

Word of the week

17th September 2018 to 23rd September 2018

Class: V

Wild goose chase (noun)

Meaning: *a foolish and hopeless search for or pursuit of something unattainable.*

Origin: *the first recorded citation is from Romeo and Juliet 1592*

Synonyms: *abortive, pointless, useless, futile*

Antonyms: *effective, fruitful, profitable, productive*

Sentences:

1. *We wasted all day a wild-goose chase.*
2. *No, he led me on a wild-goose chase.*
3. *Some government officials sent reporters a wild-goose chase.*
4. *It turned out to be a wild-goose chase.*

Class VI

Wisecrack (noun)

Meanings: *a witty remark or joke.*

Origin: *the earliest reference to this word is probably from 1906, American English, from wise (adj.) + crack in the "boast" sense*

Synonyms: *joke, witty remark*

Antonyms: *Unfunny, serious*

Sentences:

1. *Someone in the theatre was making wisecracks during the entire movie.*
2. *Amy responded with a wisecrack that got her in big trouble with the teacher.*
3. *He made some wisecrack about my lack of culinary ability.*

Class VII

Yeoman (noun)

Meaning:

- 1) *A farmer who owned the land on which he worked*
- 2) *An officer in US navy who mainly does the office work*

Origin: *c.1300, "attendant in a noble household," of unknown origin origin, perhaps a contradiction of Old English iunge man "young man," or from an unrecorded old English 8geaman, equivalent of old Frisian gaman "villager" from Old English- gea "district, village," cognate with Old Frisian ga, ge, from Proto Germanic *gaujan.*

Synonyms: *assistant, clerk, farmer, attendant*

Antonyms: *boss, manager*

Sentences:

1. *He was not for abuses, - he was for King and Queen.*
2. *He was born in 1769, the son of a yeoman farmer at Churchill, in Oxfordshire.*
3. *There was not a yeoman present who did not hope to win one of them.*

Class VIII

Tumultuous (Adjective)

Meaning: *Making an uproar or loud, confused noise.*

Origin: *Mid 16th century: from Old French tumultuous or Latin tumultuous, from tumultus "full of bustle or confusion, disorderly, turbulent".*

First used: *Circa 1548, in the meaning defined as tumult: loud, excited and emotional.*

Synonyms: *loud, deafening, ear-splitting, thunderous, turbulent.*

Antonyms: *calm, gentle, mild, moderate, quiet.*

Sentences:

1. *The tumultuous storm was beginning to lose some of its fury.*
2. *It's been a tumultuous day at the international trade negotiations in Brussels.*
3. *Mr. Mandela was given a tumultuous reception in Washington.*

Class IX

Emaciated (Verb)

Meaning: *to cause to lose flesh so as to become a very thin, to make feeble*

Origin: *Latin emaciat, past participle of emaciare, from e-+ macies leanness, from macer lean-*

First use: *1646*

Synonyms: *decay, droop, weaken, fade, lean, peaked, wasted.*

Antonyms: *chubby, overweight, plump, thick.*

Sentences:

1. *His handsome face, emaciated and pale, was that of the immortal Bonaparte.*
2. *Starvation is in the emaciated features, the brilliant feverish eyes.*
3. *The man, though young and athletic, was emaciated and weary-looking.*

Class X

Xenophobia(Noun)

Meaning: *a dread or dislike of anything or anyone foreign, especially people from other cultures and races*

Origin: *New latin*

First use: *1903*

Synonyms: *antipathy, apartheid, disgust, dislike, displeasure, narrow-mindedness, partiality*

Antonyms: *fairness, good will, impartiality, love, tolerance*

Sentences:

1. *Shane's xenophobia prevents him from going to social events where there are people he does not know.*
2. *If xenophobia did not exist, racism would not exist because people would not dislike others because of their differences.*
3. *The boy's xenophobia arose when he watched a man coming towards his brother.*
4. *As a foreign aid volunteer, you should not have a case of xenophobia that hinders you from socializing with people.*
5. *The dog's xenophobia causes him to bark at everyone he does not know.*

Class XI

Volition (Noun)

Meaning: *the faculty or power of using one's will*

Origin: *early 17th century: from French volition (n-), from volo 'I wish'*

Synonyms: *freely, individually, separately*

Antonyms: *coercion, constraint, force*

Sentence:

1. *They chose to leave early of their own volition.*
2. *Of his own volition, Matt lowered his gun and waited for the police to arrest him.*

Class XII

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.*