

Word of the week
7th May 2018 – 12th May 2018

Std V

Parody (Noun)

Meaning : a humorous impression of a creative work, imitation.

Origin : late 16th Century

Synonyms: joke, irony, satire, copy

Antonyms: truth, reality, praise, flattery

Sentences:

1. She has become a grotesque parody of her former elegant self.
2. He attacked her ideas through parody.
3. The trial was a parody of justice.
4. He sighed in a parody of deep emotion.

Std VI

Defer (Verb)

Meaning: postpone, put off (an action or event) to a later time

Origin: 1325-75; Middle ENGLISH deterrent, variant of different to differ.

First used: 14th century

Synonyms: postpone, adjourn, delay, hold, put back

Antonyms: hasten, hurry, advance

Sentences:

1. They deferred the decision until February.
2. Messing asked to defer the conversation until after the midterm elections of 2010.
3. The doctor has decided to defer the surgery until my father's health improves.

Std VII

Obtuse (Adjective)

Meanings: Intellectually dull

Origin: The earliest reference to this word is from Latin obtusus

First use: This word was first used by Proto –Indo-European.

Synonyms: Dense, dim, dim-witted

Antonyms: Bright, intelligent, quick-witted

Sentences

1. If you do not pay attention in maths class, you may feel obtuse during final exam.
2. The obtuse young man had a hard time understanding simple instruction.

Std VIII

Succinct (Adjective)

Meaning- briefly and clearly expressed

Origin- late Middle English (in the sense 'encircled') : from Latin succinctus 'tucked up', past participle of succingere, from sub- 'from below' + cingere 'gird'

Synonyms- terse, curt, pithy

Antonyms- lengthy, polite, wordy

Sentences-

- 1) Realwörterbuch gives a succinct account of the older views.
- 2) Everyone was happy when the politician made a succinct speech that did not take all evening.

- 3) The reviewer's remarks were succinct and to the point.
- 4) The ideal summary is succinct and to the point.
- 5) Since we all are starving, let us begin our meal with a succinct prayer of thanks.

Std-IX

coolth (Noun)

Meaning: pleasantly low temperature.

Origin: mid 16th century (but rare before the 20th century): from cool + -th

Synonyms: cool, cold-headedness, self-control, poise, patience, tolerance.

Antonym: none

Sentences-

1. We enjoyed the coolth of the evening after a hectic day.
2. She maintained her coolth even after being bullied in the school.

Std X

Newfangled (adjective)

Meaning: quite recent

Origin: Middle English: from newfangle (now dialect) 'liking what is new'; from the adverb new + a second element related to an Old English word meaning 'to take'. Late 15c., "addicted to novelty," literally "ready to grasp at all new things," from adjective newfangel "fond of novelty" (late 14c.).

from new + -fangel "inclined to take," from Proto-Germanic *fanglon "to grasp," from nasalized form of PIE root *pag- "to fasten" (compare fang). Sense of "lately come into fashion" first recorded 1530s. Fangement "act of fashioning; something made" is from 1660s. Middle English had gar-fangel "fish-spear."

Main Entry: newfangled

Synonyms: contemporary, fashionable, fresh, in vogue, modern, modernistic, new, novel, popular, unique, gimmick, new-fashioned

Antonyms: old hack, old, outmoded, old-fashioned

SENTENCES:-

- I. But no newfangled bank wants to be associated with anything old.
- II. Dunlop's staging impressively combines traditional elements with newfangled touches.
- III. The question is whether the newfangled smokes can make a difference.
- IV. Newfangled inventions like X-rays, automobiles and phonographs were altering ordinary lives.
- V. Other times it's a newfangled gadget such as the Weasel or Claw.
- VI. Tractors then were "newfangled". And the newfangled way he's doing it is making some people shudder.

Std XI

Agnostic (Noun)

Meaning: a person who does not have a definite belief about whether God exists or not.

A person who does not believe or is unsure of something.

Origin: greek agnostos unknown, unknowable, from a- +gnostos known, from gignoskein to know

Synonyms: skeptic, doubter, unbeliever

Antonyms: believer

SENTENCES:-

1. After my husband became agnostic, he stopped going to church because of his doubt about god's existence.
2. Jill's agnostic beliefs had her wondering if there was a deity who guided her life.

Std XII

Travesty (Noun & Verb)

Meaning: (N) a false, absurd or distorted representation of something
(V) represent in a false absurd or distorted way

Origin: Mid 17th century from travesti "disguised"; past participle of travestir: from Italian travestire

Synonyms: mockery, distortion, parody, caricature

Antonyms: seriousness, solemnity

Sentences:

1. The police chief called the jungle's ruling a travesty of justice.
2. The single parent family is a travesty of human needs.