

HERE IS WHAT IS NEW...

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Hello students! The middle of the year is here and time sure is flying by. Before we know it 2016 will be here. Keep an eye out for a special assignment arriving. Have a blockbuster week!

VERB OF THE WEEK

To Dive, Dived

[dahyv]

verb (used without object), dived or dove, diving.

1. to plunge into water, especially headfirst. Barnaby dove into the lake.

2. to go below the surface of the water, as a submarine.

3. to plunge, fall, or descend through the air, into the earth, etc.: *The acrobats dived into nets*.

4. Aeronautics: (of an airplane) to descend rapidly.

5. to penetrate suddenly into something, as with the hand: to dive into one's purse.

6. to enter deeply or plunge into a subject, activity, etc. *Let's dive straight into the discussions, shall we?*

verb (used with object), **dived** or **dove, diving**.

- 7. to cause to plunge, submerge, or descend.
- 8. to insert quickly; plunge: He dived his hand into his pocket.

WORD OF THE WEEK

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Dive:

[dahyv]

noun

1. an act or instance of diving.

2. a jump or plunge into water, especially in a prescribed way from a diving board.

3. the vertical or nearly vertical descent of an airplane.

4. a submerging, as of a submarine or deep-sea diver.

5. a dash, plunge, or lunge, as if throwing oneself at or into something: *He made a dive for the football*.

6. a sudden or sharp decline, as in stock prices.

7. Informal: a dingy or disreputable bar or nightclub: *This bar is a total dive*.

PHRASAL VERB OF THE WEEK

To jump at (something)...

to take an opportunity that is offered to you, in a very enthusiastic way.

Donavan is a huge Big Brother fan – his friends tease him about being addicted to the show! So when it came time for auditions for the new season, he jumped at the chance to sign up.

When Marco asked Julianne to be his prom date, she jumped at the opportunity.

My parents jumped at the chance to spend two months on a cruise around the South Pacific. They've always wanted to visit Samoa and Fiji.

EXPRESSION OF THE WEEK

Take a leap of faith: A belief or trust in something unproven, or which is intangible or incapable of being proven.

Harold's spent his whole life as an accountant, working for someone else. His dream is to open his own restaurant, but he's so worried it will be a failure. Perhaps he should take a leap of faith and invest his life savings, to get the idea off the ground.

The new drug had just a 30 per cent chance of curing Kate's cancer. It also came with other side-effects that put her at greater risk of death. However, she was prepared to take a leap of faith if it gave her a chance to spend a few more years with her family.

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Marisa's parents have tried to discourage her from pursuing her dream of being a model. They wanted her to get a 9-to-5 job with a stable income. Marisa recently took a leap of faith and moved to New York City, where a model agency scout came across her in a supermarket. She's just signed a contract to strut the catwalk at New York Fashion Week.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving" - Albert Einstein

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know "scuba" is an acronym, which stand for "self-contained underwater breathing apparatus"?

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