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Std V

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Top-notch (Adjective)

Meaning- excellent ; of the highest quality or standard

Origin- Late 18th / early 19th century

Synonyms- superior , top-level

Antonyms- inferior, low-grade

Usage in sentence:-

1. She is a **top-notch** badminton player.
2. The choir's performance was absolutely **top-notch**; they have never sung better.

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Tirade (noun)

Meaning- a long, angry speech expressing disapproval

Origin- early 19th century: from French, literally 'long speech', from Italian *tirata* 'volley', from *tirare* 'to pull'.

Synonyms- outburst, blame, abuse, defamation

Antonyms – peace, harmony, praise, compliment

Usage in Sentences-

1. He went into a **tirade** about the failures of the government.
2. Shortly after the **tirade**, O'Donnell left the show.

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Vaudeville (noun)

Meaning - A type of entertainment popular chiefly in the US in the early 20th century, featuring a mixture of speciality acts such as burlesque comedy and song and dance

Origin - mid 18th century: from French, earlier vac de vile (or vire), said to be a name given originally to songs composed by Olivier Baseline, a 15th-century fuller born in Vau de Vire in Normandy.

Synonyms- entertainment , cabaret , skit

Antonyms – antitype, varied , homogeneity

Usage in Sentences -

1. She became a big star in **vaudeville**.
2. The **vaudeville** show contained a variety of entertainers including a cowboy comedian and Latin dancer.

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Time-honoured (adjective)

Meaning- a custom or tradition respected or valued because it has existed for a long time

Origin- first recorded in 1885

Synonyms- long established, traditional, customary, old

Antonyms-uncommon, unusual, different

Sentences-

1. They showed their approval in the **time-honoured** way.
2. The winner got a bottle of barbecue sauce and that most **time-honoured** reward of childhood, a gold star.

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Stiff upper lip

MEANING: a steady and determined attitude or manner in the face of trouble

ORIGIN: The idea of the stiff upper lip is traced back to **Ancient Greece** – to the Spartans, whose cult of discipline and self-sacrifice was a source of inspiration to the English public school system; and to the Stoics.

SYNONYMS: confident, easygoing, Levelheaded, Poised, composed

ANTONYMS: irritable, jittery, excitable, touchy, nervous, agitated

USAGE IN SENTENCES:

1. It is hard to keep **a stiff upper lip** when everything is simply falling apart.
2. Despite of all the hardships he faced, Ananya always kept **a stiff upper lip** and didn't let anything bother him.

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Strait laced

Meaning – having or showing very strict moral attitudes

Origin – early 15th century, of stays or bodices, “made close and tight;”.

Figurative senses of “over-precise, prudish, strict in manners or morals” is from 1550s.

Synonyms- old-fashioned, conservative, prudish

Antonyms – permissive, broad-minded

Usage in Sentences -

1. He was criticised for being boring, **strait-laced** and narrow minded.
2. Our unconventional behaviour most often shock some of our more **strait laced** friends.

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Umbrage (Noun)

Meaning – a feeling of anger caused by being offended

Origin – From Middle French ombrage (“umbrage”),[1] from Old French ombrage, from Latin umbrāticus (“in the shade”), from umbra (“shadow, shade”).

Synonyms – annoyance, displeasure, anger, offense

Antonyms - calmness, enjoyment, cheer, comfort

Usage in sentences:

1. If my freedom of speech was taken away, I'd take **umbrage** to that.
2. The defendant took **umbrage** for being called a liar by the judge.

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VASSAL

Meaning – in medieval Europe, a man who agreed to fight for a king or lord (= rich and powerful land owner) when needed, in exchange for land to live on

origin – From Old French vassal, from Medieval Latin *vassallus* (“manservant, domestic, retainer”), from Latin *vassus* (“servant”), from Gaulish *wassos* (“young man, squire”), from Proto-Celtic *wastos* (“servant”) (compare Old Irish *foss* and Welsh *gwas*).

synonym – liege, serf, vavasour

Usage in sentence –

1. The feudal king was primus inter pares among his vassals, yet he was always much more.
2. The capability of the vassals to fight and rebel provides an incentive for rulers to respect their rights.