

Word of the week

18th to 24th January, 2021

Grade V

OODLES

Meaning:- a very great number or amount of something

Origin: in 1866, from American English

Synonyms: plenty, heaps, abundance

Antonyms: shortage, deficit, insufficiency

Usage in sentence :

1. She inherited oodles of money from her uncle.
2. This recipe calls for oodles of melted chocolate.

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Class VI

Word – Hat - Trick

Meaning:- three points, goals, etc. scored by one player in the same game; three successes achieved by one person.

Origin – The term first appeared in 1858 in cricket, to describe H.H. Stephenson taking three wickets with three consecutive deliveries.

Synonyms – three wins, three goals

Antonyms – fall back, dissuade

Usage in sentences:

1. I sat there hoping he wouldn't score a hat – trick.
2. He should complete a hat – trick of wins.

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Grade VII

Airy-fairy (Adjective)

Meaning:- impractical , unrealistic, vague

Origin- coined by Alfred Lord Tennyson in 1830 in his poem Lilian

Synonyms – fanciful, insubstantial

Antonyms – substantial, concrete, firm

Usage in sentence :

1. The scheme seems a bit **airy-fairy** to me.
2. He was supposed to give us advice, but all he came up with were **airy-fairy** ideas.
3. She is talking about selling her house and buying an old castle . It all seems a bit **airy-fairy** to me.

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GRADE VIII

WORD: Willy-nilly (Adverb)

MEANING: 1. By compulsion: without choice

2. in a haphazard or spontaneous manner

ORIGIN: First used in 1608 in the meaning defined at sense1.

SYNONYMS: aimlessly, anyway, randomly, helter-skelter, irregularly etc.

ANTONYMS: methodically, systematically

SENTENCE USAGE:

1. She was forced **willy-nilly** to accept the company's proposals.
2. Don't use your credit card **willy-nilly**.
3. Its entire cargo of milk splashed out of the tank cars **willy-nilly** and mixed the ill-puddles on the rain-sodden ground.

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Class IX

Crescendo (noun)

Meaning: A slow steady increase in noise

Origin: late 18th century Italian, present participle of *crescere* 'to increase', from Latin *crescere* 'grow'.

Synonym: Apex, upsurge, escalation

Antonym: decline , base.

Usage:

1. The shrieks of laughter rose to a crescendo .
2. There was a tremendous crescendo of noise.

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Grade XI

Mnemonic

Meaning:- a system such as a pattern of letters, ideas, or associations which assists in remembering something

Origin: 1660–70; <Greek *mnēmonikós* of, relating to memory, equivalent to *mnēmon-* (stem of *mnēmōn*) mindful + *-ikos-ic*

Synonyms: evocative, nostalgic, recollective, remindful, implicative

Antonyms: forgetful, oblivious

Usage in sentence:

- 1) Our Maths professor taught us a simple **mnemonic** for remembering how to complete the equation.
- 2) She had a difficult time remembering names , so she made up **mnemonics** based on facial features.