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CLASS 5

Helter-Skelter

Meaning- in disorderly haste or confusion

Origin- late 16th century; used as an adverb from Middle English which means to hasten

Synonyms- headlong, hastily, hurriedly, recklessly, impulsively

Antonyms- cautiously, at moderate speed

Sentences:

1. She went **helter-skelter** down the stairs.
2. They piled the furniture **helter-skelter** in the living room of the new house.
3. He now faces another crisis in his **helter-skelter** existence.

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Class – 6

Harum - scarum (adjective)

Meaning - reckless, impetuous

Origin - late 17th century (English) reduplication of hare and scare

Synonym - impulsive, impudent, rash, wild, daredevil

Antonym - cautious, careful, alert, responsible, thoughtful

Usage in sentence -

1. The mistakes in my work are because of my **harum -scarum** nature.
2. He was a **harum- scarum** child with dirty hands but a willful heart.
3. My son does his homework in a **harum- scarum** manner.

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Class -7

Hanky -panky (noun)

Meaning: dubious or suspicious behaviour

Origin: English mid 19th century: perhaps an alteration of hokey -pokey

Synonyms: funny business, mischief, misconduct, deceit

Antonyms: dislike, Indifference, faithfulness

Usage in sentence:

1. I told her we had house rules; no **hanky- panky**, but she didn't believe me.
2. There was a bit of **hanky- panky** going on at the Christmas party.
3. I think there was some **hanky- panky** with the last election.

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Class -8

Word – Airy Fairy (adjective)

Meaning – Not practical or sensible.

Origin – The word originated from Tennyson's poem " Lillian "

(1830), where the central character is described as " airy fairy lillian".

Synonyms – impractical, unrealistic, unfocused, vague, fanciful, insubstantial, unconvincing

Antonyms – matter of fact, solid.

Usage in sentences:

1. She's talking about buying an old castle in Ireland. It all sounds a bit **airy – fairy** to me.
2. You are talking of some **airy – fairy** concept which will never come in my lifetime.

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Class -9

Namby-pamby (adjective)

Meaning: lacking energy, strength, or courage

Origin: English (mid 18th century)

Synonym: weak, feeble

Antonym: strong, firm

Usage:

1. He was thought to be too **namby-pamby** by his friends.
2. Ruth Field was not **namby-pamby**, although she was far from being quarrelsome.

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Class -10

Word- Etymology

Meaning- the study of word histories

Origin- Middle English ethimologie, from Anglo- French.

Synonyms- linguistics, lexicostatics

Antonyms- credit, indirect discourse

Usage in sentences-

1. The **etymology** of the word Pali is uncertain.
2. No satisfactory **etymology** of the name has been suggested.
3. Popular **etymology** identified the symbol with the initial letter of centum, "hundred".

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Class -11

Vicissitude (noun)

Meaning: A change of circumstances or fortune typically one that is unwelcomed or unpleasant.

Origin: Early 17th century from French or from Latin vicissitude from vicissim 'by turns' from vic- turn, change.

Synonyms: change, transition, development.

Antonyms: stability, uniformity

Usage in sentences:

1. In 1893, after many **vicissitudes**, the Italian Socialist Labor Party was founded.
2. My **vicissitude** in college was tackling seven classes and a job.
3. Dealing with traffic is a **vicissitude** of city life.

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Word- Nihilism (noun)

Meaning: The rejection of all religious and moral principles, in the belief that life is meaningless.

Origin- Comes from Latin word 'nihil' or nothing

Synonyms- negativity, cynicism, pessimism

Antonyms- belief, faith, optimism, obedience

Sentences:

- 1) The rebels urged the people to grab hold of **nihilism** and remove all government officials from office.
- 2) In the 1970's the hippies embraced **nihilism** and ignored many of society's rules and laws.