

HERE IS WHAT IS NEW...

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Hello Students! Here we go!!! We are kicking off another week with a lot to do. This week your teacher will also be talking to you about your planning and our 'renew now' rate campaign. Students with contracts renewed before August 30th will maintain the same rate for one year. That's right! No price increase. Now that is something unheard of during these economic times. Stay focused on your work and have a blockbuster week!

VERB OF THE WEEK

To Mind, Minded

[mahynd]

verb (used with object), minded, minding

- 1. to pay attention to (something).
- 2. to heed or obey (a person, advice, instructions, etc.).
- 3. to apply oneself or attend to: to mind one's own business.
- 4. to look after; take care of; tend: to mind the baby.
- 5. to be careful, cautious, or wary about: Mind what you say.
- 6. to feel concern at; care about.
- 7. to feel disturbed or inconvenienced by; object to (something): *Would you mind handing me that book?*

verb (used without object) minded, minding

- 8. to pay attention.
- 9. to obey.
- 10. to take notice, observe, or understand (used chiefly in the imperative): *Mind now, I want you home by twelve*.

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- 11. to be careful or wary.
- 12. to care, feel concern, or object: Don't mind if I do.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Mind:

[mahynd]

noun

- 1. (in a human or other conscious being) the element, part, substance, or process that reasons, thinks, feels, wills, perceives, judges, etc.: *the processes of the human mind*.
- 2. Psychology. the totality of conscious and unconscious mental processes and activities.
- 3. intellect or understanding, as distinguished from the faculties of feeling and willing; intelligence.
- 4. a particular instance of the intellect or intelligence, as in a person.
- 5. a person considered with reference to intellectual power: *the greatest minds of the twentieth century*.
- 6. intellectual power or ability.
- 7. reason, sanity, or sound mental condition: to lose one's mind.

PHRASAL VERB OF THE WEEK

Frown upon...

To regard something with disapproval or distaste. To wrinkle the brow, as in thought or displeasure.

Elaine's boss warned her that making personal phone calls at work was frowned upon.

Members of the public frown upon the unethical behaviour of politicians, but they do nothing other than complain about it. Many people don't even bother to vote!

Illegal downloads of music and movies are frowned upon by workers in the creative industries. They feel that it is a form of theft that devalues their hard work.

EXPRESSION OF THE WEEK

To mind one's own business: to respect others' privacy.

Roberto was horrified when his condo doorman asked him about his latest purchases, after his credit card statement arrived in the post. He told the worker to mind his own business!

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Tanya is convinced her husband is having an affair, and she's obsessed with checking his phone and email accounts. She's found no evidence and knows she should just mind her own business, and trust him to be faithful.

Jemima's colleagues are always gossiping, and she's sick of them asking her inappropriate and embarrassing questions. She wants them to mind their own business, because that sort of conversation isn't okay in the workplace!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." - Mahatma Gandhi

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know many countries have a ban on blood donations from people who lived in the UK, France, Saudi Arabia and Western Europe for more than a year between 1980 and 1996? This is because of concerns about degenerative neurological diseases in humans, after an outbreak of Mad Cow disease.

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