

Word of the week

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GRADE 5

Iffy

Meaning- full of uncertainty, doubtful

Origin- In 1937, American English, from *if*+ *-y*

Synonyms- dicey, dubious, uncertain

Antonyms- sure, certain

Usage in Sentences:

1. The prospect for classes resuming next Wednesday seems **iffy**.
2. I was hoping to go to the beach today but it seems **iffy** because of the weather.

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Grade- 6

Cagey

Meaning- (adjective) not wanting to give information or to talk about something

Origin- early 20th century (originally US): of unknown origin.

Synonyms- secretive, guarded, tight-lipped, cautious, cunning, wily, shrewd

Antonyms- open, unconcealed, real, Frank, natural, straightforward

Usage in sentence:

1. He was too **cagey** for her to understand what he felt.
2. I assume his first name is Alistair, but except for splashing photos of himself around he's pretty **cagey** about his identify.

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Grade 7

Brickbat

Meaning- a fragment of brick used as a weapon, blunt criticism

Origin- mid 16c., piece of brick (half or less) used as a missile, from brick (n.) +bat (n. 1) in the sense “a lump, piece.” Figurative use, of comments, insults, etc., is from 1640s.

Synonyms- insult, sarcasm, put-down, indignity

Antonyms- compliment, peace, approval, praise

Usage in sentence:

1. The critics threw several **brickbats** at the singers.
2. The candidates resorted to hurling **brickbats** at one another.
3. The plan has drawn both **brickbats** and praise.

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GRADE 8

Word: Juggernaut (Noun)

Meaning: 1. A huge, powerful, and overwhelming force.

2. a very large lorry

3. a large item that is seen as unstoppable and can destroy anything in its way

Origin: The word juggernaut comes from the Hindi ‘Jagannath’ meaning ‘lord of the world’. The word is further derived from the Sanskrit ‘jagati’ meaning ‘he goes’ and ‘natha’ meaning ‘master’. The word juggernaut first appeared in Western writing around 1321 but didn’t become a common English word until the early 19th century.

Synonyms: power, force, steamroller, dominion,

Antonyms: nervousness, hesitance, small, powerless.

Usage in sentences:

1. With over a billion hits each day, Google is the **juggernaut** of search engines.
2. The invading country was a **juggernaut** that tolerated no resistance when it stormed through the small nation.

Std 9

Iconoclast

Meaning- 1: a person who attacks settled beliefs or institutions

2: a person who destroys religious images or opposes their veneration

Origin- Medieval Latin iconoclastes, from Middle Greek eikonoklastēs, literally, image destroyer, from Greek eikono- + klan to break

Synonyms- bohemian, deviant, free spirit, heretic, individualist, lone ranger,

Antonyms- conformer, conformist

Use in sentences-

1. Because Jared was an **iconoclast** and dared to question the company's mission, he was fired from his job.
2. The successful entrepreneur is an **iconoclast** who is not afraid to introduce something new to the market.
3. The church leader was deemed an **iconoclast** when he spoke out against his religion's views.
4. Out of the twelve jurors, there was only one **iconoclast** who thought the defendant was guilty.
5. While Greg is a follower and does what everyone else does, his twin brother Henry is an **iconoclast** who always makes his own rules.

Word of the week

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Class – 10

Word – Kerfuffle

Meaning – a disturbance or commotion typically caused by a dispute or conflict.

Origin – The root word for Kerfuffle is 'fuffle' was first used in

Scottish English, as early as the 16th century as a verb meaning 'to dishevel'.

Synonyms – blather, bluster, clatter.

Antonyms – order, calm, tranquility.

Usage in sentences:

1. Predictably, the royal scandal caused quite a **kerfuffle** on fleet street.
2. Her glasses were broken in **kerfuffle**.

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GRADE: 11

WORD: Luddite

ORIGIN: Early 19th Century

MEANING: One who is opposed to technological change. Any opponent of technological progress.

SYNONYMS: opponent, resister, antagonist and adversary

ANTONYMS: agonist and contestant

SENTENCE USAGE:

1. The **luddite** argued that the automation destroys jobs.
2. He has a cranky **luddite** streak, and he may be amplifying it for comic effect.
3. We are seeing nothing more than a **luddite** approach in dealing with some serious issues.

Grade 12

Oxymoron (noun)

Meaning: A figure of speech and a seemingly absurd or contradictory statement or proposition which when investigated may prove to be well founded or true

Origin: The term is first recorded as Latinized Greek oxymōrum, in Maurus Servius Honoratus (c. AD 400); it is derived from the Greek ὀξύς oksús "sharp, keen, pointed" and μωρός mōros "dull, stupid, foolish"; as it were, "sharp-dull", "keenly stupid", or "pointedly foolish".

Synonym: paradox, contradiction, absurdity.

Antonym: Oxygenius

Two words that support each other.

e.g, polluted city, bad storm, added bonus, armed gunman, final outcome, personal opinion, from since, true fact, unsolved mystery,

Use of examples of oxymoron in sentences:

1. There is a real **love hate** relationship developing between the two of them.
2. Suddenly the room filled with a **deafening silence**.
3. The comedian was **seriously funny**.