

Landsberg's Group

Vocabulary:

Luminous:

The wall was painted a sparkly, luminous lime green

Monarch:

The monarch once again exclaimed his superiority by forcing higher tax rates on the citizens

Nostalgic:

Going back to my pre-primary schools enlightens nostalgic thoughts inside of me

Occasional:

Even smart pupils achieve the occasional bad mark

Perceive:

The mist and fog make it hard to perceive who's coming

Predict:

I predict that the Indian cricket team will lose heavily in the World Cup Final

Remembrance:

Youth Day is a remembrance of the tragic scenes of June 16th, 1976

Spelling:

Note: Synonyms are illustrated in brackets

Disappointed- Depressed or discouraged by the failure of ones hopes or expectations
(frustrated)

Dormant- Having normal physical functions suspended or slowed down for a period of time
(idle)

Embarrassed- Feeling or showing embarrassment (ashamed)

Exhilarated- Make someone feel very happy, animated or elated

Fanciful- Over imaginative and unrealistic (fantastical)

Fortitude- Courage in pain or adversity (bravery)

Forte- A thing at which someone excels (strength)

Government- The governing body of a nation, state or community (administration)

Figures of Speech

Litotes- uses a negative plus and opposite to understate what's intended. Eg. He is no Einstein (he is academically weak)

Understatement- a form of speech which contains an expression of less strength than what was expected. Eg. Saying Usain Bolt is quick is an understatement.

Paradox- is a seemingly absurd or contradictory statement which when analyzed is found to be true. Eg. You will kill him with your kindness

Antithesis- compares and contradicts ideas or statements within a sentence. Eg. He's a mouse in stature but a lion in strength

Oxymoron- places two seemingly contradictory words next to each other eg. The litter was a pretty ugly sight.

Anticlimax- is a build up of ideas but the final statement is flat and unexpected. Eg. He lost his family his car and his cellphone

Irony- implies the opposite of what is said. (I CANT wait for my detention on Friday)

Pun- a play on words either on different senses of the same word or the similar sense or sound of different words. Eg. I would like to go to Holland some day. Wooden shoe?

Rhetorical Question- a figure of speech in the form of a question that is asked in order to make a point and without expectation of a reply. Eg Are you dumb or are you dumb?

Allusion- a figure of speech that makes a reference to, or representation of, people, places, events etc. Eg. The girl's love of sweets was her achilles heel. Referring to Achilles in Greek mythology.