

Word of the week

25th to 31stJanuary, 2021

Class V

FRUGAL

Meaning:

1. Using only as much money or food as it is necessary
2. (used about meals)small, simple and not costing very much

Origin: mid 16th century

Synonyms: thrifty, prudent

Antonyms: wasteful, prodigal

Usage in sentence :

1. They lived a very **frugal** life avoiding all luxuries.
2. He taught his children to be **frugal** and hard-working.

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Class VI

LACKADAISICAL

Meaning- Lacking enthusiasm and determination; carelessly lazy

Origin- It is of English origin. Lackaday was a shortened form of the expression "alack the day". In the mid-1700s, **lackadaisical** was coined through addition of the suffix- ical.

Synonyms- spiritless, languid

Antonyms- ambitious, energetic, motivated

Usage in sentence:

1. His teachers did not approve of his **lackadaisical** approach to homework.
2. I could hear the sound of the janitor's **lackadaisical** scrubbing against the wooden floor.

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Class VII

Innocuous (Adjective)

Meaning:

1: producing no injury: HARMLESS

2: not likely to give offense or to arouse strong feelings

Origin: from Latin innocuus harmless, nocēre to harm

Synonyms: anodyne, benign, harmless, innocent, inoffensive, safe

Antonyms: adverse, bad, baleful, baneful, dangerous, deleterious, detrimental, evil, harmful, hurtful

Usage in sentences:

- (I) Some mushrooms look **innocuous** but are in fact poisonous.
- (II) She would play a shot that seemed **innocuous**.
- (III) It all sounds fairly **innocuous**.

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Class VIII

Exonerate

Meaning –release someone from a duty or obligation, remove burden

Origin- derives by Middle English from the past participle of the Latin verb 'exonerare', by combining

the prefix 'ex' with 'onus'.

Synonyms –exempt, absolve, dismiss

Antonyms –charge, engage, burden

Usage in sentence:

1. I cannot **exonerate** her, but she is at least sorry for her conduct.
2. The report **exonerated** crew from all responsibility for the collision.
3. The arrogant suspect thought he could easily **exonerate** himself during his testimony.

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Class IX

Meaning- someone who tries to persuade people to become Christian

Origin- Middle English: from Old French *évangéliste*, via ecclesiastical Latin from ecclesiastical Greek *euangelistēs*, from *euangelizesthai* 'evangelize'.

Synonym- Advocate, promoter, supporter, ideologue

Antonym- denouncer, antagonist

Usage in sentences –

1. The **evangelist** is conscious of this aim.
2. Sounds of praise and agreement filled the sanctuary as the **evangelist** preached to the congregation.
3. Cold air caught the revival goers by surprise, but did not stop them from listening to the **evangelist** speak.
4. Before the **evangelist** could begin his sermon, the Holy Spirit fell on the tent full of gatherers.
5. Delivering a prophetic word to the sceptical crowd proved difficult for the travelling **evangelist**.

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Class XI

Conundrum (noun)

Meaning: a confusing and difficult problem or question

Origin: late 16th century: of unknown origin, but first recorded in a work by Thomas Nashe, as a term of abuse for a crank or pedant, later coming to denote a whim or fancy, also a pun. Current senses date from the late 17th century.

Synonyms: problem, difficulty

Antonyms: clarification, solution

Usage in sentence:

1. This mathematical question of course, puts you in something of a **conundrum**.
2. There's an advertisement on TV in which a child is posed the **conundrum**, 'Do you love Daddy more, or chips?'