

Word of the week
Std-V

28th November - 4th December

Hare-brained (Adjective)

Meaning- foolish

Origin- The 16th century harebrained came from the earlier harebrain, "giddy or reckless person," from the common impression of a rabbit or a hare as being nervous and skittish.

Synonyms- careless, empty headed

Antonyms- intelligent, thoughtful

Usage in sentence

1. Jumping into the icy water was a **hare- brained** idea.
2. Money cannot be made by **hare- brained** schemes and gambling.

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Gaffe (noun)

Meaning- a mistake that a person makes in social and public situation

Origin - early 20th century: from French, literally 'boathook' used colloquially to mean 'blunder'

Synonyms- blunder, mistake, error

Antonyms- gesture, attention, courtesy

Usage in Sentences-

1. His failure to ask his teacher's advice was a major gaffe.
2. We must get away from treating every issue as a gaffe, a split or a personality clash.

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Std VII

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Word – Gargantuan(adjective)

Meaning – very large in size or amount

Origin – late 16th century, from Gargantua, the name of a voracious giant in Rabelais' book of the same name

Synonyms – enormous, massive, huge

Antonyms – minute, ordinary

Usage in sentences:

1. It took five men to move the **gargantuan** bed frame into the house.
2. He has a **gargantuan** appetite.

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Std. VIII

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Word– Halcyon

Meaning- denoting a period of time in the past that was idyllically happy and peaceful

Origin – The English adjective halcyon “calm; peaceful; tranquil” is rooted in ancient Greek—and classical mythology. Halcyon ultimately derives via Latin alcyōn from Greek alkyōn “kingfisher.”

Synonyms – serene, calm, pleasant

Antonyms – Stormy, troubled

Usage in sentences:

1. He yearned for the **halcyon** days of his childhood.
2. The isolated cabin is sure to provide me with a **halcyon** escape from the noise of the crowded city.

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Holier-than-thou

Meaning – showing that you think you are morally better than other people

Origin – From Isaiah 65:5 in the Bible (King James version) “Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou”, from Biblical Hebrew.

Synonyms – self-righteous, judgmental

Antonyms – amiss, deficient

Usage in sentences:

1. He is unpopular because of his **holier- than-thou** attitude.
2. I can't stand his **holier-than-thou** attitude.

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Std. X

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Word- Rabble- rouser (Noun)

Meaning- a person who speaks with the intention of inflaming the emotions of a crowd of people

Origin- It's a nineteenth century phrase that combines rouse, or "stir up," with rabble, which originally meant "a pack of animals," and later came to also mean "an unruly mob of people."

Synonyms- agitator, trouble maker

Antonyms- careful, cautious, balanced

Usage in Sentences:

1. Some political groups use a **rabble-rouser** to stir up the crowd before the main speaker comes on.
2. The woman was said to be a **rabble-rouser** because she shared her revolutionary ideas on campus.

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Word – Devil’s Advocate (Noun)

Meaning – a person who expresses a contentious opinion in order to provoke debate or test the strength of the opposing arguments

Origin – Pope Leo X (early 15th century) introduced the term in Latin, but Sixtus V formally established the office in 1587

Synonym – apologist, pleader, defender, mediator

Antonym – opponent, antagonist, assailant, protestor

Usage in sentences –

1. He offered to play the **devil’s advocate** and argue against our case so that we could find out any flaws in it.
2. The schoolmaster often played the **devil’s advocate** with his students so that they could have an interesting discussion and look at the viewpoints of others.

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Std. XII

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Rapprochement

(Noun)

Meaning – (especially in international affairs) an establishment or resumption of harmonious relations.

Origin- French, from rapprocher, from re- (expressing intensive force) + approcher ‘to approach’.

Synonym – reconciliation, agreement

Antonym – falling-out , quarrel , antagonism

Usage in sentence –

1. Officials hope that these talks will lead to **rapprochement** with the rebels.
2. The possibility of **rapprochement** between the two countries seems unlikely.