

Word of the week
2nd July 2018 - 8th July 2018

Std 5

Nincompoop (Noun)

Meaning: a foolish or stupid person.

Origin: 1670s, nincompoop. Despite similarity to Latin legal phrase non compos mentis “insane, mentally incompetent.”

Synonyms: fool, blockhead, clod, ninny

Antonyms: brain, genius, intellect, thinker

Sentences

1. A person without regrets is a nincompoop.
2. You're the nincompoop. The test was postponed anyway.
3. Harold always behaves like a nincompoop running around making faces at others.
4. They kicked out our competent people and posted nincompoops.

Std 6

Pilfer (Verb)

Meaning: steal (things of little value).

Origin: the earliest reference to this word is first recorded from Old French

Synonyms: steal, rob, and lift

Antonyms: keep, receive and give

Sentences

1. She produced the handful of coins she had managed to pilfer.
2. At night, the hungry orphan would sneak into the kitchen and pilfer tiny amounts of food.
3. The software program will allow us to slowly pilfer information from our competitor's computer.

Std 7

Minstrel (Noun)

Meaning: a medieval singer or musician especially one who sang or recited lyric or heroic poetry to a musical accompaniment for the nobility

Historical: a member of a band of entertainers with blackened faces who performed songs and music ostensibly of black American origin

Origin: Middle English: from Old French menestral ‘entertainer, servant’, via provencal from late Latin ministerialis ‘servant’

Synonyms: musician, singer, balladeer, jongleur, bard, vocalist

Sentences:

1. The minstrel sang praising the king.
2. The king received the minstrel with open hands.
3. The noble were surprised to listen to the minstrel.
- 4.

Std 8

Niggardly (Adjective)

Meaning: ungenerous with money, time, etc.; mean

Origin: mid 16th century: from niggard + -ly

Synonyms: poor, unequal, lacking

Antonyms: finished, complete, full

Sentences:

- 1) Forced by hunger, he worked for the most niggardly pay.
- 2) He is niggardly of money.
- 3) I don't want to seem niggardly.

Std 9

Minutiae (Noun)

Meaning: small, précis, or trifling details.

Origin: 1745-55; < latin minutia smallness, equivalent to minut(us).

Synonyms: trivia, small details, unimportant details, incidental

Antonyms: weight, significant, important, generality.

Sentences:

1. It is unnecessary to trace these studies in all their minutiae.
2. In the midst of them stood their chief, explaining the minutiae of the work they had to do.
3. There is no need to go through the minutiae of the struggle.
4. Whether the story is true in all its minutiae or not, it matters but little.

Std10

Opprobrious (Adjective)

Meaning: deserving of opprobrium: infamous

Origin: late Middle English: from Late Latin opprobriosus, from opprobrium (see opprobrium).

First Use: 14th century

Synonyms: abusive, invective, scurrilous, truculent, vitriolic, vituperative, vituperatory

Antonyms: honourable, reputable, and respectable

Sentences-

1. At the party, a suspicious Kim was convinced her friends were making opprobrious comments about her appearance.
2. The boy is sure to be kicked out of school for directing opprobrious remarks to his friends.
3. It's not unusual to hear the drill sergeant using opprobrious language when criticizing lazy recruits. Pictures of generals or royalties are especially liable to defacement with opprobrious epithets.
4. Sponsors are withdrawing advertisements featuring the couple and websites have been flooded with opprobrious messages.
5. To my great relief, I was mentioned only once or twice and not in opprobrious terms.

Std 11

Plagiarise (British Plagiarize)

Meaning: take (the work or an idea of someone) and pass it off as one's own

Origin: first used during the 1600s; latin plagiarte, meaning kidnap

Synonyms: piracy, theft, copy, appropriation

Antonyms: original, return

Sentence:

1. He has plagiarized most of the books from earlier studies of the period.
2. Professional writers who plagiarize can be taken to serve civil court.
3. She is been accused of plagiarism.

Std 12

Flibbertigibbet (Noun)

Meaning: a silly flighty person

Origin: Middle English flepergebet

First use: 15th Century

Synonyms: birdbrain, cuckoo, featherhead, softhead

Antonyms: sober sides

Sentences:

1. Forced to endure a long flight with a flibbertigibbet as a seat companion.
2. Sally is a flibbertigibbet who speaks about silly topics for hours.
3. Her sister, normally a flibbertigibbet, was strangely quiet throughtout the evening.
4. Teacher warned Tom who is a real flibbertigibbet during lesson.