

Word of the week

23rd to 30th November 2020

Class 9

Enfant terrible (noun)

Meaning:

- a. A child whose inopportune remarks cause embarrassment
- b. A person known for shocking remarks or outrageous behaviour

Origin: 1851, French origin literally meaning terrible child.

Synonym: spoiled brat

Antonym: conformist

Usage:

1. She was an **enfant terrible** who didn't care what people thought.
2. Gainsbourg seems to have delighted in his role as a cultural **enfant terrible**.

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Class 5

ADIEU

Meaning- a goodbye

Origin- From Old French adieu

Antonyms- salutation, greeting, welcome

Synonyms- farewell, exit, au revoir

Sentences

1. She bid **adieu** to all her friends.
2. My mother said **adieu** to us before she headed out on her trip to Shimla.

Class - VI

Word: Au revoir

Parts of speech: Noun

Origin: Fr < au, to the + revoir, seeing again < L revidere, see again < re-, again + videre, see: see vision

Meaning: an expression of good wishes when someone leaves : GOODBYE — often used interjectionally

Synonyms: adieu, ave, bon voyage, farewell, good-bye.

Antonyms: greeting(s), salutation, salute, welcome, hello.

Sentences: 1. The noise of the street was so loud that the quieter **au revoirs** of her friends

went unheard

2. When departing for his business trip, Father bid the children **au revoir** and

promised to bring them gifts.

3. While studying French, Madeline learned that the term '**au revoir**' can mean

'until I see you again.'

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Class – 7

Word – Entree

Meaning – (i) The main course of meal

(ii) The right to enter or join a particular sphere or a group

Origin – Mid 17th century French word, feminine past participle of entrer 'enter'.

Synonyms – admission, access, admittance, accession

Antonyms – ejection, exclusion, exit, refusal

Usage in sentences:

1. Her wealth and reputation gave her **entrée** into upper – class circles.
2. She had an **entrée** into the city's cultivated society.

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Grade-8

Entente

Meaning – a friendly understanding between states or factions

Origin- Mid 19th century French entente (cordiale) friendly understanding

Synonyms – agreement, deal, settlement

Antonyms- disagreement, incompatibility, separation

Usage in sentence :

1. The two leaders signed a treaty of **entente** and cooperation.
2. France and Russia, established **entente** group.
3. The French **entente** with Great Britain had already been significantly extended.

GRADE 10

Fait accompli

Meaning – a thing that has already happened or been decided before those affected hear about it, leaving them with no option but to accept it

Origin – borrowed from 19th century French

Synonyms – accomplished fact, done deal, fact of life, truth, reality

Antonyms – stereotype, preconceived notion, inability

Usage in sentence:

- 1) We were presented a **fait accompli** against our will.
- 2) My landlord's decision to sell my rental property was a **fait accompli** that left me homeless.

Word of the week

Class 11

WORD: Dramatis personae

ORIGIN: mid 18th century from Latin

MEANING: The characters of a play, novel or narrative

ANTONYMS: catch, keeping, retention

SYNONYM: troupe, actors, players, parts, etc.

SENTENCE USAGE:

1. The number and variety of its **dramatis personae** give it the liveliest interest throughout.
2. The first thing to search for is the **dramatis personae** of a case.
3. He knew that employees can no longer be excluded from the **dramatis personae** on the stage of company law.

Word of the week

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Class XII

Word: **déjà vu**

Parts of speech: noun

Origin: early 20th century: French, literally 'already seen'.

Meaning: a feeling of having already experienced the present situation.

Synonym: memory, recall, recollection, nostalgia

Usage in sentence:

1. There was an awful feeling of **déjà vu** at the annual office party.
2. The movie invites comparison to numerous secular films and, more often than not, it suffers from the resulting **déjà vu**.