

WORD OF THE WEEK

(11th December 2017 to 17th December 2017)

Std. V

Sarcastic (Adj)

Meaning: - intent to hurt by taunting or mocking someone

Origin: - late 17th January from French “Sarcasme”

Synonyms: -ironical, cynical, satirical

Antonyms: - gentle, encouraging, praising

Sentences: -

1. I had enough of your sarcastic comments.
2. The coach’s sarcastic remarks had a negative effect on the confidence of players.
3. I get annoyed with people who are sarcastic because I will never know if they are telling truth.
4. She growled a sarcastic reply.
5. Hearing a sarcastic note in his voice, she swung around to face him.

Std. VI

Polyglot (Noun, Adjective)

Origin: - Mid 17th century; from French Polyglotte, from Greek polyglottos:(poly=many, glotta=tongue).

Meaning:-

1. **Noun-** A person who knows and is able to use several languages.
2. **Adjective-** Knowing or using several languages.

Synonyms: Multilingual, linguist, adapter, glossator, linguistic scientist

Antonyms: Monolingual

Sentences:

1. Slovenians, being surrounded by many countries, are mostly polyglots.
2. This population is one of the most polyglot of any city in the world.
3. Los Angeles was wonderfully exotic, a polyglot mix of Aztec, Incan, Mayan and New world scents and sounds.

Std. VII

Polymath (Adjective)

Origin:- 1615- 25; C 17: from Greek polymathes – having much knowledge

Meaning:- A person of great and diversified learning.

Synonyms:- Academic, bookish, cultured, educated, literary, judicious, sharp, experienced.

Antonyms:- Ignorant, stupid, uninformed.

Sentences:-

1. He was a true polymath and at the same time virtuous storyteller.
2. Unquestionably more of a polymath than a philosopher he appears uncritical and superficial.
3. He was acclaimed as the greatest polymath of his age.
4. He is ridiculously well read, a true polymath who can speak on just about any subject.

Std. VIII

Sallywag:- [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 sallywag because he frequently sneaks into my room and hides my things.
2. As a teenager, George was a sallywag who found joy in harassing his classmates.
3. Tim, our town sallywag, is the first person our police chief suspects when a crime is committed.

Std. IX

Portmanteau (Noun)

Origin:- mid 16th century; from French origin

Meaning:- a large travelling bag made of stiff leather

Synonyms:- bag, gladstone, luggage, valise

Sentences:-

1. The porter carried the portmanteau to the hotel room.
2. She carried her possessions with her in an old portmanteau.
3. The servant entered the room to fetch his master's portmanteau.

Word portmanteau word

Meaning:- a word blending the sounds and combining the meaning of two words

Eg : 1) smoke + fog = smog

2) motor + hotel = motel

3) breakfast + lunch = brunch

Std. X

Abberation (Noun)

Meaning:- a departure from what is normal, usual or expected, typically an unwelcome one

Origin:- latin aberrare

Synonyms:- deviation, divergence, irregularity, digression, quirk

Antonyms:- conformity, sameness

Sentence:-

1. Anne's angry retort was an aberration from her normally quiet demeanour.
2. A person with one blue eye and one green eye is said to have a genetic aberration.
3. I have never seen a stranger aberration than a two-headed snake!

Std. XI

Clairvoyance (Noun)

Meaning- an ability to communicate with dead people, to predict future events or to know about things that you did not actually see happen or hear about

Origin:- 1840-50; French, equivalent to clairvo (ant) clairvoyant+ance

First use: 1838

Synonyms- extrasensory perception, sixth sense, wizard

Antonyms- unprophetic, sensorial

Sentences:-

1. I don't believe in clairvoyance, but I can't explain how he knew those things about my grandmother.
2. The psychic's clairvoyant abilities allowed her to see into the future.
3. If I was clairvoyant, I could win the lottery very easily.
4. One does not need to be clairvoyant to realize my school's basketball team is going to win the state championship.
5. The clairvoyant woman looked at the cards and saw her own death.

Std. XII**Serendipity (Noun)**

Meaning:- The occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way

Origin:- 1754 : coined by Horace Walpole, suggested by the Three Princes of Serendip, the title of a fairy tale in which the heroes were always making discoveries, by accidents and sagacity, of things they were not in quest of.

Synonyms:- Blessing, good luck, happenstance, lucky break, stumbling upon.

Antonyms:- Bad fortune, misfortune, mishap, accident-prone, luckless

Sentences:-

1. They found each other by pure serendipity.
2. President Trump and his family would do well to recognize these gestures as something more than pure serendipity.
3. Finding the sketches was a matter of serendipity, Childs says.
4. My diagnosis of prostate cancer at this time was pure serendipity.
5. I literally got some amazing stuff on stage in my last concert out of sheer serendipity.