

Word of the week

21st September to 27th September, 2020

CLASS 5

Scoff

Meaning

1. To speak about something/ somebody in a way that shows you think it is ridiculous or inadequate.
2. To eat something greedily.

Origin- From Middle English *scof*

Synonyms- scorn, mock, ridicule

Antonyms- compliment, respect, salute

Usage in Sentences:

1. The rude little rich girl thought it was fun to **scoff** at the poor children.
2. You are not supposed to **scoff** at the rituals of any other religion.

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Grade- 6

Veto

Meaning- 1. (Noun)An official power or right to refuse to accept or allow something.

2. (Verb) To refuse to give official permission for an action or plan , when other people have agreed to it.

Origin- Early 17th century: from Latin, literally 'I forbid', used by Roman tribunes of the people when opposing measures of the senate.

Synonyms- disallow, abolish, ban, prohibit

Antonyms- approve, authorize, permission, sanction

Usage in sentence:

1. The president has the power of **veto** over any bill that comes across his desk.
2. The senate voted to override the president's **veto** of the proposed measure.
3. My parents put a **veto** on our watching television for more than two hours each evening.

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Class – 7

Word – Ministrations

Meaning – (i) the provision of assistance or care.

(ii) the services of a minister of a religion or of a religious Institution.

Origin – Late Middle English word: from Latin ministratio(n-), from ministrare meaning to ‘wait upon’.

Synonyms – attention, treatment, help, assistance, aid, care.

Antonyms – ignorance, heedlessness, disregard, negligence.

Usage in sentences:

1. Every Thursday, our home is made spotless again by the attention and **ministrations** of the cleaning lady.
2. The dedicated **ministrations** of the zookeepers allowed rescued animals to become stronger and eventually reintroduced to the wild.

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GRADE 8

Word: Mendacious (*adj.*)

Meaning: 1. telling lies, especially habitually; dishonest; lying; untruthful:

a mendacious person.

2. false or untrue: *a mendacious report.*

Origin: Early 17th century from Latin mendax, mendac- ‘lying’ (related to mendum ‘fault’) + -ious.

Synonyms: dishonest, lying, untruthful.

Antonyms: honest, truthful, veracious.

Usage in sentences: (I) Instead of giving me another mendacious story, just be honest for once.

(II) She gave us a mendacious report.

(III) The mendacious beggar told a different tale of woe at every house.

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Grade 9

Repudiate

Meaning- refuse to accept, reject, deny the truth

Origin- From Latin repudiatus, from repudio (cast off, reject),from repudium (divorce), 1540s.

Synonyms- contradict, refute, disclaim, disallow

Antonyms- accept, adopt, allow, admit

Usage in sentence:

1. The company will **repudiate** any claims of negligence.
2. If you want to stay sober, you need to **repudiate** all addictive substances.
3. Leaders urged people to turn out in large numbers to **repudiate** the violence.

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Std 10

UNCTUOUS

Meaning- excessively flattering or ingratiating, oily, not expressing true feelings; pretending to display true feelings

Origin- Middle English, from Middle French or Medieval Latin; Middle French unctueus, from Medieval Latin unctuosus, from Latin unctus act of anointing, from unguere to anoint. First Known Use of unctuous -14th century

Synonyms- humble, hypocritical, insincere, flattering, adulatory

Antonyms- blunt, no-nonsense

Use in sentences-

1. His impression of the president was **unctuous** and poorly done.
2. Nicky's **unctuous** demeanour got on everyone's nerves.
3. His **unctuous** hand gestures let everyone know he was upset about the encounter.
4. Because she resembles a famous movie star, my friend receives **unctuous** attention when we go out to dinner.
5. Harrison's **unctuous** behaviour made him seem as if he had spent every moment of his life in the theatre.

6. Because she wanted to borrow his car, Sarah gave her father **unctuous** praise.

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Grade 11

Comeuppance

Meaning – a punishment or fate that someone deserves

Origin – (1855 – 60), Americanism; from the phrase come up + -ance

Synonyms – correction, discipline, nemesis, penalty, punishment

Antonyms – amnesty, pardon, parole, exemption, release

Usage in sentence:

1) The pastor insisted that although some may not get their **comeuppance** in this life, justice will be served in the next.

2) It seemed to the victim that her attacker would never get the **comeuppance** he ought to have been given for his crime.

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Class : 12

Vituperative (adjective)

Meaning : Bitter and abusive

Origin : mid-15c., but rare before early 19c., from Latin *vituperationem*

Synonym: Insulting, offensive

Antonym: Uncritical

Use in Sentence :

1. We cannot be friends if you continue to attack me with **vituperative** words.

2. Some people really seem to enjoy hurting others by writing **vituperative** comments on the Internet.