

**Word of the week**  
**STD. V**

**24th July to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Faux pas(noun)**

**Meaning-** words or behavior that is not polite

**Origin-** Faux pas is a loan phrase from French that's been used in English since the seventeenth century.

**Synonyms-** blunder, offense, misconduct

**Antonyms-** courtesy, pleasantry

**Usage in sentences:-**

1. Talking business at dinner is a **faux pas** in France.
2. I made some remarks about his wife's family then realized I'd made a serious **faux pas**.

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**Bon Vivant**

**Meaning-** a person who enjoys a sociable and luxurious lifestyle

**Origin-** late 17th century: from French, literally person living well, from 'bon' good and vitreous 'to live'

**Synonyms-** gourmet, epicure, gastronome

**Antonyms-** higgler, glutton, guzzler

**Usage in Sentences:**

1. She became a bon vivant since moving to the city.
2. He was a bon vivant who loves to hold parties.

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**Carte Blanche (noun)**

**Meaning-** complete freedom to act as one wishes

**Origin-** late 17<sup>th</sup> century: French, literally 'blank paper' ( I.e. blank sheet on which to write, whatever one wishes, particularly one's own term for an agreement)

**Synonyms-** authority, freedom, free hand, license, power of attorney etc.

**Antonyms-** contradict, deny, disagree, refuse, decline, reject etc.

**Usage in sentences:-**

1. The architect gave **carte blanche** to design the store.
2. We should give them **carte blanche** to spend vast sums of money.

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**Au fait (Adj)**

**Meaning-** having experience or practical knowledge of a thing; expert

**Origin-** 1743, French, "to the point, to the matter under discussion," literally "to the fact," from au "to the" (see au) + fait "fact" (see feat). Used in French with the sense of "acquainted with the facts, expert, fully skilled."

**Synonyms-** acquainted, familiar

**Antonyms-** unaware, uninformed

**Usage in Sentences:**

1. I am not **au fait** with his point.
2. The officers of the various commands are perfectly **au fait** with the regulations.

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### **Crème De La Crème**

**Meaning-** the best person or thing of a particular kind.

**Origin-** Crème de la crème (French, literally 'cream of the cream') is an idiom meaning "the best of the best", "superlative", or "the very best".

**Synonyms-** aristocracy, elite, high society, nobility

**Antonyms-** great unwashed, rag-tag, bad-looking.

**Use in sentence-**

1. Here, the entry is limited to the **creme de la creme** of champions, and dogs gain entry by invitation only.
2. Egyptian cotton, from the Nile River Valley region in Egypt, has long been considered the **creme de la creme** of cottons.

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### **la creme**

**Meaning** – the best people in a group or the best type of a particular thing.

**Origin** – this phrase has its roots in French. It means the best of the best.

**Synonyms** – aristocracy, elite, nobility.

**Antonyms** – commoner.

**Usage in sentences:**

1. Only the **la crème** people are able to enroll in this club.
2. The Universal Group of Art is acknowledged as the **la crème** from all of the art groups of academies.

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**Dramatis personae**

**Meaning** – the characters of a play, novel, or narrative.

**Origin** –It Comes from Latin which means 'persons of the drama'

**Synonyms** – cast of characters

**Antonyms** – Disassembly

**Usage in sentence:**

1. The opening pages of Jon Krakauer's 'Into Thin Air' contain a **dramatis personae**.

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**Espirit de Corps (Noun)**

**Meaning-** A feeling of pride and mutual loyalty shared by the members of a group.

**Origin** – The term is French, and it literally means "the spirit of the body", with body in this case meaning "group".

Originally, esprit de corps was used to describe the morale of military troops.

**Synonym** – Team spirit, mutual support, group spirit

**Antonym-** Aloofness, social isolation, social exclusion

**Usage in sentence:**

1. The hostile, alien environment eroded the initial high morale and **esprit de corps** of the troops.
2. That **esprit de corps** can only be achieved by good leadership, good guidance and understanding from those at the head of the force.