

## Vocabulary of the week

6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Class V

### CATCH RED HANDED

MEANING: to discover someone while they are doing something bad or illegal

Origin- Around 15<sup>th</sup> century in Scotland

Synonyms- at fault, guilty, blameful, sinful

Antonyms- blameless, not guilty, innocent

Sentences:

1. Tom was caught red handed by the police while stealing the car.
2. The thieves were caught red handed during the bank robbery.
3. The man was caught red handed attempting to break into a house.

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### **Red letter day: (noun)**

Meaning: a day that is pleasantly noteworthy or memorable

Origin: early 18<sup>th</sup> century: from the practice of highlighting a festival in red on a calendar

Synonyms: anniversary, ceremony, jubilee, commemoration, gala day, holiday, special day etc.

Antonyms: black letter day, inauspicious day etc...

Usage:

1. 15<sup>th</sup> August is a red-letter day in the Indian History.
2. The day I started my career as a teacher was a red-letter day in my life.
3. Many people celebrate their red-letter day with a big party.

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Grade VII

### **RED HERRING**

**Meaning:** A red herring is a common device used in mystery and thriller stories to distract the reader from identifying the real culprit.

**Origin:** The term was popularized in 1807 by English polemicist (one who attacks someone with written or spoken words) William Cobbett, who told a story of having used a kipper (a strong-smelling smoked fish) to divert hounds (dogs) from chasing a hare.

**Synonyms:** Deviation, distraction, disturbance, interruption

**Antonyms:** truth, fact, sincerity, praise, frankness, truthfulness

**Usage in Sentence**

1. His first sign of recovery was his craving for a red herring.
2. If I can tell which the way to my master's house is, I am a red herring, and no honest gentleman.
3. This clever drawing of a red herring across the trail of the main issue answered.

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## Red tape

Meaning- excessive bureaucracy or adherence to official rules and formalities.

Origin- early 18th century: so, named because of the red or pink tape used to bind official documents.

Synonyms- bureaucracy, authority, government, management

Antonym- N/A

Usage -

- i) Sometimes there will be some legal red tape that you cannot cross.
- ii) To finish my task I had to go through the red tape process, which seemed pointless.
- iii) The alleged red tape that prevented our business plan from working was a hurdle for us.

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Class IX

### Paint the town red

Meaning - to go out and enjoy oneself flamboyantly

Origin - in the country town of Melton Mowbray, England in 1837

Synonym - celebrate, revel, frolic, make merry

Antonym - be sad, grieve, mourn, lament, be miserable

Sentences - 1. Richard had passed his exams so he planned to go out with his friends and paint the town red.

2. If our team wins the football tournament, then we will paint the town red.

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Grade X

### A WHITE LIE

*Meaning:*

- i. A lie that is told in order to be polite or to stop someone from being upset by the truth.
- ii. A lie about a small or unimportant matter that someone tells to avoid hurting another person.

*Origin:*

The origin of white lies probably drifts back to the ancient Western idea of polar opposites, white meaning good (and pure) and black as its evil antithesis. The term was first found in the 18<sup>th</sup> century in the 1741 “The Gentleman’s Magazine”.

*Synonym:*

Harmless truth, partial truth, slight stretch.

*Antonym:*

Bitter truth, harsh truth.

*Usage in sentence:*

1. He told a white lie in order to escape punishment.
2. Sarah’s white lie led an innocent man to his death.
3. Sometimes it is better to tell a white lie than to hurt someone’s feelings.

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Idiom: To raise a white flag

Meaning: to indicate one's defeat, surrender, or submission ; to admit defeat.

Synonyms: backing down, capitulation, caving in, submission.

Antonyms: fight for, victory, fighting, winning

Usage in sentences:

1. All right, I raise the white flag – you win the game.
2. That attack totally decimated us, and we were forced to raise the white flag.
3. They raised the white flag soon after the election results came in.

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Class XII

White elephant

Meaning: a possession that is useless or troublesome, especially one that is expensive to maintain or difficult to dispose of.

Origin: from the story that the kings of Siam gave such animals as a gift to courtiers they disliked, in order to ruin the recipient by the great expense incurred in maintaining the animal.

Synonyms: burden, albatross

Antonym: requisite, wanted possession, worthy item

Usage in sentence:

1. The car was a white elephant for him as he didn't know how to drive.
2. When he bought the mansion he didn't know it was going to be such a white elephant.