

Word of the week

14th December to 20th December 2020

Grade 5

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Grade- VII

WORD- SWAGGER

Meaning- 1. Walk or behave in a very confident and arrogant or self- important way.
(V)

2. A very confident and arrogant or self- important gait or manner. (N)

Origin- The word *swagger* is likely a form of the verb 'swag', an English verb from the 1500s meaning 'to lurch or sway'.

Synonyms- confidence, arrogance (N)

Parade, stride (V)

Antonyms- modest

Usage in sentence:

1. He has a natural antipathy to pomp, and **swagger** and fierce demeanor.
2. Look at his arrogant **swagger** as he whips his floppy hair across his brow.

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Class - VIII

Word: Sepulchral

Parts of speech: Adjective.

Origin: Early 17th century from French *sépulchral* or Latin *sepulchralis*, from *sepulcrum* (see *sepulchre*).

Meaning: Gloomy, dismal

Synonyms: melancholy, melancholic, sad, sorrowful, mournful, doleful, mirthless, cheerless, joyless, funereal

Antonyms: bright, cheerful, cheering, cheery, comforting, cordial, festive, friendly, gay, heartwarming, sunshiny

Sentences: 1. 'He's gone,' Rory whispered in *sepulchral* tone.

2. He made his way along the *sepulchral* corridors.
3. The decrepit mansion had a *sepulchral* tone that gave everyone a chill.

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Class 9

Stymie (verb)

Meaning:

To prevent something from happening or someone from achieving a purpose.

Origin: 1857, in golf, from stymie, a condition in which an opponent's ball blocks the hole.

Synonym: hamper, hinder, interfere

Antonym: assist, facilitate, help

Usage:

1. Progress on the project has been stymied by lack of money.
2. The investigation has been stymied by witnesses who refuse to cooperate.

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Grade 10

Umbrage

Meaning – offence or annoyance

Origin – 1400 – 50 late Middle English: from old French, from Latin umbra

Synonyms – chagrin, fury, grudge, wrath, rage

Antonyms – delight, calmness, glee, happiness, enjoyment

Usage in sentence:

- 1) She took umbrage at my remarks about her hair.
- 2) His address gave umbrage to the authorities.

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Word – Picaresque

Meaning – relating to an episodic style of fiction dealing with the adventures of a rough and dishonest but appealing hero.

Origin – Early 19th century word from French, from Spanish picaresco, from picaro 'rogue'.

Synonyms – incidental, occasional, disjointed, anecdotal

Antonyms – connected, lasting, regular

Usage in sentences:

1. This ingenious contrivance has furnished matter for many a pleasantry in picaresque tales and farces.
2. For this work he took as his model the picaresque romances of Spain, already to some extent known in Germany.

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CLASS: 12

WORD: Irrefutable

MEANING: Impossible to deny or disprove

ORIGIN: 1610s, from Late Latin irrefutabilis.

SYNONYMS: undeniable, unquestionable, indisputable etc.

ANTONYMS: deniable, refutable etc.

SENTENCE USAGE:

1. The pictures provide **irrefutable** evidence of the incident.
2. In the face of such **irrefutable** facts, he was struck dumb.
3. It is a profound thought and, I believe, an **irrefutable** one.