

Word of the week
(13th August 2018 to 18th August 2018)

Std 5

Gloss (Noun)

Meaning: a surface luster or brightness; bright often superficial attractiveness; transparent cosmetic preparation for adding shine.

Origin: akin to Middle High German glosen to glow, shine; akin to old English geolu yellow.

First use: 1538

Synonyms: glaze, gleam, luster, polish

Antonyms: dullness, darkness.

Sentences:

1. Deep emotion flowed across her expression, causing Jackson's eyes to gloss over.
2. His greatest work, an interlinear gloss on the Scriptures, was one of the great authorities of the middle ages.
3. The gloss is greatest on the upper parts; on the tail the bristly hairs predominate.

Std 6

Mufti (Noun)

Meaning: A Muslim legal expert who is empowered to give rulings on religious matters.

Origin: Late 16th century: from Arabic mufti, active participle of afta 'decides a point of law'.

Synonyms: jurist, regalia, tog

Sentences:

1. Mufti, the civilian dress of a naval or military officer when off duty.
2. I imagine your excellency has obtained a dispensation from the mufti?
3. This time, however, appeared a mufti who was unfriendly to coffee.

Std 7

Ruse (Noun)

Meanings: a trick

Origin : the earliest reference to this word is first recorded from Old French, from ruser 'use trickery',

Synonyms: tactic, move

Antonyms: Honesty, reality

Sentences

1. It was simply a ruse to keep her from exploring that path and what lay beyond.
2. It was only a ruse to get her alone.
3. I saw through your little ruse from the start.

Std 8

Pithy (Adjective)

Meaning: terse and vigorously expressive

Origin: Middle English

First use: early 14th century

Synonyms: brief, compact, terse, short, succinct

Antonyms: verbose, wordy, diffuse, lengthy, long

Sentences:

1. The title of a book should be pithy and unforgettable.
2. The best greeting card messages are pithy and meaningful.

Std 9

Rife (adjective)

Meaning: of common occurrence especially of something undesirable

Adverb Meaning: in an unchecked or widespread manner.

Origin: late Old English rife, probably from 'acceptable'.

Synonyms: extensive, ubiquitous, global, insidious, prevalent, pervasive, and immanent

Antonyms: scarce, unknown

Sentences:

1. During the last economic crisis, the unemployment office was rife with people .
2. The beach is rife with young people during the summer months.
3. according to my teacher, my essay was rife with mistakes and needed to be rewritten.

Std 10

Debunk (Verb)

Meaning: to show something that is not true, to show falseness of a story, idea etc.

Origin: Originated in a 1923 novel Bunk, by American journalist and popular historian William Woodward (1874-1950)

First use: 1923

Synonyms: Confound, confute, disprove, disconfirm, expose

Antonyms: Confirm, establish, prove, validate, verify

Sentences:

1. The article debunks the notion that life exists on Mars.
2. The results of the study debunk his theory.
3. The scientist hoped to debunk the genetic theory by completing his own research.
4. Some advertising slogans should be debunked.
5. His claims were later debunked by fellow academics.

Std 11

Maverick (Noun)

Meaning: A) an unorthodox or independent-minded person.

B) An unbranded calf

Origin: mid 19th century: from the name of Samuel A. Maverick (1803-70), a Texan rancher who did not brand his cattle

Synonyms: individualist, non-conformist, free spirit

Antonyms: orthodox, conformist

Sentences:

1. My maverick boss has made his fortune by using a selling strategy different from that of his competitors.
2. He was considered as something of a maverick in the publishing world.
3. He is one of the few truly great, genuinely maverick songwriters and performers of the present day.

STD 12

Vapid (adjective)

Meaning: not lively or interesting; dull or boring

Origin: borrowed from latin vapidus" (of wine) having lost freshness, flat"; akin to Latin vappa" wine that has gone flat " .

First use: circa 1656

Synonyms: boring, tired, bland, unexciting.

Antonyms: exciting, pungent, strong.

Sentences:

1. To me, baseball is a vapid sport that quickly puts me to sleep.
2. Although the actress was nominated for several awards, she was still criticized for her vapid portrayal of the world leader.
3. The vapid entertainment did not hold the children's attention.