

Word of the week  
Grade 5  
Au revoir

10<sup>th</sup> August-16<sup>th</sup> August,2020

**Meaning-** goodbye until we meet again

**Origin-** late 17<sup>th</sup> century: from French, literally 'to the seeing again'.

**Synonyms-** goodbye, adieu, farewell, bon voyage

**Antonyms-** welcome, greetings, salutation

**Usage in Sentences:**

1. Before leaving for work, say **au revoir** to your father.
2. After the party, my friend bade **au revoir** to all of us.

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CLASS: 6

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WORD: Par excellence (**adjective**)

MEANING: to a degree of excellence

ORIGIN: French, literally by excellence

SYNONYMS: excellent, preeminent, quintessential, supreme

ANTONYMS: awful., pathetic, rotten, terrible, atrocious, poor

USAGE IN SENTENCES:

- (I) Television is the mass media **par excellence** and it is the one that most people look to.
- (II) He was that intellectual **par excellence**.
- (III) This is undoubtedly the cooking chocolate **par excellence**.

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CLASS: 7

**WORD: Al fresco**

**MEANING:** (especially with reference to eating) in the open air, eaten in the open air.

**ORIGIN:** Al fresco, 1753, Italian word, meaning "in the fresh (air)".

**SYNONYMS:** farther, out, exterior, outdoor

**ANTONYMS:** indoor, inside, internal, interior

**USAGE IN SENTENCES:**

(IV) It's perfect for **al fresco** dining or attending open air concerts.

(V) A slightly raised decking area is perfect for **al fresco** dining and gives sea glimpses through the houses to the bay below.

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Class 8

**De rigueur (adjective)**

Meaning: prescribed or required by fashion, etiquette or custom

Origin: mid 19<sup>th</sup> century French

Synonym: correct decent, nice

Antonym: improper, incorrect

Usage in sentence

1. Dark sunglasses are de rigueur these days.
2. Where I work, suits are de rigueur for all employees.

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Grade 9

**WORD: Magnum Opus**

MEANING: a work of art, music or literature that is regarded as the most important or best work that an artist, composer or writer has produced

ORIGIN: late 18<sup>th</sup> century from Latin, 'great work'

SYNONYMS: classic, masterpiece, masterwork

ANTONYMS: disaster, failure, flop, catastrophe

USAGE IN SENTENCES: 1) In the end, he returned to his village to look after his dying father, his magnum opus lying unfinished in a drawer.

2) His magnum opus received both critical and popular acclaim in the field of art and literature.

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Grade- 10

**Word- esprit de corps**

Meaning- A feeling of pride and mutual loyalty shared by the members of a group.

Origin- From French '**esprit de corps**' which literally means '**spirit of the body**'.

First recorded in 1770- 80.

Synonym- bonding, solidarity, fellowship

Antonyms- loneliness, seclusion, alienation, friendlessness.

Usage in sentence:

1. Social workers are definitely and only, state Employees, with a particular **esprit de corps**.
2. His leadership kept the team's **esprit de corps** intact during difficult periods.
3. The regiment had a strong **esprit de corps**.

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**GRADE: 11**

**WORD: Sang- froid**

**ORIGIN:** 1712, from French sang froid, which means 'cool blood'. (sang- blood& froid- blood).

**MEANING:** Coolness of mind, calmness, composure.

**SYNONYMS:** Equanimity, aplomb, composure, poise, self-assurance and self-possession.

**ANTONYMS:** Anxiety, anxiousness, disquiet, uneasiness discomposure and perturbation.

**USAGE IN SENTENCE:**

1. The surgeon knew he had to keep his **sangfroid** during the complicated surgery.
2. The professional gambler retained his **sangfroid** after losing a million-dollar hand.
3. The driver knew the only way to survive the shark attack was by maintaining his **sangfroid** and not panicking.

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**Grade12**

**Savior-faire(noun)**

**Meaning:** the ability to act or speak appropriately in social situations

**Origin:** literal translation from the French.

**Synonyms:** address, poise

**Antonyms:** awkwardness

**Use in sentences:**

1. I admire her sophistication and **savoir- faire**.
2. He handle the problem with his usual **savoir-faire**.