

Word of the week
30th April 2018 - 6th May 2018

Std V

Extol (Verb)

Meaning: praise enthusiastically.

Origin : Late Middle English from Latin extollere from ex- out, upward+ tollere- raise.

Synonyms: glorify, bless, boost, and pay tribute to.

Antonyms: discourage, decrease, and disapprove.

Sentences:

1. The teacher was extolling her work to the skies.
2. Doctors often extol the virtues of eating less fat.
3. He was extolled as a genius.
4. He never stops extolling the virtues of the free market.

Std VI

Extricate (Verb)

Meaning: free (someone or something) from a constraint or difficulty.

Origin : Early 17th century (in the sense 'unravel, untangle') : from Latin extricate- 'unravelling' , from the verb extricare, from ex- 'out' + tricae 'perplexities.'

Synonyms: rescue, liberate, and loosen.

Antonyms: Stay, keep, hold.

Sentences:

- 1) If the magician does not extricate himself from the water tank in the next fifteen seconds, he will die.
- 2) The little kitten did not know how to extricate himself from the string of tape.
- 3) The soldiers used a detailed plan to extricate their commanding officer from the terrorists.
- 4) Hopefully, someone will extricate us from this vault before all the oxygen is gone.
- 5) To be an impartial judge, you must extricate your personal feelings about the beauty contestants.

Std VII

Binge (Noun)

Meaning: a time or instance of carefree fun, a short period of time when you do too much of something.

Origin : from English dialect (mid 19th century)

Synonyms: frolic, gambol, spree, lark, revel

Antonyms: saving, diet, nibble, munch

Sentences:

1. If you continue to binge on junk food, you will become obese.
2. Ravi's mother locked up the pantry to help him overcome binge eating.

Std VIII

Transfix (Verb)

Meaning: Cause (someone) to become motionless with horror, wonder, or astonishment.
Pierce with a sharp implement or weapon.

Origin: late 16th Century: from latin transfix- 'Pierced through', from the verb-transfigere, From trans- 'across'+ figere, 'fix, fasten'

Synonyms: fascinated, spellbind, captivated, engross, enthrall

Antonyms: bore, repel, disenchant, repulse, turn off, disgust.

Sentences:

1. He was transfixed by the pain in her face.
2. A filed mouse is transfixed by the curved talons of an owl.
3. She came back to the idea that transfixed her.
4. The Baron, who had understood everything, was also transfixed.

Std IX

molly coddle (Noun)

Meaning : an effeminate or ineffectual man, a pampered or effeminate man or boy.

Origin : mid 19th century: from molly (girlish) + coddle (overprotective).

Synonyms: pamper, spoil, overindulge, pet, spoon-feed, weakling, crybaby

Antonyms: ill treat, abuse, ignore, strong

Sentences-

1. The coach has been mollycoddling the team's star players.
2. She refused to mollycoddle her nagging son and sent him off to school.
3. The older sister would always mollycoddle her younger brother by never letting him out of her sight.

Std X

Loath (Adjective)

Meaning: Someone or something unwilling or reluctant. Unwilling; reluctant:

Origin: Middle English loth from Old English lath, hostile, hateful, akin to German leid, SORROWS (orig. adjective) from Indo-European base an unverified form leit-, to detest

Synonyms: Disinclined, hesitant, reluctant, loath, averse mean lacking the will or desire to do something indicated. Disinclined implies lack of taste for or inclination.

Antonyms: eager, enthusiastic, glad, happy, keen, ready, willing, determined

Sentences:-

1. He embraced her and was loath to let her go.
2. Austria is hardly the only country loath to accept foreigners.
3. He made it known to his friends that he was loath to run for the election.
4. Organizations are loath to admit this is a problem.

Std XI

Anathema (Noun)

Meaning : Something or someone that one vehemently dislikes

Origin : Early 16th century, from Greek anathema

Synonyms: abhorrent, hateful, repugnant, repellent, odious, competitor, enemy

Antonyms : love, approval, praise, compliment, delightful, favorite, friend

Sentences:

1. For older employees, the new system is an anathema.
2. Since the beginning of time, faith has been an anathema to science.
3. Racial prejudice is anathema to me.

Std XII

Querulous (Adjective)

Meaning: Complaining in an annoyed way, habitually complaining

Origin: Middle English querelose, from Latin querulous, from queri to complain.

Synonyms- Crabby, cranky, grouchy

Antonyms- forbearing, long suffering, patient.

Sentences-

1. Car trip that were frequently spoiled by a couple of querulous passengers in the back.
2. Someone who is querulous often complains about things.