

Class 5

Wannabe

Meaning- a person who tries to be like someone else or to fit in with a particular group of people.

Origin- During 1970s, representing a pronunciation of want to be.

Synonyms- imitator, follower

Antonyms- passionless, uninterested

Usage in Sentences:

1. The club is frequented by wannabe actresses and film directors.
2. The audience was full of Madonna **wannabes**.

Class 6

Sylvan

Meaning- Residing in a forest or wood.

Origin- Mid 16th century, Latin

Synonyms- rustic, inelegant, idyllic

Antonyms- barren, city-like, elegant

Usage in sentence:

1. The Green home has a lovely **sylvan** setting with a wood at the end of the garden.
2. The darkness of natural as well as of **sylvan** dusk gathered over me.
3. The tourists are sitting on a **sylvan** glade.

Word of the week

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Class 7

Temerity

Meaning: extremely confident behaviour that shows a lack of respect and is considered rude.

Origin: late Middle English

Synonyms: Daring, overconfidence, rudeness

Antonyms: Politeness, care, manner, modesty

Usage in sentences:

1. He had the **temerity** to ask for higher wages after only a day's work.
2. He had the **temerity** to call me a liar.
3. He actually had the **temerity** to tell her to lose weight.

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Class 8

Volte-face

Meaning: 1. An act of turning round so as to face in the opposite direction.

2. An abrupt and complete reversal of attitude, opinion or position.

Origin: Early 19th century, French

Synonym: U-turn, switch, turnabout

Antonym: Approval, validation, enactment

Usage in Sentences:

1. After learning that I wrongly accused someone, I did a **volte-face** and was now friends with this person.
2. A dramatic **volte-face** is all that this play needed, now it is perfect!

Class 9

Ponderance

Meaning - weight, heaviness

Origin – From Latin ‘ponderans’

Synonyms – gravity, seriousness, significance.

Antonyms - inferiority, weakness, subservience.

Usage in sentences:

1. The Southern Athabaskan languages are ‘verb-heavy ‘, they have a great **ponderance** of verbs but relatively few nouns.
2. There was a surprising **preponderance** of young people at the political conference.

Class 10

Prodigy

Meaning : a person, especially a child, of unusual or marvellous talents

Origin: From 16th century, Latin

Synonyms: genius, mastermind, wonder child.

Antonyms: follower, unworthy

Usage in sentence:

1. The 16-year-old tennis prodigy is the youngest player ever to reach the Olympic finals.
2. He read in the paper about a mathematical prodigy who was attending university at the age of twelve.

Class 11

Plenipotentiary

Meaning: a diplomatic agent, invested with full power or authority to transact business on behalf of another.

Origin: From 1650s, French and Latin

Synonyms: Ambassador, diplomat, emissary, minister

Antonyms: N/A

Usage in Sentence:

1. His powers as joint **plenipotentiary** having ceased, he was now simply the naval officer.
2. My confidence in our minister **plenipotentiary** in London continues undiminished.

Class 12

Suzerainty

Meaning: the right of a country to partly control another.

Origin: From 19th Century, French

Synonyms: commonwealth, crown, dynasty, empire, etc.

Antonyms: rule

Usage in Sentence:

1. The British by trick put Chitral under the **suzerainty** of Kashmir.
2. Constantin continued to rule under the **suzerainty** of Zamorin of Calicut.