

Word of the week
Grade V

31st Jan to 6th Feb

Parry (Verb)

Meaning- to protect yourself from somebody who is attacking you by pushing their arm, weapon, etc. to one side ; to avoid replying to a difficult question, criticism etc. especially by answering back in the same way

Origin-late 17th century: probably representing French *parez!* 'ward off!', imperative of parer, from Italian parare 'ward off'.

Synonyms- avoid, block

Antonyms- allow, attract

Usage in sentence:-

1. She cleverly **parried** the reporters' questions.
2. The boxer put up his fists to parry his opponent's punch

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Addle (verb)

Meaning- to confuse

Origin- Addle derives from Old English *adel*, *adela* ("mud, mire, liquid manure")

Synonyms- puzzle, distracted, bewildered

Antonyms- explain, clarify, explain

Usage in Sentences-

1. It's a dangerous poison that's strong enough to **addle** the brain.
2. My brain grew more and more **addle** as I made my way through the tax instructions.

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Leitmotif (noun)

Meaning -A recurrent theme throughout a musical or literary composition, associated with a particular person, idea, or situation.

Origin - late 19th century: from German Leitmotiv, from leit- 'leading' (from leiten 'to lead') + Motiv 'motive'.

Synonyms - melodic line, melodic phrase, melody, strain, tune

Antonyms- inactivity

Usage in Sentences-

1. There are two **leitmotifs** in his score marking, the heroine and her Fairy Godmother.
2. The title of one of Dietrich's best-known songs could serve as the **leitmotif** for her life.

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Parochial (Adjective)

Meaning- only concerned with small issues that happen in your local area and not interested in more important things

Origin- late Middle English: from Old French, from ecclesiastical Latin parochialis 'relating to an ecclesiastical district', from parochia

Synonyms- biased, conservative, petty

Antonyms- liberal, broad-minded, unrestricted

Usage in Sentences:

1. One of my grandmother's **parochial** views is that women are not capable of working outside the home.
2. Companies that do not step outside of their **parochial** product lines will fall behind their competitors who are not afraid to diversify.

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Fortuitous (Adj)

Meaning : happening by chance rather than intention

Origin: 1650s, from Latin *fortuitus* "happening by chance, casual, accidental," from *forte* "by chance," ablative of *fors* "chance"

Synonyms: chance, unexpected

Antonyms: intentional, deliberate

Usage in sentences:

1. His success depended on a **fortuitous** combination of circumstances.
2. The collapse of its rivals brought **fortuitous** gains to the company.

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Denouement (Noun)

Meaning – the final outcome of the main dramatic complication in a literary work

Origin– **Mid 18th Century** *dénouer* + *-ment*, from Middle French *desnouement*, from the Old French verb *desnoer* ("to unknot") + *-ment*, from the noun *neu* ("knot"), itself from Latin *nōdus*.

Synonym – ending, finale, epilogue, climax, culmination

Antonym- beginning, commencement, prologue

Usage in sentence –

1. It was a tragic **denouement** to a distinguished military career.
2. A twisting tale had received a fittingly dramatic **denouement**.