

**Word of the week**

**27<sup>th</sup> August 2018 to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018**

**Class: V**

**Mollycoddle (verb)**

**Meaning:** treat in an indulgent or overprotective way.

**Origin:** 1870s from a noun "one who coddles himself" from "molly"

**Synonyms:** pamper, spoil, cosset, coddle

**Antonyms:** fire, disorganize, right, succeed

**Sentences**

1. The coach has been mollycoddling the team's star players.
2. He had been mollycoddled as a young boy.
3. He doesn't believe that children should be mollycoddled.
4. I have never mollycoddled any of my artists.

**Class-VI**

**Gobbledygook (Noun)**

**Meaning:** language that is meaningless or is made unintelligible by excessive use of technical terms

**Origin:** 1940s (originally US): probably imitating a Turkey's gobble.

**First used:** In memo dated March 30, 1944, banning "gobbledygook language" and mock threatening

**Synonyms:** amphigory, rubbish, gibberish, bosh,

**Antonyms:** sense, truth, intelligence, logic, drivel.

**Sentences:**

1. The report is just a bunch of gobbledygook.
2. Cut through the gobbledygook and just tell me what the final cost of the car would be.
3. I can't understand all this legal gobbledygook.

### Class VII

#### **Fuddy-duddy (noun)**

**Origin:** Early 20<sup>th</sup> century (originally dialect) : of unknown origin

**Meaning:** a person who is very old fashioned and pompous

**Synonyms:** conservative, traditionalist, conformist

**Antonyms:** -----

**Sentences:**

- 1) You're such an old fuddy-duddy!
- 2) You and your fuddy-duddy ideas!
- 3) I know I sound like some fuddy-duddy here.

### Class VIII

#### **Rigmarole (Noun)**

**Meaning:** a long, complicated, and annoying process, description, etc.

**Origin:** alteration of obsolete ragman roll long list, catalog.

**Synonyms:** bafflegab, double- talk, gibberish.

**Antonyms:** possessions, sense, truth.

**Sentences:**

- 1) We had to go through the rigmarole of installing, registering, and activating the software before.
- 2) He just told us what to do without all the usual rigmarole.

### Class IX

#### **Namby- pamby (Adjective)**

**Meaning:** lacking in character or substance

**Origin:** Namby- pamby, nickname given to Ambrose Philips.

**First use:** 1745

**Synonyms:** banal, flat, insipid, watery,

**Antonyms:** backboned, firm, hard, strong.

**Sentences:**

1. She probably regarded us as a bunch of namby-pamby liberals.
2. He rejected any affection as namby-pamby nonsense.
3. Don't be such a namby-pamby!

## Class X

### **bamboozle (transitive verb)**

**Meaning:** to deceive by underhanded methods to confuse, frustrate, or throw off thoroughly or completely, cheat or fool

**Origin:** Early 18th century: of unknown origin.

**First Use:** 1703

**Synonyms:** befuddle, deceive, delude, dupe

**Antonyms:** clear up, enlighten, explain, clarify, and give

**Sentences:**

- 1) The waiter tried to bamboozle me into giving him extra money by saying the tip had not been included in the check.
- 2) If you try and bamboozle the buyer by hiding important details about the property, the real estate contract will become invalid.
- 3) The swindler would bamboozle wealthy women by selling them fake jewellery at hefty prices.

## Class XI

### **Poppycock (Noun)**

**Meaning:** empty talk or writing, foolish words or ideas.

**Origin:** dutch dialect pappekak, literally, soft dung, from Dutch pap pap + kak dung.

**First use:** 1852

**Synonyms:** beans, bilge, bunkum, drool, drivel.

**Antonyms:** rationality, sense, wisdom.

**Sentences:**

- 1) That's a lot of poppycock!
- 2) Starting with the cherry tree, much of what was written by Washington's early biographers was pure poppycock

## Class XII

### **Balderdash (Noun)**

**Meaning:** foolish words or ideas

**Origin:** origin unknown

**First use:** 1674

**Synonyms:** applesauce, nonsense, beans, bilge.

**Antonyms:** sense, truth.

**Sentences:**

- 1) The people referred to the old man's crazy ideas as balderdash.
- 2) Every word which came out from the mouth of the drunken man was balderdash.
- 3) Since the politician has no proof of his opponent's wrong doings, his claims are viewed as balderdash.