

**Word of the week**

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**Grade 5**

**UNDERDOG**

**Meaning-** a person or team who is weaker than others and not expected to be successful

**Origin-** In late 19<sup>th</sup> Century from the language of dogfights

**Synonyms-** dark horse, bottom dog

**Antonyms-** favourite, top dog

**Sentences**

1. People often feel sympathy for the underdog.
2. She took up the cause to pull up the underdog of the society.

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**Grade 6**

**SURMISE**

**Meaning-** A supposition that something may be true, even though there is no evidence to confirm it.

**Origin-** Late middle English ( in the senses 'formal allegation' and 'allege' formally'): from Anglo Norman French and Old French *surmise*, feminine past participle of *surmettre* 'accuse', from late Latin *supermittere* 'put in afterwards', from *super*- 'over' + *mittere* 'send'.

**Synonyms-** guess, suspect, infer, deduce

**Antonyms-** know, trust, proof, reality

**Usage in sentence:**

1. The police **surmise** that the robbers have fled the country.
2. His **surmise** was very hopeful.

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### Grade -7

#### Savant

Meaning – one who has considerable gift or skill for a particular discipline

Origin- From Latin 'sapere'(to be wise) by way of Middle French, where 'savant' is the present participle

of 'savoir'(to know)

Synonyms – expert, scholar, genius

Antonyms – amateur, ignorance, novice

Usage in sentence :

1. Since my aunt speaks over twenty languages, she is considered a verbal **savant**.
2. The chef is a culinary **savant** who has ten successful restaurants.
3. Although Jason is mildly retarded, he is also a chess **savant** who is considered to be one of the best players in the world.

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### Class 8

#### WORD: Whistle-blower

ORIGIN: 19<sup>th</sup> Century,

MEANING: a person who informs on a person or organization regarded as engaging in an unlawful or immoral activity.

SYNONYM: Spy, conspirator, impostor, informer, defector

ANTONYMS: loyalist, follower, patriot, chauvinist

SENTENCE USAGE:

1. The **whistleblower** sent an anonymous note to the governor to let him know that the town mayor was involved in illegal activities.

2. The **whistleblower** reported his employer to the state after he violated several overtime laws.
3. Many believe that second **whistleblower** could prove fatal to the government.

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**Class 9**

**Whodunit** (noun)

Meaning: a story or a play about a murder in which the identity of the murderer is not revealed until the end.

Origin: In 1930 by Daniel Gordon, a book reviewer.

Synonym: mystery

Antonym: known

Usage:

1. The movie is a combination of **whodunit** thriller and science fiction.
2. She mixes military adventures, political thriller, romance, and the **whodunit** in various proportions.

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**Std -10**

**Word-** Surreal

**Meaning:-** very strange; with images mixed together in a strange way like in a dream

**Part of Speech:-** Adjective

Origin- 1927, from French *surrealisme* (from *sur-* "beyond"+ *realisme-* "realism")

**Synonyms** - dreamlike, phantasmagoric, phantasmagorical, surrealistic

**Antonyms-** real, practical, possible.

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### Usage in Sentences:-

1. He studied the **surreal** imagery of the situation.
2. They all are **surreal**, unrhymed lyrics.
3. However, today I woke up unaided, in the middle of a rather **surreal** dream.
4. She heard the sound of the camera snapping pictures and began to think she'd entered some sort of **surreal** world.

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**Class 11**

### **Word- Soliloquy**

Meaning: an act of speaking one's thoughts aloud when by oneself or regardless of any hearers, especially by a character in a play

Origin: From Latin solus "alone" (see sole ( adj.)) + loqui "to speak"

Synonym: Monologue, Speech

Antonym: Dialogue

Usage in sentence:

1. His **soliloquy** was brought to an end by the appearance of a bell boy bearing a telegram.
2. His **soliloquy** was broken by the flitting of something from one tree to another, some distance ahead.

Grade 12

**Zeitgeist**

Meaning - ideas and beliefs of a particular time

Origin – mid 19<sup>th</sup> century from German philosophy

Synonyms – theory, philosophy, dogma, doctrine, culture

Antonyms- old fashioned, dull

Usage in sentence:

- 1) The fashion designer's new line takes us on a reflective journey through the **zeitgeist** of the 1930s.
- 2) The classic book about slavery depicts the **zeitgeist** of an era in which men felt entitled to own other men as property.