

Word of the week
Grade V

31st October to 6th November 2022

Despot (Noun)

Meaning- a leader with great power, especially one who uses it in a cruel way

Origin- mid 16th century: from French despot, via medieval Latin from Greek despotes “ master, absolute ruler”

Synonyms- autocrat, tyrant

Antonyms- democrat, follower

Usage in sentence:

1- The king was regarded as a **despot**.

2- He was a successful basketball coach, but many people regarded him as a petty **despot** .

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Grade VI

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Agape (adjective)

Meaning- wide open mouth in surprise

Origin- mid 17th century ,English

Synonyms- open ,awestruck, shocked, astonished

Antonyms- unaffected, calm, indifferent

Usage in Sentence:

1. Children and adults alike watched with jaws **agape**.

2. Her mouth was **agape** again, as it had been when he told her he was expelled.

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Grade VII

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Demure (Adjective)

MEANING: (used especially about a girl or young woman) shy, quiet and polite

ORIGIN: late Middle English (in the sense 'sober, serious, reserved'): perhaps from Old French demoure, past participle of demourer 'remain' (see [demur](#)); influenced by Old French mur 'grave', from Latin maturus 'ripe or mature'. The sense 'reserved, shy' dates from the late 17th century.

SYNONYMS: modest, meek, reserved, mild, unassuming, quiet

ANTONYMS: bold, brave, outgoing, extrovert, strong

USAGE IN SENTENCES:

1. She's very **demure** and sweet.
2. My sister is too outgoing for anyone to ever accuse her of being **demure**.
3. The **demure** maid kept her eyes down and rarely spoke.

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Grade VIII

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AFFABLE (Adjective)

Meaning- pleasant, friendly and easy to talk to

Origin- late Middle English: via Old French from Latin affabilis, from the verb affari, from ad- 'to' + fari 'speak'.

Synonyms- genial, amiable, genial, good-natured

Antonyms- irritable, discourteous, hateful

Usage in Sentences:

1. People enjoy eating at that restaurant because all the waiters are so **affable**.
2. The **affable** manager helped to ease the frustrations of the disappointed customer.

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Grade IX

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Hygge

Meaning – the quality of being warm and comfortable that gives a feeling of happiness

Origin – The word hygge comes from a Danish word meaning “to give courage, comfort, joy”. It first appeared in Danish writing in the 19th century and has since evolved into the cultural idea known in Denmark and Norway today.

Synonyms – comfortable, warm, cosy

Antonyms – uncomfortable, troubling

Usage in sentences:

1. Winter is the most **hygge** time of year.
2. The room, with its warm lighting and unfinished birch tables, oozed **hygge**.
3. A family might have a **hygge** evening that entails board games and treats, or friends might get together for a casual dinner with dimmed lighting, good food and easygoing fun.

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GRADE X

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Wabi Sabi (Noun)

Meaning – a Japanese aesthetic concept that finds beauty and serenity in objects, landscapes, designs that are simple, imperfect and impermanent

Origin – with roots in Chinese Zen Buddhism from the 16th century

Synonym – rustic

Antonym – monumental

Usage in sentences –

1. I thought of the Japanese concept of **wabi-sabi**; of finding the perfect in the imperfect.
2. **Wabi-sabi** is an effect of cherished achievement in the spontaneous and light heartedness.

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GRADE XI

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KonMari

Meaning – *KonMari* is the lifestyle brand of tidying consultant and Netflix star Marie Kondo. The *KonMari Method* is also the name of the organizing system she popularized.

Origin – Marie Kondo, a Japanese woman obsessed with eliminating clutter, began her consulting business at the age of 19. *KonMari* is a play on her own name, with *Kon*– from her surname and *-Mari* from her first name.

She introduced her trademarked *KonMari Method* in her 2015 book *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*. It is system for paring down possessions (getting rid of things don't “spark joy”), folding clothes, and organizing belongings.

synonym – catalogued, organized, systematic, decluttered

antonym – bedraggled, tousled, disheveled

Usage in sentence –

1. The **KonMari** method calls for a ‘systematic decluttering’ of everything you own.
2. A few days ago I decided to take the plunge and **KonMari**ed my clothes.

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GRADE XII

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Lagom (Noun)

Meaning- not too little or too much; just the right amount

Origin- Swedish, early 19th century

Synonyms- in moderation, in balance, just enough, ideal, suitable

Antonyms- unsuitable, inappropriate

Usage in sentences-

1. My resolution for next year is to slow down and embrace the principle of **lagom**.
2. Renee is a model of **lagom** — I've never seen her the slightest bit perturbed.