

Word of the week

26th November to 1st December 2018

Std V

Gloss (Noun)

Meaning: shine or lustre on a smooth surface.

Origin: Mid 16th century

First Use: 1548

Synonyms: shimmer, sparkle, brightness, gleam

Antonyms: dimness, dirtiness, dullness, dinginess

Sentences:

1. Her hair has a lovely gloss.
2. Marble can be polished to a high gloss.
3. You can have the photos with either a gloss or a matt finish.
4. John tried in vain to gloss over his faults.

Std VI

Glade (Noun)

Meaning: an open space in a wood or forest

Origin: Late Middle English: of unknown origin; perhaps related to glad or gleam, with reference to the comparative brightness of a clearing (obsolete senses of glade include 'a gleam of light' and 'a bright space between clouds')

Synonyms: dale, meadow, valley

Antonyms: -----

Sentences:

- 1) The trees opened in a glade that collected the shadows like a cup.
- 2) When they appear in a sun-struck glade, it is as if they materialized on the spot.
- 3) In a scalloped sun-trap glade carpeted with misty bluebells a black cap sang.

Std VII

Satiety (Noun)

Meaning: the quality or state of being fed or gratified to or beyond capacity

Origin: Mid 16th century from Old French *saciete*, from Latin *satietas*, from *satis* 'enough'.

First use: 1541

Synonyms: satiation, satisfaction, sufficiency, repleteness, repletion, fullness, filling etc.

Antonyms: lack, want, need, scarcity etc.

Sentences:

1. A high carbohydrate diet does not give the feeling of satiety.
2. Chewing and swallowing have different impact on satiety.
3. Satiety leaves individuals dormant.

Std VIII

Jaunty (Adjective)

Meaning: having a lively manner

Origin: old French

First Use: mid 17th century; 1660s

Synonyms: cheerful, happy, merry, joyful, jolly

Antonyms: depressed, sad, unhappy, serious, spiritless

Sentences:

1. His bright and jaunty nature brought a smile on everyone's face.
2. The jaunty music made everyone cheerful.

Std IX

Audacity (Noun)

Meaning: 1. a willingness to make bold risks.
2. Rude or disrespectful behaviour.

Origin: late Middle English: from Medieval Latin audacitas, from audax, audac- 'bold' (see audacious).

Synonyms: boldness, daring, fearlessness, impudence, insolence.

Antonyms: timidity, politeness, cowardice, fear, humility.

Sentences:

1. He was a traveller of extraordinary audacity.
2. He had the audacity to contradict me.
3. He whistled at the sheer audacity of the plan"
4. She had the audacity to suggest I'd been carrying on with him"

Std X

Cloister (Noun)

Meaning: a place where monks or nuns live: a monastery or convent

Origin: Middle English cloister, from Anglo- French, from Medieval Latin claustrum, from Latin, bar, bolt from claudere to close

First use: 1581, 13th century

Synonyms: abbey, monastery, hermitage, recluse

Antonyms: seen, free, and insecure

Sentences;

1. The cloister and monastic buildings lie to the south side of the church.
2. He was defeated, blinded and sent back to die in the cloister of Sahagun.
3. The archbishop's palace and a Romanesque cloister adjoin the cathedral on its south side.
4. Although the girl was quite shy, she tried hard to not cloister herself in the corner at parties.
5. The religious man found great peace in his decision to cloister himself in a monastery

Std XI

Ambivalent (Adjective)

Meaning: having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone

Origin: Early 20th century from ambivalence (from German ambivalenz) on the pattern of equivalent.

Synonyms: conflicted, equivocal

Antonyms: unambivalent

Sentences:

1. She is an ambivalent figure because she is not the subject of power but its carrier.
2. Critics and directors alike have to come to terms with a very ambivalent world

Std XII

Nonchalant (Adjective)

Meaning: having an air of easy unconcern or indifference

Origin: French, from old French from present participle of nonchalior to disregard, from non+ chaloir to concern from Latin.

First use: circa 1734

Synonyms: apathetic, casual, complacent

Antonyms: concerned, interested

Sentences:

1. He was surprisingly nonchalant about winning the award.
2. She faced the crowd with the nonchalant ease of an experienced speaker.