

# WORD OF THE WEEK

(20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 to 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017)

## Std. V

### **Crocodile Tears** (Noun)

**Meaning:** Tears or expressions of sorrow that are insincere.

**Origin:** In 1563, Edmund Grindal, Archbishop of York and of Canterbury was the first to use the phrase with the implication of ‘insincerity’.

**Synonyms:** Affected tears, faketears.

Superficial sympathy; Like a hypoerite.

### **Sentences:**

- 1) She didn't care that her father in law just died, but she cries those crocodile tears anyways, pretending to feel the pain.
- 2) Don't shed crocodile tears over his misfortune. I know you hate him.
- 3) I don't believe you! You are using crocodile tears just for attention!
- 4) Politicians show crocodile tears over the plight of the unemployment.

**Note:** The allusion is to the ancient notion that crocodile weep while devouring their prey. Crocodiles do indeed have lachrymal glands and produce tears to lubricate the eyes as human do. They don't cry with emotions though.

## Std. VI

### **Airy-fairy**

**Meaning:** impractical and foolishly idealistic.

**Origin:** from Tennyson's poem Lillian (1830)

**Synonyms:** fanciful, shaky, feeble, dreamy

**Antonyms:** cynical, practical

### **Sentences:**

1. The scheme seems a bit airy -fairy to me.
2. I know the sound airy-fairy, but there is truth to it.
3. They were airy-fairy shots, poor shot selection.
4. He came up with all airy-fairy ideas.

## Std. VII

**Elan:** [ey-lahn, ey-lan] Noun.

**Meaning:** 1. Dash; impetuous ardor: to dance with great elan.

**Origin:** 1875-80; French, Middle French eslan a dash, rush, noun derivative of esclancer.

**Synonyms:** animation, ardor, flair, impetus.

**Antonyms:** dullness, lifeless, inactivity.

**Sentences:**

1. Displaying energetic elan, the dancer's dynamic enthusiasm wowed the crowd.
2. No other author at the conference was able to write with such elan or vigor.
3. The singer's technique was lacking, but the elan of her performance helped her shine above the other competitors.

## Std. VIII

**Apocryphal** (Adjective)

**Meaning:** of doubtful authenticity

**Origin:** first recorded in 1580-90

Apocrypha refers to sections of the Bible that are not sanctioned as belonging to certain official canon

**Synonyms:** fictitious, legendary, mythical, dubious

**Antonyms:** authentic, doubtless, real, true

**Sentences:**

1. Though this is a good story but I think it's apocryphal.
2. He tells apocryphal stories to his listeners.
3. Whatever he tells seems to be apocryphal.

## Std. IX

### **Chutzpah** (Noun)

**Origin:** late 19<sup>th</sup> century; Yiddish from Aramaic hu spa

**Meaning:** extreme self-confidence or audacity

**Synonyms:** arrogance, boldness, nerve, gall, fearlessness

**Antonyms:** timidity, shyness, modesty, civility, gentility

### **Sentences:**

1. Once on stage, it was an issue of luck and chutzpah.
2. Full of chutzpah, the arrogant man wasn't afraid to voice his opinion to anyone.
3. No other man than David had the chutzpah to face the mighty giant with only a rock and slingshot.

## Std. X

### **Apocalypse**

**Meaning:** A great disaster: a sudden and very bad event that causes much fear, loss or destruction

**Origin:** Middle English, revelation, from Anglo- French apocalypse from Late Latin apocalypsis

**First use:** 13<sup>th</sup> century

**Synonyms:** disaster, calamity, catastrophe, tragedy

The term is commonly used in reference to any prophetic revelation or end of the world is general.

### **Sentences:**

1. Civilization is on the brink of apocalypse.
2. Several leading scientists are predicting an environmental apocalypse.
3. The book offers a vision of the future in which there is a great nuclear apocalypse.
4. The shares are extremely good value for investors, short of a stock market apocalypse.
5. Beware of his dark and deadly Apocalypse.

## Std. XI

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

**Meaning:** perfectly satisfactory; fine

**First used in 1866**

**Origin-Mid** 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Std. XII

**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.