

Word of the week

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Class V

Crack of Dawn

Meaning- a time very early in the morning

Origin: in late 1800s

Synonyms: dawn , aurora

Antonyms: dusk , eve

Usage in sentence :

1. We are leaving this place at the **crack of dawn** tomorrow.
2. She got up at the **crack of dawn** today and started working on her project

Class VI

Get cracking

Meaning : to start doing something quickly

Origin: came into U.S English from the UK during the 1940s

Synonyms : be quick , hurry up, go fast

Antonyms : retreat , halt, stay

Usage in sentence :

1. I better **get cracking** for my interview.
2. I feel sorry that I did not **get cracking** when there was time.
3. The laundry man better **get cracking** with our clothes else we will miss the event.

Class VII

Domino effect

Parts of speech: Noun

Meaning: a situation in which one event causes a series of similar events to happen one after another

Synonyms: causal sequence, cause and effect, chain of events, result, consequence, outcome, effect

Antonyms: beginning, inconsequence, insignificance

Sentences:

1. Employers fear a ***domino effect*** if the strike is successful.
2. Japan's huge debt will have a ***domino effect***, and gradually spread throughout the world.
3. The scandal caused a ***domino effect***. Many banks are under investigation now.

Class VIII

Bury the hatchet

Meaning: End a quarrel or conflict and become friendly

Origin: Research into these words reveals that it did originate as an American Indian tradition. Hatchets were buried by the chiefs of tribes when they came to a peace agreement. This phrase is recorded from the 17th century in English, but the practice it refers to is much earlier.

Synonyms: bear no malice, forget, forgive

Antonyms: fight, argue

Usage in sentence:

1. They need to calm down and **bury the hatchet** before someone gets hurt.

2. The two neighboring countries have often been advised by the world bodies to **bury the hatchet** for their own progress.

3. Whatever the politics involved, the Baggies chairman should have found a way to **bury the hatchet** with Gary Megson.

Class IX

Go ballistic (idiom)

Meaning:

- a. To suddenly become very angry
- b. To become very excited

Origin: This expression originally referred to a guided missile that went out of control. It began to be used to describe human anger in the 1980s and quickly caught it.

Synonym: blow up, flip out, crack up

Antonym: calm down, simmer down

Usage:

1. My father **went ballistic** to see dent in his car.
2. If mother finds out I have been bunking classes, she'll **go ballistic**.
3. The crowd was **going ballistic** as the runner took lead.

Class XI

Wax Eloquent

MEANING: to say a lot about something, to talk a lot in a way that expresses emotion or enthusiasm

SYNONYMS: persuasive, expressive, well-spoken, etc.

ANTONYMS: NA

USAGE IN A SENTENCE:

1. Perry never passed up a chance to **wax eloquent** at a banquet.
2. There are also empty flatterers who **wax eloquent** about anything and everything.
3. I could **wax eloquent** on the many merits of this book.