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Std-V

17th to 23rd April 2023

Nincompoop (noun)

Meaning- a foolish or stupid person

Origin- late 17th century

Synonyms- halfwit, dullard

Antonyms- genius, intellect

Usage in sentences: -

1-That man with a weak, receding chin is always a **nincompoop**.

2- Our manager is a **nincompoop** and was only hired because she is the owner's only daughter.

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Paper Tiger (noun)

Meaning- one that is outwardly powerful or dangerous but inwardly weak or ineffectual

Origin- Robert Morrison translated the phrase as "a paper tiger" in *Vocabulary of the Canton Dialect* in 1828.

Synonyms- helpless, unfit, weak

Antonyms – powerful, strong, muscular

1.He is a **paper tiger** in reality.

2.He claimed that the enemies of his party were **paper tigers**.

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Ivory Tower (noun)

Meaning – a state of privileged seclusion or separation from the facts and practicalities of the real world

Origin – The term 'ivory tower' seems to come from the French 'tour d'ivoire', coined by the French literary critic Charles Augustin Sainte-Beuve (1804-69) in 1837 to characterize the French poet, novelist and dramatist Alfred Victor de Vigny (1797-1863), who apparently led a very isolated life.

Synonyms – egg-headed, intellectual, academic

Antonyms – clear-sighted, hard-headed

Usage in Sentences

1. The book was written by some college professor who spent her entire professional life in an **ivory tower**.
2. Living in an **ivory tower**, he had no understanding of politics.

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Deliberation (Noun)

Meaning- discussion or thinking about something in detail

Origin- late Middle English: via Old French from Latin deliberatio(n-), from deliberare 'consider carefully'

Synonyms- contemplation, introspection, reflection

Antonyms- ignorance, negligence, carelessness

Usage in Sentences:

1. After hours of **deliberation**, the council came to a decision.
2. The government usually accepts the advice of the committee without **deliberation**.

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Word- Farcical (adjective)

Meaning- relating to or resembling farce, especially because of absurd or ridiculous aspects

Origin- Farcical comes from the Latin *farcire*, "to stuff," which influenced the French farce, a "comic interlude in a mystery play."

Synonyms- amusing, comical, funny, laughable

Antonyms – reasonable, sad, sensible, serious

Sentences-

(1) The whole situation has become **farcical**.

(5) The singer is known for his **farcical** songs that make fun of the original tunes on which they are based.

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Word – Panacea

Meaning – a solution or a remedy for all difficulties or diseases

Origin – combination of two Greek words : ‘pan’ meaning ‘all’ and ‘akos’ meaning ‘remedy’. It is derived from the Greek word *panakes* meaning ‘all – healing’.

Synonyms – cure - all

Antonyms – disease, injury

Usage in sentences:

1. Western aid may help but will not be a **panacea**.
2. It is only a partial remedy not a **panacea**.

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Imbroglia (Noun)

Meaning- An extremely confused, complicated, or embarrassing situation

Origin- Mid 18th century: Italian, from imbrogliare 'confuse'; related to embroil.

Synonyms- complications, problem

Antonyms- exclusion, acceptance

Usage in sentences: -

- 1-The **imbroglia** seemed to be on the floor, on the other side of the table, near the wall.
- 2- People have come out into the street from both sides to watch the **imbroglia**.

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Word- COTYLEDON

Meaning- the first leaf or one of the first pair or whorl of leaves developed by the embryo of a seed plant or of some lower plants (such as ferns)

Origin – New Latin, from Greek kotylēdon cup-shaped hollow, from kotylē cup, anything hollow

Synonym – seed leaf

Usage in sentence –

1. The dicotyledons, also known as dicots, are a group of flowering plants whose seed typically has two embryonic leaves or **cotyledons**.
2. Some secondary cell walls store nutrients, such as those in the **cotyledons** and the endosperm.