

**Word of the week**

**7<sup>th</sup> August – 13th August 2023**

**Std. V**

**Fragile (adjective)**

**Meaning-** easily damaged or broken

**Origin-** late 15th century (in the sense 'morally weak'): from Latin *fragilis*, from *frangere* 'to break.'

**Synonyms-** delicate, weak

**Antonyms-** tough, durable

**Usage in sentences: -**

1- Be careful with that vase, it's very **fragile**.

2- Her father is now eighty-six and in **fragile** health.

**Std. VI**

**Diehard**

**Meaning-** a person who strongly opposes change and who continue to support something inspite of opposition

**Origin-** 1844 in reference to the 5<sup>th</sup> regiment of Foot in the British Army, from the verbal phrase *die hard* 'suffer, struggle or resist in dying' 1784 *die* (verb) + *hard* (adjective)

**Synonyms-** traditional, conservative, loyal

**Antonyms-** liberal, radical, progressive

**Usage in Sentences-** 1.He was much annoyed at my remarks and called me a **diehard**.

2. I heard we have a **diehard** audience member.

**Std. VII**

**Word – CHASTISE**

**Meaning** – rebuke or reprimand severely

**Origin** – 1300, *chastisen*, from Old French *chastier* "to warn, advise, instruct; chastise, admonish; punish; dominate, tame" (12c., Modern French *châtier*), from Latin *castigare* "to set or keep right, to reprove, chasten, to punish," literally "to make pure"

**Synonyms** – scold, chide, rebuke

**Antonyms** – praise

**Usage in sentences:**

1. The waiter was **chastised** for forgetting the costumer's order.
2. The coach always **chastises** the players for minor mistakes.

## Std. VIII

### **PILLORIED** (verb)

Meaning- attack or ridicule publicly

Origin - from Anglo-Latin pillorium, from Old French pilori, of uncertain origin; related to Provençal espillori

Synonyms- criticized, blamed, castigated

Antonyms- approved, endorsed, recommended

Usage in Sentences:

1. He found himself **pilloried** by members of his own party.
2. He was regularly **pilloried** by the press for his radical ideas.

## Std. IX

### **Word- Punitive**

Meaning- intended as a punishment, very harsh and that people find difficult to pay

Origin- early 16th century: from medieval Latin punitivus, from Latin punit- 'punished', from the verb punire (see punish).

Synonyms- disciplinary, penal, punishing, retaliatory

Antonyms- beneficial, rewarding

Use in sentence-

1. The agency sent a letter, but took no **punitive** actions.
2. **Punitive** action will be taken against the hooligans.

## Std. X

### **Word – Slugfest**

**Meaning** – a tough and challenging contest, especially in sports such as boxing and baseball.

**Origin** – early 20<sup>th</sup> century word from slug + fest meaning, to hit hard.

**Synonyms** – fistfight, blow, duel, punch -up.

**Antonyms** – calm, harmony.

**Usage in sentences:**

1. The race for senator has become a political **slugfest**.
2. This one is a genuine **slugfest** with plenty of tank battles.

## Std. XI

### **Word – Solipsism**

Meaning – the quality of being very self-centred or selfish.

Origin – Mid 19th century: from modern Latin *solipsismus*, from

Latin *solus* 'alone' + *ipse* 'self' + -ism. Both senses are first taken from uses by German philosophers.

Synonyms – egocentricity

Antonyms – selflessness

Usage in sentence:

1. I have been toppled by my own monstrous **solipsism**.
2. If finally I become wholly submerged in this solipsism there could be no other rational ethic for me than egoism.

## **Std XII**

**Word: Zeitgeist (noun)**

**Meaning-** The defining spirit or mood of a particular period of history as shown by the ideas and beliefs of the time. In other words, the general intellectual, moral, and cultural climate of an era.

**Origin** – Mid 19th century: from German Zeitgeist, from Zeit 'time' + Geist 'spirit'.

**Synonym** – climate, outlook, spirit, trend, flavour

**Antonym-** Incognizance, Old-fashioned

**Usage in sentence:**

1. The story captured the **Zeitgeist** of the late 1906s.
2. His songs perfectly captured the **Zeitgeist** of 1970s America.