

Word of the week
Std V

27th November – 3rd December 2023

Word – Grisly (adjective)

Meaning- causing horror or disgust

Origin- Old English grislic ‘terrifying’, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch griezellig.

Synonyms- fearful, gruesome, frightful

Antonyms- pleasant, attractive

Usage in sentences:-

1. The girl screamed when she saw the grisly spider on her foot.
2. The makeup artist takes several hours to turn the actor into a grisly monster.

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Word – Hocus- Pocus (noun)

Meaning- meaningless talk or activity

Origin- early 17th century: from hax pax max Deus adimax, a pseudo-Latin phrase used as a magic formula by conjurors.

Synonyms- spell, magic, trick

Antonyms- sense, truth, reality

Usage in Sentences-

1. The salesman used a lot of hocus-pocus to convince Jim to buy that car.
2. The witch used hocus-pocus methods to hypnotise people.

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Word – Martyr

Meaning- a person who is killed because of their religious or other beliefs

Origin- Old English martir, ecclesiastical Latin from Greek martur ‘witness’ (in Christian use, ‘martyr’)

Synonyms- put to death, kill

Antonyms- aids, help, assist

Usage in sentences:-

1. Ellsworth was a martyr to his sense of honour and responsibility.
2. The dead student is now being regarded as a martyr.

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Word - Martinet (noun)

Meaning- A person who demands complete obedience; a strict disciplinarian

Origin- 1670s, "system of strict discipline," from the name of French military officer Jean Martinet.

It was his responsibility to introduce and enforce the drill and strict discipline of the French regiment of guards across the whole infantry.

Synonyms- authoritarian, enforcer, tyrant

Antonyms- democrat, liberator, follower

Usage in Sentences-

1. They discovered that the new teacher is a martinet.
2. The quiet one was replaced with a man who was a vicious martinet.

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Word – Literati (noun)

Meaning– people with a good education who know a lot about literature

Origin– First recorded in 1615–25; from Latin *līterāti*, *litterāti* “learned, liberally educated people,” noun use of plural of *līterātus*, *litterātus*

Synonyms– scholars, tutors, mentors, professors

Antonyms– inability, incompetence, ineptness

Usage in Sentences-

1. In our view, serious books were not just for the literati, but for anyone with a hunger for brilliant writing.
2. Thomas--Kempis was but the forerunner of a race of distinguished literati.

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Word – Diktat (noun)

Meaning- an order or decree imposed by someone in power without popular consent

Origin- 1920s: from German, from Latin *dictatum* ‘something dictated’, neuter past participle of *dictare* .

Synonyms- decree, edict, ruling

Antonyms- Quest, appeal, application

Usage in sentences-

1. The coach issued a diktat that all team members must attend early-morning practice.
2. Diktat is a foolish policy.

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Word – Discursive

Meaning– proceeding coherently from topic to topic

Origin– The Latin verb *discurrere* meant "to run about", and from this word we get our word *discursive*, which often means rambling about over a wide range of topics.

Synonyms– rambling

Antonyms– concise

Usage in sentence-

1. He was, for his time, a voluminous as well as a very discursive writer.
2. Her discursive dissertation on Colonial American women was well-argued and well-reasoned.

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Word – Historiography

Meaning- the study of the writing of history and of written histories.

Origin- mid 16th century: via medieval Latin from Greek *historiographia*, from *historia* 'narrative, history' + *-graphia* 'writing'.

Synonyms- adoxography, lexicography

Usage in sentence –

1. There has been a major transformation in Civil War historiography, which until recently largely focused on the military aspects.
2. As the number of case studies increases, scholarly exchanges will become more informed, the comparative exercise more disciplined, and gender more central to regional historiography.