

WORD OF THE WEEK

(27th November 2017 to 2nd December 2017)

Std. V

Budge (Verb)

Meaning: make or cause to make the slightest movement.

Origin: 1580s from middle French “bougier”

Synonyms: move, shift, give way, surrender.

Antonyms: resist, withstand, still, freeze.

Sentences:

1. I have tried persuading her, but she won't budge.
2. Their horses refused to budge.
3. The door was stuck, and we couldn't even get it budge.
4. The bureau was so heavy that two people couldn't budge it.

Std. VI

Lush (Adjective)

Meaning: Growing luxuriantly (of vegetation, especially grass)

Origin: late Middle English: perhaps an alteration of obsolete lash ‘soft, lax’, from Old French lasche ‘lax’, by association with luscious.

Synonyms: rich, abundant, profuse, prolific

Antonyms: austere, bare, barren, sparse

Sentences:

1. She glanced around the lush hills.
2. On the other side of the thick entry door was a sitting room with lush wine-coloured carpet.
3. Protected from the harsh winter storms, the valley was already lush and green.
4. Beneath the trees grew some kind of lush, wet, bushy vegetation with silver lit leaves and stems here and there.
5. The forests were lush and filled with life, from giant snakes to monkeys.

Std. VII

Lambast (Noun)

Origin: Mid 17th century (in the sense 'beat, thrash'): from lam + baste.

Meaning: criticize someone or something harshly or severely.

Synonyms: criticize, castigate, attack, condemn, denounce, strike.

Antonyms: Praise, uphold.

Sentences:

1. The team were constantly lambasted for failing to follow instruction.
2. The rude shopper continued to lambaste the sales clerk for not moving quick enough.
3. Even with its success, harsh party leaders continued to lambaste the plan for healthcare reform.
4. His first novel was well and truly lambasted by the critics.
5. The teacher lambasted me for my careless mistake.

Std. VIII

Clamour

Meaning:

1. **Noun:** a loud and confused noise, especially that of people shouting.
2. **Verb:** shout loudly and insistently.

Origin: late Middle English: via Old French from Latin clamor, from clamare 'cry out'.

Synonyms: uproar, babel, hue and cry, bedlam, yelling, screaming, blaring

Antonyms- quiet, silent, calm, peace

Sentences-

- 1) The hungry kids began to clamour for food.
- 2) The surging crowd clamoured for attention.
- 3) The clamour could be heard at a distance.

Std. IX

Opulent (Adjective)

Meaning: ostentatiously costly and luxurious.

Origin: mid-16th century (in the sense 'wealthy'): from Latin opulent- 'wealthy, splendid', from opes 'wealth'.

Synonyms: luxurious, sumptuous, palatial, lavish, deluxe, rich, lush, luxuriant, splendid, costly, expensive, grand, grandiose etc.

Antonyms: stark, spartan, restrained, ascetic, sparse etc.

Sentences:

1. She wants to live in an opulent house.
2. The opulent arrangement he did for the guests is beyond description.
3. Her opulent necklace attracted every body's attention towards it.
4. Contrary to his wife, he is opulent in his everyday life.

Std. X

Reticent (Adjective)

Meaning: not revealing one's thoughts

Origin: mid 19th Century; from Latin reticent- 'remaining silent'

Synonyms: restrained, withdrawn, introverted, diffident, shy, reserved

Antonyms: forward, unrestrained, confident, talkative

Sentence:

1. It is okay to be reticent around people you do not know well.
2. While she likes to discuss her personal life with our co-workers, I am much more reticent.
3. He was reticent to do anything about the problem.
4. Her husband is by nature a reticent person, and she resigned herself to that fact long ago.
5. She is so reticent about her achievements.

Std. XI

Langour (Noun)

Meaning:

1. tiredness or inactivity, especially when pleasurable
2. An oppressive stillness in the air.

Origin: Middle English; via Old French from Latin languere.

The original sense was 'illness, distress'

Synonyms: comfort, easy-going, harmonious, peaceful, lethargy, enfeeblement

Antonyms: vigour, vitality, vivacity

Sentences:

1. They enjoyed the languor brought in by a hot summer afternoon.
2. This year, the languor was tinged with anxiety for lawmakers.

Std. XII

Juggernaut (jug-ger-naut) (Noun)

First use: 1841

Meaning: a very large, heavy truck; something that is extremely large and powerful and cannot be stopped

Origin: hindi Jagannath, literally, lord of the world, title Vishnu.

Synonyms: blitz, cause, crusade

Sentences:

1. There was no escaping the juggernaut of hype for the studio's biggest summer blockbuster.
2. The peace of the village has been shattered by juggernauts thundering through it.