occulte”; from Latin “occultus”

**Meaning** – mystical and supernatural

**Synonym** – eerie, mysterious, hidden, weird, veiled

**Antonym** – known, natural, visible, clear, obvious

**Sentences** – 1) Although she is a witch doctor, she has no occult powers.

2) On Halloween night, all the occult creatures walk the Earth.

3) Jake’s occult mask scared the guests at the costume party.

## Std. IX

### **Embellish** (verb)

**Meaning:** Make something more attractive by addition of decorative details or features

**Origin:** Late Middle English; from old French embelliss – lengthened stem of embellir, based on bel ‘handsome’, from Latin bellus

**Synonyms:** decorate, adorn, ornament, dress, dress up, furnish, elaborate, embroider, colour, expand on, exaggerate, dress up, touch up, gild etc.

**Antonyms:** simplify, deface, spoil, uglify etc.

**Sentences:** 1. She embellished herself with natural flowers.

2. The legend was embellished further by a visiting professor.

3. The stories of heroes are always embellished by their followers.

## Std. X

### **Volition** (Noun)

**Meaning:** the power to make your own decisions.

**Origin:** early 17<sup>th</sup> century, from French or from medieval latin volition (n)

**Synonym:** Free will, choice, self-determination, discretion

**Antonyms:** Compulsion, force, pressure

### **Sentences**

1. Spontaneous volition is free as reflective, but it is the prior act of the two.

2. Both cognition and volition are functions of thought as well as forms of moral actions.

3. You will be good or net per your own volition and not otherwise.

4. Whatever decision they both made were of their own volition.

5. Every Volition has the power to bring about future results.

6. Volition and intention lie behind all actions.

## Std. XI

### **Vociferous** (Adjective)

**Meaning:** expressing feelings or opinions in a very loud or forceful way

First use: circa 1611

**ORIGIN:** 1610s from Latin vociferari “to shout, yell,” from vox (genitive vocis) ‘voice + root of ferre ‘to carry’.

**Synonyms:** blatant, caterwauling, clamant, yowling

**Antonyms:** quiet bashful, silent

### **Sentences:**

1. He is her most vociferous critic.
2. The decision was made over their vociferous objection

## Std. XII

### **Exacerbate** (Verb)

**Meaning:** to make something that is already bad even worse

**Origin:** Late 17<sup>th</sup> century from Latin exacerbate ‘made harsh’

The noun exacerbation (late Middle English) originally meant ‘provocation to anger’

**Synonyms:** aggravate, annoy, embitter, inflame, intensify, provoke, rub salt in a wound.

**Antonyms:** aid, calm, comfort, help, soothe

### **Sentences:**

- 1) My headache started to exacerbate when my daughter played her loud music.
- 2) Cora chose to exacerbate the argument by throwing a lamp at Mark’s head.