

# WORD OF THE WEEK

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Std. V

## Acquaint (Verb)

### Meaning:

1. To make someone aware of or familiar with
2. To know someone slightly

**Origin:** from old French acointier 'make known'

**Synonyms:** accustom to, apprise, inform, familiar

**Antonyms:** ignorant, unfamiliar

### Sentences:

1. I got acquainted with her in France.
2. She took a few days to acquaint herself with the facts of the case.
3. Acquaint him with your plans.
4. We got acquainted at school, and eventually became good friends.
5. He is well acquainted with the history of this country.

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## Bulldoze (Verb)

**Meaning:** demolish

**Origin:** late 19<sup>th</sup> century (originally US in the sense 'intimidate'): from bull + -doze, alteration of the noun 'dose'

**Synonyms:** push, thrust, drive, propel

**Antonyms:** build, construct

### Sentences:

- 1) She defeated developers who wanted to bulldoze her home to build a supermarket.
- 2) My parents tried to bulldoze me into going to college.
- 3) They failed to bulldoze the amendment through Congress.

Std. VII

## Swindle: (Verb, Noun)

### Meaning:

1. To cheat (someone) of money etc; defraud.
2. To obtain (money, etc) by fraud.
3. A fraudulent scheme or transaction.

**Origin:** C 18: back formation from German Schwindler from schwindeln.

**Synonyms:** Cheat, fraud, fiddle, cozen, con.

**Antonyms:** benevolence, donation, gift, give, help.

## Sentences

1. The landlord tried to swindle us of our deposit.
2. They were accused of swindling millions of dollars out of several international companies.
3. She swindled taxpayer's cash to spend on her own things.
4. It is the biggest swindle in sports that the women's prizes are on a par with the men's.

## Std. VIII

**Trammel** (Noun; Verb)

**Origin:** from old French tramail; from Latin trimaculum

**Meaning:**

1. restriction to freedom of action
2. deprive of freedom of action

**Synonyms:** curb, obstacle, barrier, check, block

**Antonyms:** help, assist, aid, support, release

**Sentences:**

- 1) The invention discloses a fishing type trammel net.
- 2) He felt himself trammeled by conventions.
- 3) No longer trammeled by his responsibilities as chairman, he could say what he wished.

## Std. IX

**Conundrum** (Noun): A confusing and difficult problem or question

**Origin:** A word of unknown origin with several variants, gaining popularity for its burlesque imitation of scholastic Latin as 'hocus pocus' or 'panjandrum'.

**Synonyms:** riddle, puzzle, word game, anagram, brain teaser, brain twister etc.

**Antonyms:** clarification, answer, denouement, obviousness, key, explanation etc.

**Sentences:**

1. The conundrum the student raised left the teacher speechless.
2. The election results left the parties in a conundrum.
3. Arranging childcare during school holidays can be a real conundrum for working parents.

## Std. X

**Conjecture** (Noun)

**Meaning:** an opinion or idea formed without proof or sufficient evidence

**Origin:** Middle English from Middle French or Latin; Middle French from Latin *conjectura* from *conicere*

**First Use:** 14<sup>th</sup> century

**Synonyms:** guess, shot, supposition, surmise

**Antonyms:** fact, know, prove

**Sentences:**

1. The biography includes conjectures about the writer's earliest ambitions.
2. Most of the book is conjecture, not fact.
3. I've made various conjectures on how the situation would turn out.
4. The conjectures were based on computer experiments.
5. I have never counted the number of posts, but I conjecture that there are less than five.

## Std. XI

**Skullduggery** (skull- dug-ger-ies) (Noun)

**First use:** 1867

**Meaning:** a secret or dishonest behaviour or activity; underhanded or unscrupulous behaviour, a devious device or trick

**Origin:** origin unknown

**Synonyms:** artifice, gamesmanship, jugglery

**Antonyms:** artlessness, candidness, directness

**Sentences:**

1. Tales of espionage and skullduggery have defamed the government
2. The company's apparently healthy bottom line was merely an illusion, the result of years of accounting skullduggery.

## Std. XII

**Vituperative** (vi-tu-per-a-tive) (Adjective)

**First use:** 1727

**Meaning:** uttering or given to censure; containing or characterized by verbal abuse

**Origin:** middle 15 century, but before rare early 19 c, from Latin vituperationem, blame, censuring,” from past participle stem of vituperare “disparage”

**Synonyms:** invective, abusive, scolding

**Antonyms:** acclaim, applause, compliments

**Sentences:**

1. The type of provocative magazine article that is guaranteed to engender vituperative threats of subscription cancellation.
2. We cannot be friends if u continues to attack me with vituperative words.