

Word of the week

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Class – 5

Respite

Meaning: A short period of rest or relief from something unpleasant.

Origin: From the Latin word 'Respectus'.

Synonyms: Rest, pause, interval, breather, relief.

Antonyms: Be active, Get functional.

Usage in a Sentence:

1. Finally we got **respite** from the long summer heat.
2. The Judge gave no **respite** to the murderer.

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Class- 6

saunter(verb, noun)

Meaning – verb: walk in a slow, relaxed manner

Noun: a leisurely stroll

Origin- late Middle English

The current sense dates from the mid 17 th century.

Synonyms – (v) gently, plot, dumb walking (n) amble, stroll, walk

Antonyms- speed, course, hasten, drive

Usage in sentences:

1. He **sauntered** by, looking very pleased with himself.
2. I took a little **saunter** through the town.
3. It was just an idle **saunter** in a lovely English lane.

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CLASS 7

Phantasmagoria

Meaning- a sequence of real or imaginary images like that seen in a dream

Origin- early 19th century (originally the name of a London exhibition (1802) of optical illusions produced chiefly by magic lantern): probably from French fantasmagorie, from fantasme 'phantasm' + a fanciful suffix.

Synonyms- fantasy, illusion, mirage, apparition

Antonyms- fact, reality, truth

Usage in Sentences:

1. He saw a **phantasmagoria** of shadowy creatures through the fog.
2. The art gallery was dedicated to the **phantasmagoria** of abstract and downright confusing paintings of a single artist today.

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CLASS – 8

Fraught

Meaning: 1. (of a situation or course of action) filled with or likely to result in (something undesirable).

2. causing or affected by anxiety or stress.

Origin: late middle English word ‘ laden, equipped’, past participle of obsolete fraught ‘load with cargo,’ from middle Dutch Vrachten, from Vracht ‘ ship’s cargo’.

Synonyms: charged, filled, replete, abounding, attended, bristling, laden, stuffed.

Antonyms: empty.

Usage in sentence

1. This ill – planned and hazardous enterprise was **fraught** with the elements of inevitable failure.
2. My council desire to represent that the methods now being adopted are **fraught** with grave public danger.

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Grade – 9

ESPOUSE

Meaning – adopt or support a cause, belief or a way of life

Origin – 1425 – 75; late Middle English; middle French espouser

Synonyms – embrace, favour, prefer, welcome, accept

Antonyms – reject, oppose, desert, refuse, forsake

Usage in sentence:

- 1) Emma had the grace to **espouse** the criticism and try to improve her performance.
- 2) I could not **espouse** some of the radical views of my friend.
- 3) Today's youngsters do not **espouse** the same value system that their parents followed.

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Class-10

Decimate (verb)

Meaning: to kill large number of animals, plants or people in a particular area.
To badly damage something or make something weaker

Origin: late Middle English, from Latin decimat

Synonym: kill, slaughter, annihilate, destroy, ruin

Antonym: protect, preserve, conserve, save, repair

Usage in sentence

1. Half of the population had been **decimated** by famine and war.
2. Population of endangered animals has been **decimated**.

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Class-11

Word: Sobriquet

Origin: 1640s, from middle French Soubriquet.

Meaning: a person's nickname

Synonyms: alias, byname, epithet, cognomen.

Antonyms: name, true name

Usage in Sentences

1. He was so handsome in person as to have earned the **sobriquet** of the "beauty of holiness".
2. His name was Alexander and he was soon to be given the **sobriquet** of "the Great".

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Class-12

Malapropism:(noun)

Meaning: the mistaken use of word in a place of similar sounding word.

Origin: mid 19th century from the name of the character Mrs. Malaprop in Sheridan's play 'the Rivals'(1775)

Synonym: slip of tongue, misusage

Antonym: No antonym

Usage in sentence:

1. Mrs **Malaprop** said" illiterate him quite from your memory".
2. She had made a **malapropism** until her opponent made a joke about her word use.
3. The comedian's act consists of him using one **malapropism** after another to make the audience laugh.