

Word of the Week:

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Class – V

Word: Puny (Adjective)

Meaning: Poor in quantity, amount or size; of less than normal size or small and weak.

Origin: The word originates from the old Anglo - French word 'Puisne', in Mid 16 th century

Synonyms: Small, undersized, frail, weak, delicate, unimportant, insignificant, petty, minor

Antonyms: Sturdy, robust, strong, significant

Usage in Sentence:

1 Amit gave a **puny** excuse for being late to the school.

2 There was a big dispute on a **puny** matter.

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Class- VI

Word- surfeit

Meaning-i) (Noun) an excessive amount of something

ii) (Verb) cause (someone) to desire no more of something as a result of having consumed or done it to excess.

Origin- Middle English: from Old French, based on Latin super- ‘above, in excess’ + facere ‘do’.

Synonyms- excess, surplus, abundance, superfluity, glut, deluge, satiety

Antonyms- lack, dearth, scarcity, insufficiency

Usage n Sentence:

i) There is a huge shortage of money and a vast **surfeit** of debt.

ii) **Surfeit** of emotion could bring out the compassionate in you.

iii) A **surfeit** of mushrooms led to the fall of its price.

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Grade- 7

Word- Paltry (adjective)

Meaning- very small or meagre

Origin- Mid 16 th century, 1560s probably an adjectival use of noun paltry

Synonym- small, insignificant, insufficient, trifling

Antonym- considerable, substantial

Usage in sentence:

1. Although investment is at record levels, it is still pretty paltry.
2. This may look a long period for so paltry a world.
3. The old record was a paltry 16minutes and 32 seconds set by a Swiss diver.

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Class: 8

Word: SKULKING (Noun.; verb)

Meaning: evading duty or work pretending to be incapacitated; avoid responsibilities and duties,

e.g., by pretending to be ill

Origin: Middle English: of Scandinavian origin; compare with Norwegian skulka 'lurk', and

Danish skulke, Swedish skolka 'shirk'.

Antonym: appear, issue, parade, show

Synonym: hide, sneak, cower, lurk, slink

Usage in sentence:

1. A man was skulking around outside.
2. On the walk home I saw Tim-Tom skulking in the shadows.
3. They developed a test to detect skulking.

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Class 9

Veracity (noun)

Meaning:

Quality of being true or correct, the habit of telling the truth

Origin: 1620s, from French Veracite (17c) from Medieval Latin Veracitas ‘truthfulness’;

Synonym:

Accuracy, truthfulness

Antonym:

Falsity

Usage in sentence

1. The teacher doubted the student’s veracity when he turned in a paper that had obviously been

written by someone else.

2. The police would not admit the evidence in the trial because he doubted the veracity of the

blood stains.

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Grade 10

Word: Vapid

Meaning: lacking significance or liveliness or spirit or zest.

Origin: Mid 17th century from the latin word Vapidus.

Synonym: common, commonplace, unexceptional, unsurprising, boring.

Antonym: Amazing, astonishing, awesome, fabulous.

Sentence:

1. To me, baseball is a vapid sport that quickly puts me to sleep.
2. The vapid entertainment did not hold the children's attention.

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Grade – 11

TIRADE

Meaning – a long angry speech criticizing somebody

Origin – early 19th century from French, literally ‘long speech’; from Italian tirata

Synonyms – diatribe, invective, rant, harangue, admonition

Antonyms – eulogy, rhapsody, tribute, acclaim, accolade

Usage in sentences – 1. She launched into a furious tirade about how she had been unfairly treated.

2. He launches into an inarticulate tirade against conventional people.

3. She gasped in excitement, not willing to pause in her tirade.

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Class 12

Diatribes (noun)

Meaning: A forceful and bitter verbal attack against someone or something.

Origin: late 16 century from French via Latin from Greek diatribe spending time, discourse.

Synonym: tirade, criticism, rebuke, abuse

Antonym: tribute, praise, blessing, ovation

Usage in sentence:

1. A diatribe against consumerism.
2. The man's diatribe brought shame and embarrassment to his family.