

# WORD OF THE WEEK

(18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2017)

Std. V

**Antidote** (Noun)

**Meaning:** 1. A medicine given to counteract the effects of poison

2. Something that counteracts an unpleasant feeling or situation.

**Origin:** From Greek word antidotos meaning 'given against'

**Synonyms:** cure, remedy, antitoxin

**Antonym:** disease

**Sentences:**

1. She reached the hospital in time to receive the antidote for the snake poison.
2. Hope is the antidote to despair.
3. Scientists are discovering that the hottest antidote to aging is inside your muscles.
4. Learning is an antidote of ignorance.

Std. VI

**Jostle** (Verb)

**Meaning:** push, elbow, or bump against (someone) roughly, typically in a crowd.

**Origin:** Late Middle English jostle, from just, an earlier form of joust

**Synonyms:** bang into, nudge, push around, shove, jolt, bulldoze

**Antonyms:** leave alone, emulate, pull, tug

**Sentences:**

1. As we came into the arena, we were jostled by fans pushing their way towards the stage.
2. Photographers jostled and shoved to get a better view of the celebrity.

Std. VII

**Petulant** (Adjective)

**Meaning:** easily irritated or annoyed

**Origin:** late 16<sup>th</sup> century (in the sense 'immodest') from French petulant, from Latin petulant- 'impudent' (related to petere 'aimat, seek'). The current sense (mid-18<sup>th</sup> century) is influenced by pettish.

**Synonyms:** cranky, cross, crusty, cynical

**Antonyms:** good natured, happy, pleasant

**Sentences:**

1. A petulant ruler and his family run the mosty powerful country in the world.
2. Mr. Cook portrays Robin as petulant, coy, confident, insistent.
3. The great Simeon Booker, one of the bravest journalists of our time, faced dangers far worse than a petulant president's social media feed.

### Std. VIII

**Ruminate:** (Verb)

**Meaning:** think about seriously

**Synonyms:** brood, chew over, cogitate, consider, contemplate, deliberate, figure, meditate, muse, ponder, think, reflect etc.

**Antonyms:** ignore, neglect, discard, dismiss, forget, reject etc.

**Sentences:**

1. Let me ruminate over his decision.
2. She is ruminating about her future prospect.
3. Ruminate what you did in the past.
4. On important decisions, ruminate first, act later.

### Std. IX

**Hedonistic** (Adjective)

**Origin:** from Greek "hedone" meaning pleasure

**Meaning:** engaged in pursuit of pleasure

**Synonym:** indulgent, sensual, decadent, luxurious, sybaritic

**Antonym:** ascetic, sober, abstemious, austere, disciplined

**Sentences:**

1. Egoism is associated with hedonistic theories.
2. My neighbor has a hedonistic attitude and likes to party all night.
3. Having a hedonistic behavior, my friend cannot keep a regular job.

### Std. X

**Recuperate** (Verb)

**Meaning:** recover from illness or exertion

**Origin:** mid-16<sup>th</sup> Century; from Latin recuperat- 'regained'

**Synonyms:** recover, convalesce, regain, redeem, get back to normal

**Antonyms:** deteriorate, fail, worsen, diminish, ruin

**Sentences:**

1. My psychiatrist urged me to spend some time alone so I could mentally recuperate in a stress-free environment
2. She has been recuperating from a knee injury.
3. They will seek to recuperate the returns that go with investment.

### **Std. XI**

**Sarcophagus** (Noun)

**Meaning:** a stone coffin typically adorned with a sculpture or inscription and associated with the ancient civilization of Egypt, Rome and Greece.

**Origin:** 1595- 1605, Latin, Greek sarkophagos, ‘flesh- consuming’

**Synonyms:** bin, carton, case, chest, coffer, crate, funerary box.

**Related words:** charnel, crypt, sepulcher, tomb, vault.

**Sentences:**

1. A painted sarcophagus found at Haga Triada, also possibly shows a hero- cult of the dead.
2. Recent budget cuts are just the last nail in the sarcophagus.

### **Std. XII**

**Grotto** (Noun)

**First use:** 1617

**Meaning:** a small cave

**Origin:** Italian grotta, grotto, from crypta cavern, crypt.

**Synonyms:** antre, cavern,

**Antonyms:** hump,

**Sentences:**

1. At the heart of the shrine is a small rocky grotto into which pilgrims can descend.
2. There are also hot springs and a scared grotto of Apollo.