



What and why

Our aim is to help you in your approach and understanding of academic material in any subject and gain more confidence.

All of the words used will appear on GCSE exam papers.

This week's word is...

Abstract

[ab-strakt]

Abstract

Adjective:

having no reference to material objects or specific examples; not concrete
not applied or practical; theoretical

Noun:

a condensed version of a piece of writing, speech, etc;
summary
an abstract term or idea

Verb:

to think of (a quality or concept) generally without reference to a specific example; regard theoretically
to form (a general idea) by abstraction

Abstract

Synonyms

- [abstruse](#)
- [hypothetical](#)
- [philosophical](#)
- [unreal](#)
- [complex](#)
- [deep](#)
- [ideal](#)
- [intellectual](#)
- [indefinite](#)
- [nonconcrete](#)
- [recondite](#)
- [transcendent](#)
- [transcendental](#)

Origin of the word

1400–50

Late Middle English:

withdrawn from worldly
interests

< Latin - *abstractus*,
meaning drawn off (past
participle of *abstrahere*)

Abstract Nouns

Examples of abstract nouns include liberty, anger, freedom, love, generosity, charity, and democracy. Notice that these **nouns** express ideas, concepts, or qualities that cannot be seen or experienced. We cannot see, hear, touch, taste, or smell these concepts.

Can you think of any other abstract nouns?



Two epraise points for each correct answer!



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Use the word '**Abstract**' to earn points!

Use the word of the week in your writing or in your discussions in class to earn points!

