

Word of the week
STD. V

17th July to 23rd July 2023

Raring

Meaning- to be very enthusiastic about starting something

Origin- originated in the early 19th century as a term meaning to be at the ready or impatient to be off.

Synonyms- keen, eager, willing

Antonyms- disinterested, unconcerned

Usage in sentences:-

1. I've bought all the paint for decorating the bedrooms and I'm **raring** to get started.
2. I had been preparing for the exam for a year and now I was **raring** to go.

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Red carpet (adjective)

Meaning- A *red carpet* is a traditional way to honour someone who's a celebrity or an otherwise distinguished person.

Origin- As the film world descends on the Cannes red carpet, we trace its journey from appearance in a Greek tragedy in 458 BC.

Synonyms- royal welcome, elegant, courtly

Antonyms- unconcerned, uncaring, uncordial

Usage in Sentences:

1. The group of dancers were given a **red carpet** treatment in an award function.
2. We'll give her some VIP treatment and roll out the red carpet.

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Baithlon (noun)

Meaning- a sports competition that combines skiing and shooting a rifle

Origin- The roots of biathlon evolved in the Norwegian army during the 18th century but the sport's more immediate genesis stems from an obscure ski manual prepared for the Russian military in 1912.

The etymology of the name comes from the Latin “bi” = two, and from the Greek “athlon” = fight or struggle.

Synonyms- tournament, athletics, match

Usage in sentences:-

1. The other four sports are **biathlon**, curling, ice hockey, and luge.
2. The team relay (4 7.5 km) event in **biathlon** was contested for the first time.

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Word – BUCCANEER

Meaning – a person who acts in a recklessly adventurous and often unscrupulous way, especially in business, Pirate.

Origin – mid 17th century (originally denoting European hunters in the Caribbean): from French *boucanier*, from *boucan* ‘a frame on which to cook or cure meat’, from Tupi *mukem* .

Synonyms – pirate, marauder, raider

Antonyms – cops, inventers

Usage in sentences:

1. These mercantile **buccaneers** are always wildly in favour of the free market.
2. Shark Bay was named by the English **buccaneer** William Dampier in the late 17th century.

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Word – Galvanize

Meaning – to cause someone to suddenly take action, especially by shocking or exciting them in some way.

Origin – First recorded in 1795–1805; from French galvaniser, named after Luigi Galvani

Synonyms – arouse, stimulate, spur

Antonyms – un motivate, discourage, depress

Usage in sentences:-

1. His efforts to **galvanize** the deal were very effective.
2. Asking questions was the best way to **galvanize** the final decision.

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Word- Meander

Meaning – a winding path or course

Origin- comes from Greek Maiandros, an old name for a winding river in Asia Minor that is now known as the Menderes.

Synonym – curve, twist, zigzag

Antonym- straighten, untwist

Usage in sentence –

1. We crossed a small iron bridge over a **meandering** stream.
2. It's so restful to **meander** along Irish country roads.

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Conundrum (Noun)

Meaning- A confusing and difficult problem or question, a riddle whose answer is or involves a pun.

Origin – The word was coined as a parody of Latin by students at Oxford University, where it appears to have enjoyed particular popularity in its 'word play' or 'pun' sense.

Synonym – Mystery, Enigma, Riddle

Antonym- Answer, Solution, Explanation

Usage in sentence:

1. Scholars who have worked with early photographs will know how difficult it is to read them and that they usually open up as many **conundrums** as insight.
2. Time will surely provide the answer to that **conundrum**.

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DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

Meaning- someone who pretends, in an argument or discussion, to be against an idea or plan that a lot of people support, in order to make people discuss and consider it in more detail

Origin – The *advocatus diaboli* (Latin for **Devil's advocate**) is a former official position within the Catholic Church, the Promoter of the Faith: one who "argued against the canonization (sainthood) of a candidate in order to uncover any character flaws or misrepresentation of the evidence favoring canonization".

Synonym – **apologist**, pleader, sophist

Usage in sentence:-

1. He offered to play **devil's advocate** and argue against our case so that we could find out any flaws in it.
2. The defence lawyer played **devil's advocate**, explaining that the truth could be the opposite of the way it looked, but the judge wasn't having it.