

Grade 5

Squirm

Meaning- To move around in chair or to make twisting movements with the body usually when one is nervous, uncomfortable, etc.

Origin- The word was first recorded in late 17th century, uncertain origin. Perhaps imitative or related to worm (in the sense of writhing movement) or swarm.

Synonyms- twist, wriggle, writhe

Antonyms- straighten, sit still

Usage in Sentences:

1. The baby **squirmed** a lot when I tried to hold him.
2. The robber grabbed the man but he managed to **squirm** and free himself.

Grade- 6

Respite

Meaning- 1. (Noun)a short period of rest or relief from something difficult or unpleasant.
2. (Verb) postpone (a sentence, obligation, etc)

Origin- “**Respite**” traces from the Latin term respectus, which comes from a verb meaning, both

literally and figuratively, “to turn around to look at” or “to regard”. By the 14th century, we

had granted “respite” the sense we use most often today- “a welcome break”.

Synonyms- rest, break, intermission, delay, postponement.

Antonyms- turmoil, unrest, uproar, commotion

Usage in sentence:

1. The refugee encampments will provide some **respite** from the suffering.
2. The execution was only **respited** a few months.
3. Gardening is the perfect hobby for those who need **respite** from hectic city life

GRADE 7

Word: Mundane

Meaning: very ordinary and therefore not interesting:.

Origin: from French mondain, via Late Latin, from Latin mundus world

Synonyms: humdrum, dull, boring, tedious, monotonous, tiresome

Antonyms: exciting, exceptional, extraordinary, funny, unique, uncommon

Usage in sentences: (I) The most **mundane** things will keep me up all night.

(II) The restaurant should spice up their menu and replace the dull and **mundane** dishes.

(III) Going about his everyday routine, the man’s **mundane** schedule had him bored to tears.

Grade 8

Grotesque

Meaning- comical, ugly, distorted, unpleasant

Origin- From Italian word “ grottesca” and by 1561 it had mutated into English noun ‘ grotesque’

Synonyms – farcical, absurd, monstrous,deformed

Antonyms – pleasing, graceful, beautiful, normal

Usage in sentence:

1. Gothic churches are full of devils and **grotesque** figures .
2. His face has a **grotesque** appearance.
3. They tried to avoid looking at his **grotesque** face and his crippled body.

Word of the week

Grade 9

Hunky-dory

Meaning – fine, going well

Origin – archaic American word ‘hunk’ meaning safe taken from Dutch word ‘honk’ meaning goal or home in a game

Synonyms – agreeable, all right, fine, good, palatable

Antonyms – disagreeable, unsatisfactory, insufficient, weak, deplorable

Usage in sentence –

1. Everything was **hunky-dory** at the wedding with everyone watching the ceremony enthusiastically.
2. The weather was **hunky-dory** with the sun shining until dark clouds spread overhead.

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Word of the week

7th September – 14th September, 2020

Gung-ho

Meaning- Adj. very enthusiastic and dedicated

Origin- Gung ho /'gʌŋ'hoʊ/ is an English term, with the current meaning of "overly enthusiastic or energetic". It is thought to have originated from a catachresis of Chinese (pinyin: gōnghé; lit.: 'to work together'), acronym for Chinese Industrial Cooperatives

Synonyms- anxious, ardent, athirst, avid, crazy, desirous, eager, enthused, enthusiastic, excited

Antonyms- casual, incurious, nonchalant, unconcerned, uninterested, aloof, detached, disinterested

Usage in sentences-

1. Mr. Li was **gung ho** about his new job.
2. In the Communist-led liberated areas, **Gung Ho** was the only possible way to achieve production.
3. Why is everyone so **gung ho** to connect those two conditions?

GRADE: 11

WORD: PLENIPOTENTIARY

MEANING: a person, especially a diplomat, invested with full power of independent action on behalf of their government, typically in a foreign country.

ORIGIN: Mid 17TH century , from Medieval Latin

SYNONYMS: diplomat, representative, ambassador, emissary etc.

ANTONYMS: puppet, dependent, slave

USAGE IN A SENTENCE:

1. From 1805 until 1808, he was the minister **plenipotentiary** of the United States in Spain.
2. On 27th of September, Jay was appointed as minister **plenipotentiary** to negotiate a treaty between Spain and the United States.
3. In 1606, he was sent as **plenipotentiary** to a second congress, to convert the truce of 1658 into a permanent peace.

Class 12

Suzerainty (noun)

Meaning: a position of control by a sovereign or state over another state that is internally autonomous

Origin: Late 15 C, supremacy from Old French suserenete.

Synonym: authority, supremacy

Antonym: submission, surrender

Usage:

1. The dharma of a powerful king was to set up a **suzerainty**.
2. The central government can negotiate minimal compliance with its formal **suzerainty**.