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Class 5

Word: Lackey (Noun).

Meaning: A servant, especially a liveried footman or manservant; a person who is respectfully willing to obey or serve another person.

Origin: In early 16th Century from Middle French 'Laquais'.

Synonyms: Servant, Steward, Attendant, Footman, Houseboy

Antonyms: Master, Boss, Leader

Usage in a Sentence:

1. **Lackeys** are waiting to help them get into the carriage.
2. The **lackey** is helping his employer by carrying his luggage.

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Word: Colossus

Meaning- (i) an extremely large statue

(ii) a person or thing of enormous size, importance or ability

Origin- Late Middle English, via Latin from Greek word kolossos (applied by Herodotus to the statues of

Egyptian temples)

Synonyms- giant, behemoth, titan, jumbo, blockbuster

Antonyms- lightweight, wimp, wisp, weakling, dwarf

Usage in Sentences:

1. The Russian Empire was the **colossus** of European politics.
2. He became a **colossus** of the labour movement.
3. The building is a **colossus** of steel and glass.

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Class 7

Word: intricacy (noun)

Meaning- the quality of having a lot of complicated small parts or details.

Origin: First recorded in 1595–1605; intric (ate) + -acy

Synonyms- complexity, involvement, complication, elaborateness, obscurity, entanglement

Antonyms- plainness, simpleness, simplicity, simplification, homogeneity, uniformity

Usage in Sentences:

1. He taught individuals to read and understand the **intricacies** of planning law.
2. The price depends on the **intricacy** of the work.
3. Weather radar is a good safety device but not all pilots understand its **intricacies**.

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Class 8

Word – Grandiose

Meaning- seeming to be impressive but not really possible or practical.

Origin- French, from Italian grandioso, from grande great, from grandis

Synonyms- imperial, massive, royal, proud

Antonyms- humble, unimpressive

Usage in sentences-

1. He was full of **grandiose** ideas.
2. He's always producing **grandiose** plans that never work.
3. His **grandiose** manner impressed those who met him for the first time.

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Class 9

Stentorian (adjective)

Meaning: (of a person's voice) loud and powerful

Origin: The word comes from Greek mythology in the early 17th century. Stentor was a Greek herald in the Trojan war, mentioned in Homer's 'Illiad'; had a voice which was as loud as fifty men. So anyone with a stentorian voice has a voice like the mythic Stentor.

Synonym: roaring, deafening, thundering, blasting

Antonym: quiet, soft, low

Usage in sentence:

1. The teacher's **stentorian** voice was enough to keep even the drowsiest students awake.
2. When my father speaks in a **stentorian** voice, I know I am in trouble.

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Class – 10

Word – Astronomical

Meaning – (i) relating to astronomy.

(ii) (Of an amount) extremely large.

Origin – a mid 16th century word which originated from the greek word 'astronomia'.

Synonyms – celestial, enormous, tremendous, colossal, gigantic, massive.

Antonyms – insignificant, small.

Usage in sentences –

1. The odds against the coincidence were **astronomical**, until I considered the facts.
2. He also compiled **astronomical** tables and a treatise on the quadrant.

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Class 11

Word: Effulgence (adjective, verb)

Meaning:

1. Shining brightly
2. Looking very beautiful or full of goodness.

Origin: Derived from Latin verb Fulgere which means 'to shine'. Used by English speakers since 15th century.

Synonyms: beam, brighten, shine, glisten, spotlight, twinkle, brilliance

Antonyms: gloominess, obscurity, dullness, colourlessness, dimness

Usage in Sentence:

1. It seemed to me as if it filled the world with its **effulgence**.
2. The eagle, which goes up at noon-day to the sun, would be amazed in its **effulgence**.
3. Arjuna then saw the **effulgence** of light known as the brahmajyoti.

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Class 12

Word: Charlatan(noun)

Meaning: falsely claiming to have a special knowledge or skill

Origin: early century from Italian 'ciarlare' To Babble'.

Synonym: quack, fake, fraud

Antonym: ace, Maestro, expert

Usage in sentences:

1. The **charlatan** pretended to be a doctor but actually he was a compounder.
2. The **charlatan** try to deceive people into thinking that he was a Minister.