

Word of the week

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STD V

Amicable (Adjective)

Meaning: Characterized by or showing goodwill; friendly; peaceable.

Origin: 1425-85 late middle English

Synonyms: friendly, polite, brotherly, cooperative

Antonyms: reserved, miserable, rude, impolite

Sentences:

- 1) They lived together **amicably** for several years.
- 2) I hope we can settle this **amicably**.
- 3) In the end, the matter was resolved **amicably**.
- 4) If the pay deal isn't settled **amicably** there will be anarchy in the factories.

Std VI

Austere (Adjective)

Meaning - Severe in manner or appearance; uncompromising; strict; forbidding

Origin - Middle English: via Old French from Latin *austerus*, from Greek *austeros* 'severe'

Synonyms- Somber, rigid, forbidding

Antonyms- Calm, mild, gentle

Sentences-

- 1) The Sanctuary was plain to the point of **austere**, with no luxuries.
- 2) Brady had conducted many missions in **austere** conditions in other countries.
- 3) He remained an **austere** republican, refusing to take part in the Napoleonic regime.
- 4) He betook himself at first to Port Royal, and began to live a recluse and **austere** life there.
- 5) A mysterious conversion had been effected in him by an **austere** Cistercian abbot.

Std VII

Poker Face (Noun)

Meaning: an expression on your face that does not show your thoughts or feelings

Origin : **poker**; from the poker player's need to conceal emotions during play

Synonyms: Straight face, expressionless face, emotionless, seriousness.

Antonyms: Face full of expressions, non-serious face

Sentences:

1. In business a "**poker face**" can be very useful.
2. She managed to keep a **poker face**.
3. He wore a **poker face** during police questioning.

Std VIII

Strait-laced (Adjective)

Meaning- having or showing very strict moral attitudes.

Origin- 'strait' means, not 'free from curvature', but 'tight'. First used in the 13th century.

Synonyms- prim and proper, prudish, moralistic, conventional, conservative

Antonyms- permissive, tolerant, liberal, lenient

Sentences-

1. She belongs to a **strait-laced** family.
2. The city life was an eye opener for the **strait-laced** village girl.
3. Her **strait-laced** parents were horrified with her words.

Std IX

Whistle -blower (Noun)

Meaning: a person who discloses to his higher authority about any wrongdoing or fraud going on within an organization in order to stop it

Origin : used during the 1960s by British and American journalists

Synonyms: informer, tipster, spy

Antonyms: loyalist, adherent

Sentences:

- 1) The **whistle – blower** was fired for exposing the condition in the government hospital.
- 2) He was viewed as a courageous **whistle – blower**.
- 3) The corporate fraud was exposed with the help of the **whistle – blower**.

Std X

Altruist (Noun)

Meaning: A person unselfishly concerned for or devoted to the welfare of others

Origin: French altruiste , 1865-70

Synonyms: humanitarian, well- wisher, philanthropist, do- gooder, kindhearted

Antonyms: antagonist, oppose, opponent

Sentence:

1. The egoist and the **altruist** are both imperfect.
2. Siegel works with over hundred such **altruists** around the world.
3. His younger son Martin isn't interested in money and is an idealist and **altruist**.
4. If I had your **altruist** emotional temperament, I should not hesitate for a moment.

Std XI

Sangfroid (Noun)

Meaning: the ability to stay calm in difficult or dangerous situations.

Origin: French sang-froid, literally, cold blood.

Synonyms: calmness, cool, coolness

Antonyms: agitation, discomposure

Sentences-

1. He displayed remarkable **sangfroid**, when everyone else was panicking during the crisis.
2. The professional gambler seemed to take both his wins and his losses with remarkable **sangfroid**.

STD. XII

Whipper- snapper (Noun)

Meaning: A young and inexperienced person considered to be presumptuous or over confident.

Origin: Late 19th century; perhaps representing whipper snapper, expressing noise and unimportance.

Now an archaic term.

Synonyms : cadet, fellow, school boy, junior, lad.

Antonyms : girl

Sentences:

- 1) In many popular clips, these **whipper** snappers engage in adult like conversations amusingly given their babyish voices.
- 2) It was a kind of coup that a young **whipper** snapper was allowed to join the form.