

WORD PLAY

1. Acrostic

An acrostic is a poem (or other format of writing) in which the first letter (or syllable or word) of each line spells out a word, message. The most common and simple form of an acrostic poem is where the first letters of each line spell out the word or phrase.

For example :

(1) An Acrostic poem

An Acrostic
Creates a challenge
Random words on a theme
Or whole sentences that rhyme
Select your words carefully
To form a word from top to bottom
Is the aim of this poetry style
Choose a word then go !

(2) School

Super
Cool
Happy
On time
Out door play
Learning

(3) Family

Father
And
Mother
I
Love
You

Activity : Now work in pairs and try to frame acrostics for the following words.

● H-O-M-E ● M-O-T-H-E-R ● T-E-A-C-H-E-R

Activity : Make an acrostic of your name and show it to your friends.
(fun with words)

2. Spoonerism

Spoonerism is a slip of the tongue. The first letters of two or more words get interchanged in spoonerism.

For example :

- (1) Go and shake a tower. (Go and take a shower.)
- (2) I must mend the sail. (I must send the mail.)
- (4) You have very mad banners. (You have very bad manners.)

Activity : Now try to make up Spoonerism of the following.

- (1) You missed my history lecture.
- (2) Crushing blow
- (3) Pardon me madam

Activity : Now correct the following sentences.

- (1) Do you like to bead in red?
- (2) I can fee my soot prints.
- (3) I caught a ban of soda.

Activity : Visit a spoonerism link on Internet and collect examples of spoonerism and display it in the class.

3. A. Just one new word a day :

- Write down the new word on a card.
- Add the card to your collection of words at the proper place in alphabetical order.
- Look up the word in a dictionary and learn it.
- You may talk about it to your teacher / friend / elders.
- Try to use it in a sentence of your own.
- Classify the words you have collected so far into:
 - nouns (n.)
 - verbs (v.)
 - adjectives (adj.) and
 - adverbs (adv.)

- Put the appropriate short form against, each word.

For example : 'mainland' (n.).

If the word does not belong to any of these four classes you need not mark it.

B. A question a day :

- Frame or choose a simple question on your own. You should also know the appropriate answer to it.
- Practise using the question and answer with your friend.
You must use a new question every day.

C. A sentence a day :

- Frame a meaningful sentence in English on your own.
Your sentence should include at least one word from your mother tongue or any Indian language. For example : 'I love *pav-bhaji*'. '*A Paithani* is embroidered with golden thread.' 'You need two teams to play *kabaddi*.'
- Translate the sentence from English into Marathi.

D. Better your work :

- Think of / Make up a simile comparison on your own.
For example : 'as cold as ice', 'as hot as an iron', 'as soft as silk', 'as deep as a well'.
Try to use the simile in a complete sentence.



My Word-buddy

(John and his friends appear for an examination of English. They have a discussion about it.)

John : Hello friends! How did you fare in your exam?

Utkarsh : Hello John! Hi everyone! Friends, my exam was good, but I faced some problems in the unseen passage.

Sidhanath : Mine was also good, but the same problem was faced by me, as well.

Pratima : I faced the problem of meaning of unknown words.

John : I could not even read some big words in the unseen passage.

Sidhanath : Where can we get the solution to these problems ?

Hamid : Don't worry, we can find all solutions if we refer to a good dictionary.

Prashik : But we didn't bring dictionary with us. What can we do?

Hamid : Friends we can search for the meaning online or in offline dictionaries, from Personal Computers and even from smart cell phones at home.


Utkarsh : What a great idea, friends!

Hamid : Let us go and see the meaning, pronunciation and use of the unknown words.

All : Thank you, Hamid!

(1) Work in pairs. Discuss the uses of dictionary.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL www.chalashikuya.com. The page displays the definition of the word "Work".

Work 
 /W3:k/
noun
 1. activity involving mental or physical effort done in order to achieve a purpose or a result : "he was tired after a day's work in the fields"
synonyms: labour, toil, slog, drudgery, exertion,
antonyms: leisure, rest.
 2.
verb
 1. be engaged in physical or mental activity in order to achieve a purpose or a result, especially in one's job; do work.
synonyms: toil, labour, exert oneself, slave (away), keep at it, . . . more
antonyms: rest, play

On the right side of the page, there is a section titled "We use dictionary to....." with a list of uses:

- Find the meanings of words.
- Find out the correct spelling of words.
- Find out how to pronounce or say words.
- Find out what part of speech a word is.
- Usage of the word.

The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the word "waiting" in the status bar.

(2) Find out the pronunciation and usage of any ten Irregular Verbs from an online dictionary and share with your class.

(3) Download an app of any good dictionary in your parents' smart phone and try to use it.