

**Word of the week**

**23<sup>rd</sup> July – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Std V**

*Pandemonium* (**Noun**)

*Meaning:* wild and noisy disorder or confusion; uproar.

*Origin:* Mid 17th century

*Synonyms:* bluster, noise, clatter, chaos

*Antonyms:* calm, peace, rest, quiet

*Sentences:*

1. There was complete pandemonium in the kitchen.
2. There was pandemonium when the news was announced.
3. Pandemonium reigned in the classroom until the teacher arrived.
4. All around me the pandemonium continued.

**Std VI**

*Perplexed* (**Adjective**)

*Meaning:* completely baffled

*Origin:* Late 15th century from obsolete adjective perplex 'bewildered', from Latin perplexus 'entangled', based on plexes 'interwoven', from verb plectere.

*Synonyms:* bewildered, puzzled, uncertain

*Antonyms:* certain, clear, sure

*Sentences:*

1. She was perplexed by this creature.
2. His expression transformed slowly from perplexed to comprehension.
3. He stared at her with a perplexed expression and finally shook his head.

## Std VII

### **Blatant (Adjective)**

*Meaning:* very obvious and intentional, when this is a bad thing.

*Origin:* Late 16th century: coined by Edmund Spenser; probably influenced by Latin *blatire* to babble; compare Middle Low German *Pladderen*.

*First used:* 1596, in *blatant beast*, coined by Edmund Spenser in "The Faerie Queen" to describe a thousand-tongued

*Synonyms:* obvious, unconcealed, open, transparent

*Antonyms:* concealed, secret, hidden, subtle, silent.

*Sentences:*

1. The whole episode was a blatant attempt to gain publicity.
2. He lifted his head in blatant rejection.
3. The one thing my parents cannot abide is blatant disobedience.

## Std VIII

### **Obliterate (Verb)**

*Meanings:* destroy utterly; wipe out.

*Origin:* the earliest reference to this word is first recorded in mid-16th century: from Latin *obliterat*

*Synonyms:* demolish, eliminate, eradicate

*Antonyms:* create, establish

*Sentences*

1. If a plane lands on your home, it will obliterate your property.
2. According to scientists, the nuclear weapon has the capacity to obliterate the entire city.
3. If the hurricane hits the city directly, it will completely obliterate the town and leave nothing standing.

## Std IX

### *Gumption (Noun)*

*Meaning:* the ability to decide what is the best thing to do in a particular situation, and to do it with energy and determination

*Origin:* early 18th century (originally Scots): of unknown origin.

*Synonyms:* initiative, resourcefulness, inventiveness, acumen, sagacity, common sense, wit

*Antonyms:* ignorance, gullibility, naivety, injudiciousness, ineptitude,, inanity, ludicrousness, ridiculousness

*Sentences:*

1. The boy had the admirable gumption to face his bully.
2. Have the gumption to do something about it instead of being a coward!
3. Rima had the gumption to speak her mind even when others stayed silent.

## *Std X*

### *Mercurial (Adjective)*

*Meaning:* subject to sudden changes of mood or mind

*Origin:* Late Middle English

*First use:* Late 14th century

*Synonyms:* unstable, unsteady, unpredictable, erratic, capricious

*Antonyms:* calm, consistent, stable, steady, trustworthy

*Sentences:*

1. I avoid my mercurial roommate because of her sudden mood swings.
2. While my uncle is predictable, my aunt's nature is mercurial.

## **Std XI**

### **Salvo (Noun)**

*Meaning:* i. a simultaneous discharge of two or more gun in military action or as a salute.

ii. A mental reservation.

*Origin:* Italian salva, from French salve, from Latin, hail ! Medieval Latin salvo jure with the right reserved.

*First use:* 1591

*Synonyms:* blitz, flurry, hail, shower.

*Antonyms:* dribble, drip, trickle.

*Sentences:*

1. A crashing salvo of 60 guns gave the signal for a combined assault to be delivered by Gerard and the Guard, with Milhaud moving on their right flank.
2. The third salvo hit the "Good Hope "forward at about 7:9 P.M.

## **Std XII**

### **Halcyon (Noun)**

*Meaning:* denoting a period of time in the past that was idyllically happy and peaceful

*Origin:* late Middle English Greek Alcoun 'kingfisher'

*Synonyms:* serene, calm, pleasant, balmy, tranquil

*Antonyms:* stormy, troubled, turbulent

*Sentences:*

1. I was very content during the halcyon day of my childhood.
2. Who can forget those halcyon days of John Edwards's administration?