

# Word of the week

18<sup>th</sup> June -24<sup>th</sup> June

## Std 5

### ***Dog eared (adjective)***

**Meaning:** worn or shabby from overuse or (of pages) from having corners turned down.

**Synonyms:** broken, torn, damaged, neglected.

**Antonyms:** good, fresh, nice, healthy.

**Sentences:**

1. I turned the dog-eared pages of my old address book.
2. Madeleine dog-eared the page she was reading.
3. The boy is so careless that his books are dog-eared.
4. I like to have the pages I "dog-eared" displayed first.

## Std 6

### ***Bonanza (Noun)***

**Meaning:** A situation which creates a sudden increase in wealth, good fortune, or

**Origin:** early 19th cent. From Spanish, literally 'fair weather, prosperity', from Latin bonus 'good'.

**First used:** 1844 American English, from Spanish bonanza 'a rich lode'.

**Synonyms:** windfall, godsend, positive outcome, treasure.

**Antonyms:** loss, destitution, impoverishment, dribble

**Sentences**

1. The season of festive goodwill to all men produces a bonanza for family.
2. It takes a great many quarter sections to make a bonanza farm.
3. Scotland's water is now regarded as a new profit bonanza for the collapsing privatised English water companies
4. Members are treated to a cultural bonanza during festivals bringing to the fore the rich tradition of Jharkhand.

## Std 7

### ***Berserk (adjective)***

**Meaning:** Out of control with anger or excitement, wild or frenzied.

**Origin:** early 19th century (originally as a noun denoting an ancient Norse warrior who fought with wild and uncontrolled ferocity)

**Synonyms:** mad, crazy, amok, insane, possessed, demoniac, amuck, demonic etc.

**Antonyms:** sane, rational, reasonable, logical etc.

**Sentences:**

1. It was a berserk activity on his part.
2. When things don't happen according to you, don't get berserk.
3. When she was charged with infidelity, she went berserk.

## Std 8

### ***Flabbergasted (Verb)***

**Meaning:** greatly surprised

**Origin:** probably Scottish dialect

**First use:** late 18th century

**Synonyms:** astonished, astounded, amazed, startled, shocked

**Antonyms:** bored, disinterested, unimpressed, unconcerned, nonchalant

**Sentences:**

1. She was too flabbergasted to speak.
2. He was flabbergasted when we told him how cheap it was.
3. I was flabbergasted at his reply.

## Std 9

### ***Clairvoyance (Noun)***

**Meaning:** ability to see beyond the range of ordinary perception.

**Origin:** 1844, French from clair clear (from latin clarous) + voyant, present participle of Voir to see.

**Synonyms:** foresighted, perception, sixth sense, insight

**Antonyms:** ignorance, neglect, thoughtlessness, hindsight

**Sentences:**

1. The fortune teller practices clairvoyance when she gazes into the crystal ball to see the client's future.
2. I don't believe in clairvoyance but I can't explain how he knew about my grandmother.
3. People who claim to have clairvoyance are sometimes asked to help locate the missing person.

## Std 10

### ***Acrimonious (adjective)***

**Meaning:** angry and bitter

**Origin:** Middle French or Latin; Middle French acrimonie, from Latin acrimonia.

**First Use:** 1651

**Synonyms:** acrid, bitter, embittered, hard

**Antonyms:** unbitter.

**Sentences:**

1. He went through an acrimonious divorce.
2. An acrimonious parting between the two former friends.

## Std 11

### ***Acquiesce (Verb)***

**Meaning:** to accept something reluctantly but without protesting

**Origin:** early 17th century: from Latin acquiescere, from ad- 'to, at' +quiescere 'to rest'

**Synonyms:** concur to, give the nod to, comply with, assent to, conform, consent, roll over and play dead

**Antonyms:** protest, refuse, reject, deny, prevent, veto

#### ***Sentences:***

1. The committee will acquiesce in any decision on which it is not fully informed.
2. While I did not want to go the show with Laura, her begging eventually caused me to acquiesce.
3. I would rather acquiesce to her demands than listen to her constantly scream.
4. Mother asked me to do the chores and although I didn't want to I acquiesced.

## Std 12

### ***Denouement (Noun)***

**Meaning:** the final part of a play, film or narrative in which the strands of the plot are drawn together and matters are explained or resolved.

**Origin:** Mid 18th century French denouement from denouer 'unknot'

**Synonyms:** Outcome, consequence, ending, climax, culmination.

**Antonyms:** Beginning

#### ***Sentences:***

1. It was a remarkable public denouement for a man once seen as a supremely influential figure in the global entertainment industry.
2. 60 action-packed minutes led to a gripping denouement.