

WORD OF THE WEEK – 14.11.2016 TO 19.11.2016

Std. V

Cajole

Meaning: persuade someone to do something by sustained coaxing or flattery.

Origin: Mid 17th century from French 'cajoler'

Synonyms: wheedle, coax, tempt

Antonyms: bully, discourage

Sentences:

1. You can easily cajole a small child with candies and toys.
2. She was caloied into selling her property.
3. Are you trying to cajole me into cooking your supper?
4. The candidate managed to cajole many voters into choosing his name on the ballot.
5. He had been cajoled into escorting Maya to a concert.

Std. VI

Austere: (adj)

Meaning : severe in manner

Synonyms: strict, formal, rigid, sober, grave, grim, hard, harsh, rigorous, solemn, stiff, ascetic etc.

Antonyms: flexible, calm, elaborate, gentle, meek, mild etc.

Usage:

1. His austere behavior has disappointed his boss.
2. She is very austere about her duty.
3. It was an austere attack on the black marketers.
4. Demonetization was an austere decision taken in the interest of the nation's economy.

Std. VII

Incredible

Meaning: 1). Impossible to believe
2). extremely good, great or large

Origin: the word "credible" came from the Latin so in is the normal form for a negative.

Synonyms: absurd, impossible, suspect, questionable, amazing

Antonyms: believable, credible, possible, tenable

Sentences:

1. He was the most incredible warrior ever trained.
2. It's incredible how fast computers have become a normal part of daily lives.
3. I would like to thank Mrs Smith for her incredible help on the project.
4. With its incredible wildlife and beautiful landscape, the African continent is a source of endless fascination.

Std. VIII

Miscreant (n)

Meaning: a person who has done something wrong or unlawful

Synonyms: criminal, culprit, lawbreaker, scoundrel, rogue, convict, wrongdoer

Antonyms: good, moral, nice, decent, ethical, innocent, saint

Sentences:

- The Principal took the miscreant out of the classroom and placed him in the suspension room.
- The miscreant will not be able to get out of jail without the assistance of a good attorney.
- Although the miscreant only committed a couple of minor crimes, according to the law he should still be punished.
- The church installed cameras to catch the miscreant.
- I keep a vigilant watch but did not see any crimes being committed or miscreants around the premises.

Std. IX

Nefarious

Meaning: wicked or criminal (typically of an action or activity)

Origin: Early 17th century

Synonyms: vile, wicked, bad, depraved, infamous, sinful, corrupt, abominable

Antonyms: good, honorable, respectable, noble, decent, honest

Sentences:

1. How nefarious of you to fling dog crap on my car!
2. The nefarious September 11th attacks did not weaken America.
3. That senior prank was a nefarious thing to do.
4. To call that handicapped woman names is not only mean, but it is nefarious.
5. As vile as robbers are, no criminal is more nefarious than a killer.

Std. X

Audacious

Meaning: very confident and daring: very bold and surprising or shocking

Origin: ... adj. 1540s, "confident, intrepid," from Middle French audacieux, from audace "boldness," from Latin audacia "daring, boldness, courage," from audax "brave, bold, daring," but more often "bold" in a bad sense, "*audacious*, rash, foolhardy,"

Antonyms: shy, cautious, prudent, defiant, disrespectful, shameless

Synonyms: nervy, bold, daring, bold-faced, brash, brassbound, brassy, brazen, brazen-faced, fresh, impertinent, impudent, insolent, sassy, saucy, wise

Sentences:

1. This is an audacious claim, and Kramer anticipates, even encourages, the controversy it might provoke.
2. This was a second and a more audacious compromise
3. They have audacious plans for the new school.
4. This is her most audacious film so far.
5. She made an audacious decision to quit her job.
6. He was intent on an audacious, immitigable, and supernatural revenge.

Std. XI

Munificent

Meaning:

1. very liberal in giving and bestowing
2. characterized by great liberality or generosity

Origin: 1575-85; back formation from Latin munificentia generosity, munificence, equivalent to munific (us) generous

Synonyms: bighearted, bounteous, fulsome, charitable, bountiful, openhanded

Antonyms: cheap, penurious, uncharitable, miserly, parsimonious

Sentences:

1. The dictator fancied himself as a munificent overseer of the continent below.
2. The munificent woman is a well-known philanthropist who funds many university scholarships.
3. The sizable gift card was a munificent present from my grandparents.
4. The school's munificent supporters have donated over two million dollars for the building of the new gymnasium.

Std XII

Shibboleth

Meaning: a behavior or word that shows someone belongs to a particular class, ethnicity, culture, profession, nation etc.

Origin: from Hebrew, literally: ear of grain; the word is used in the Old Testament by the Gileadites as a test word for the Ephraimites, who could not pronounce the sound sh. ... late 14c., the Hebrew word shibboleth, meaning "flood, stream," also "ear of corn;"

Synonyms: banner, catchphrase, cry, slogan, tagline, watchword

Sentences:

1. When the man spoke, it was obvious from his shibboleth that he was not a native English speaker.
2. "Make America Great" is the shibboleth often repeated by the candidate's followers.
3. If a member does not say the correct shibboleth, he will not be admitted into the exclusive gentleman's club.
4. The term "ya'll" is a shibboleth that is associated with southern culture.
5. In order to be recognized by fellow gang members, you must learn the shibboleth we use as a greeting.