

Word of the week

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Gnome

Meaning- A legendary dwarfish creature supposed to guard the earth's treasures underground.

Origin- From mid 17th century, Latin

Synonyms- dwarf, elf, faerie.

Antonyms- foolishness, absurdity.

Sentences:

1. Your guide is a small invisible **gnome** called Gordon.
2. They were like little **gnomes** working away in my heart.

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Meagre

Meaning- very small or not enough

Origin – From 14th century, Latin & French

Synonyms- scarce, deficient, insufficient

Antonyms – abundant, ample, plentiful

Usage in sentences -

1. Her **meagre** salary is not enough to pay her living expenses.
2. The prisoners existed on a **meagre** diet of rice and fish.

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Word : Impasse

Meaning: A situation in which progress is impossible because the people involved cannot agree.

Origin: From mid 19th century, French

Synonyms: deadlock, standstill, dead end, standoff

Antonyms: advance, continuation, motion, progress

Usage in Sentences:

1. The deal resolved an **impasse** over welfare reforms.
2. The company says it has reached an **impasse** in negotiations with the union.

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Flabbergast

Meaning:- Greatly surprised or astonished

Origin:- Late 18th century; of unknown origin

Synonyms:- amaze, startle, shock.

Antonyms:- bore, calm, explain.

Usage in sentence :

1. He was too **flabbergasted** to speak.
2. Joe was **flabbergast** when we told him how cheap it was.

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Impeccable

Meaning – In accordance with the highest standards; faultless

Origin – From mid16th century, Latin

Synonyms – flawless, unblemished

Antonyms – imperfect, fallible

Usage in sentence -

1. She had an **impeccable** reputation.
2. The furnishings and paintings had been chosen with **impeccable** taste.

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Idiosyncrasy

Meaning : a mode of behaviour or way of thought peculiar to an individual.

Origin : From 18th century Greek

Synonyms : peculiarity, distinctiveness

Antonyms : similarity, normality ,

Usage in sentence :

1. The little boy had an **idiosyncrasy** which made him believe he could talk to animals.
2. The house's colorful **idiosyncrasy** made it stand out in the neighborhood of white houses.

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Cataclysm

Meaning : an event that causes a lot of destruction; a sudden violent change

Origin : From early 17th century Greek, Latin & French

Synonyms : deluge; catastrophe; disaster

Antonyms : blessing; boon; good luck

Usage in sentence :

1. It was a problem to solve, but it was no **cataclysm**.
2. A comet slamming into the planet or some galactic **cataclysm** could wipe us all out.

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Casuistry

Meaning: The use of clever but unsound reasoning, especially in relation to moral questions

Origin: From early 17th century Latin

Synonyms: sophistry, fudging, equivocation, fallacy

Antonyms: reason, conscience and commonsense

Sentence usage:

1. The salesman used **casuistry** in an attempt to convince me he had the best deal in the town.
2. The judge warned the lawyer about using **casuistry** to mislead the jury.
3. One result of this was a marked development and systematization of **casuistry**.