

# **ALL NEW SESSION!**



# IMPORTANT FOREIGN WORDS



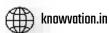
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# Ad absurdum

Origin: Latin

Meaning: To the point of absurdity

Usage: He kept repeating his argument ad absurdum.

Similar words: ad infinitum and ad nauseam





# **Aficionado**

# Origin: Spanish



#### Meaning:

An ardent follower of knowledgeable person about some activity like sports.

#### **Usage:**

I am surprised at what a football *aficionado* he has become.



# **A Priori**

# Origin:

Latin

#### Meaning:

Based on theory rather than observation.

#### **Usage:**

The terrible condition of their house suggests a priori that they are having financial difficulties.

Similar word: A Posteriori



# Au courant

# Origin:

French

# Meaning:

Up-to-date or well informed.

# **Usage:**

His shoes, hair, clothes—every detail of his dress, in fact—was utterly au courant.





# **Beau geste**

Origin: French

Meaning:

A fine or noble gesture

#### **Usage:**

She helped me when no one was there for me, I am indebted with her *beau geste*.

Similar word: Beau Monde





# **Bon mot**

Origin:

**French** 

Meaning:

A witty remark or comment



Kriti didn't laugh at her husband's bon mot as she knew all of his clever jokes.

Similar word: Bon Vivant





# Carpe diem

# Origin:

Latin

# Meaning:

Seize the day or make the most of the present time.

#### **Usage:**

His attitude towards his life is Carpe diem.





# Cause célèbre

# Origin: French

# Meaning:

A controversial issue that attracts a great deal of public attention.



#### **Usage:**

The Harshad Mehta scam became an international cause célèbre during the 90s.



# Coup de grâce

# Origin:

French

#### Meaning:

A final blow or shot which kills a wounded person or animal.



#### **Usage:**

After an already extremely successful day, the *coup de grâce* came when she won best all-around athlete.



# **Dolce vita**

Origin: Italian

# Meaning:

A life of pleasure and luxury.



#### **Usage:**

My vacation this year is going to be two uninterrupted weeks of *dolce vita*.



# **Entre nous**

Origin:

French

Meaning:

Private or between ourselves.



**Usage:** 

Please keep this story entre nous or I will be in trouble.



# Feinschmecker

Origin: German

#### Meaning:

Gourmet or a person who enjoys & knows a lot about good food and wines.



#### **Usage:**

I don't think she will like the McDonald's burger, she's much too much of a *Feinschmecker*.



# Ipso facto

# Origin:

Latin

# Meaning:

By the fact itself.

# **Usage:**

The enemy of one's enemy may be *ipso facto* a friend.



# **Mot juste**

# Origin:

French

# Meaning:

The exact appropriate word.

#### **Usage:**

'Dog!' screamed the three-year old, immensely proud of his *mot juste*.



# Nom de guerre

# Origin: French

# Meaning:

Pseudonym or a name that someone uses instead of their real name.



#### **Usage:**

In 17th century a *nom de guerre* was mandatory for every soldier.

Similar words: nom plume



# Persona non grata

#### Origin: Latin

# Meaning: Unacceptable or unwelcome person.



#### **Usage:**

The senator was considered a *persona non grata* because he refused to support the majority opinion.



# Savoir-faire

# Origin:

**French** 

#### Meaning:

The ability to act or speak appropriately in social situations.



#### **Usage:**

She presided over the gathering with impressive savoirfaire.



# Weltschmerz

Origin: German

Meaning:

A feeling of melancholy & world-weariness.

**Usage:** 

His poetry expressed a certain weltschmerz.





# **Assignments:**

# Tell me the meaning & Origin of the words:

- In situ
- non plus ultra
- sans souci
- terra incognita



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