

Word of the week

16th July 2018 to 22nd July 2018

Std V

Babel (Noun)

Meaning: a confused noise made by a number of voices.

Origin: late 14c from Late Latin

Synonyms: clamour, din, confused noise, uproar

Antonyms: calm, peace, paradise, quiet

Sentences

1. Have you heard the babble of running water?
2. Don't babble the secret to them.
3. I crashed into a babble of baby talk.
4. I heard the babble of many voices.

Std VI

Mundane (Adjective)

Meaning: lacking interest or excitement; dull

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

Synonyms: boring, tiresome, monotonous

Antonyms: Extraordinary, exciting and imaginative

Sentences:

1. They gave mundane explanations.
2. He chose the most mundane of daily activities.
3. He held his conversation to mundane chit-chat

Std VII

Jeopardy (Noun)

Meaning: danger of loss, harm or failure

Origin: Middle English iupart, from old French ieupart (evenly divided game). The term was originally used in chess and other games to denote a problem, or a position in which the chances of winning or losing were evenly balanced, hence 'a dangerous situation'.

Synonyms: peril, accident, risk

Antonyms: safety, surety, protection

Sentences

1. Taking such a financial risk could put your retirement income in jeopardy.
2. Do you not care that you are placing your home in jeopardy by making it a part of your gambling wager?
3. If you do not take your medicine, you will put your health in jeopardy.

Std VIII

Irreverent (Adjective)

Meaning: Showing a lack of respect for people or things

Origin: late Middle English

First use: 14th century

Synonyms: disrespectful, scornful, disdainful, derisive, disparaging

Antonyms: reverent, respectful, religious, polite, devout

Sentences:

1. A child should never speak to his parents in an irreverent voice.
2. The knight acted in an irreverent manner by not bowing before the queen.

Std IX

Hedonism (noun)

Meaning: the pursuit of pleasure.

Origin: mid 19th century: from Greek hedone 'pleasure' + -ism

Synonym: self-indulgence, intemperance, immoderation, luxury.

Antonyms: self-restraint, self-disciplined, sober, temperate.

Sentences:

1. Their hedonism was not confined to the parties.
2. His life of hedonism suddenly seems empty when he started to work.
3. And no hedonism, no theory of rights, could supply an operating rule for conduct.

Std X

Hegemony (Noun)

Meaning: leadership or dominance especially by one state or social group over other

Origin: mid 16th century: from Greek hegemonia, from hegemon 'leader', from hegeisthai 'to lead'.

Synonyms: leadership, dominance, dominion, supremacy, ascendancy, predominance, authority, mastery, control, sovereignty etc.

Antonyms: repression, constraint, oppression, disability, bondage, no control, subjugation, subjection etc.

Sentences:

1. The hegemony Russia and America are showing is not good for people all over the world.
2. Certain religious groups show hegemony over others.

Std XI

Rapprochement (Noun)

Meaning: the development of friendlier relationship between countries or groups of people who have been enemies.

Origin: French, from rapprocher to bring together, from Middle French, from re- + approcher to approach, from Old French aprochier, from Late latin appropriare- more at approach.

First use: 1809

Synonyms: communion, fellowship, rapport.

Antonyms: alienation, disaffection, disgruntlement, estrangement

Sentences:

1. Officials hope that these talks will lead to a rapprochement with the rebels.
2. The possibility of rapprochement between the two countries seems unlikely.

Std XII

Jingoism (Noun)

Meaning: the feeling and beliefs of people who think that their country is always right and who are in favour of aggressive acts against other countries.

Origin: from the fact that the phrase by jingo appeared in the refrain of a chauvinistic song.

First use: 1878

Synonyms: chauvinism, nationalism, superpatriotism, bigotry.

Antonym: internationalism

Sentences:

1. Patriotism can turn into jingoism and intolerance very quickly.
2. Military, political and economic facts alike out atomic jingoism as a basis for our national defence policy.