

**Word of the week**  
**20<sup>th</sup> August 2018 – 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**Std: V**

***Pallid (Adjective)***

**Meaning:** pale, typically because of poor health.

**Origin:** 1580s from latin pallidus

**Synonyms:** colourless, ashen, ashy, bloodless

**Antonyms:** glowing, rosy, blooming, florid

**Sentences**

1. Next to her tanned face, hers seemed pallid and unhealthy.
2. Paul looked pallid and sick.
3. Their condition ranged from pallid shock to profane defiance.
4. She had a pallid look.

**Std VI**

***Servile (Adjective)***

**Meanings:** having or showing an excessive willingness to serve or please others.

**Origin:** the earliest reference to this word is first recorded from from Latin servilis

**Synonyms:** cringing, greasy

**Antonyms:** bossy, assertive

**Sentences:**

1. Field work is largely performed by a servile class.
2. In manufactures and commerce, also, servile gradually displaced free labour.
3. Distress made him, not servile, but reckless and ungovernable.

**Std VII**

***Antipathy (Noun)***

**Meaning:** A deep seated feeling of aversion

**Origin:** Late 16th century (in the sense 'opposition of feeling, nature, or disposition') : from French antipathie , or via Latin from Greek antipatheia, from antipathies 'opposed in feeling' , from anti 'against' + pathos 'feeling'.

**Synonyms:** hostility, antagonism, animosity

**Antonyms:** friendliness, like, sympathy

**Sentences:**

1. The source of my antipathy is my ex-husband's new wife!
2. After serving in the war, he developed an antipathy to guns.
3. Her antipathy towards her teacher was obvious to everyone in the class.

**Std VIII**

***Thwart (Verb)***

**Meaning:** prevent someone from accomplishing something

**Noun:**

**Meaning:** a structural crosspiece forming a seat for a rower in a boat

**Origin:** Middle English thwerte , from the adjective thwart 'perverse, obstinate, adverse' from Old Norse thvert, neuter of thverr 'transverse' from an old Indo-European root shared by Latin torquere 'to twist'.

**Synonyms:** foil, frustrate, forestall, derail, smash, stop, check, block, prevent, defeat, impede, hinder, hamper etc.

**Antonyms:** assist, facilitate, help, support, aid, assist, encourage, forward, help, abet, favour, foster etc.

**Sentences:**

1. You thwarted the entire plan to score a goal.
2. She did all she could to thwart him join the company.
3. The army thwarted the attempt of infiltration.
4. They thwarted the thieves entering the house.

### Std IX

**Cursory (Adjective)**

**Meaning:** done quickly with little attention to detail

**Origin:** Middle French

**First Use:** 1600 century

**Synonyms:** superficial, random, sketchy, brief, careless

**Antonyms:** careful, detailed, complete, perfect, meticulous

**Sentences:**

1. After doing a cursory count, the teacher realized that two students were missing.
2. He put away the papers after a cursory study.

### Std X

**Pariah (Noun)**

**Meaning:** a person who is hated and rejected by other people.

**Origin:** tamil paraiyan, literally, drummer.

**First use:** 1613

**Synonyms:** castaway, castoff, leper, out caste.

**Antonyms:** extraordinary, infrequent, rare, seldom, unfamiliar

**Sentences:**

1. He's a talented player but his angry outburst have made him a pariah in the sports of basketball.
2. I felt like a pariah when i wore the wrong outfit to the dinner party.

### Std XI

**Expunge (Verb)**

**Meaning:** obliterate or remove something

**Origin:** Late 17th century; from Latin expungere 'mark for deletion by means of points', from ex-'out'+ pungere 'to prick'

**Synonyms:** abolish, abandonment, elimination, flush, scrape, liquidate

**Antonyms:** conserve, protect, save

**Sentences:**

1. Negative thoughts should be expunged from our thinking.
2. She has been unable to expunge the details of the accident from her memory.

**Std XII**

***Puerile(Adjective)***

***Meaning:*** childishly silly and immature

***Origin:*** late 16th century; Latin puerilis (like a boy)

***Synonyms:*** babyish, immature, juvenile, inexperienced

***Antonym:*** mature

***Sentences:***

1. My teenage daughter was upset when her puerile conduct has got her sent to the little kids' table.
2. The young comedian's puerile jokes did not go well with the mature audience.