

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...

Intelligence

[in-tel-i-juhns]

Intelligence

noun

- capacity for learning, reasoning, understanding, and similar forms of mental activity; aptitude in grasping truths, relationships, facts, meanings, etc.
- manifestation of a high mental capacity: *He writes with intelligence and wit.*
- the faculty of understanding.
- knowledge of an event, circumstance, etc., received or imparted; news; information.
- the gathering or distribution of information, especially secret information.
- *Government* - information about an enemy or a potential enemy.
- the evaluated conclusions drawn from such information.
- an organization or agency engaged in gathering such information: *military intelligence; naval intelligence.*
- interchange of information: *They have been maintaining intelligence with foreign agents for years.*
- (*often initial capital letter*) an intelligent being or spirit, especially an incorporeal one, as an angel.

Intelligence...?

Intelligence is often confused with knowledge.

Knowledge is simply knowing or recalling information.

Intelligence is how a person manipulates that information by adding it to previous thoughts and ideas or learning to create their own views and perspectives.

Intelligence

Synonyms

- [acumen](#)
- [agility](#)
- [brilliance](#)
- [intellect](#)
- [judgment](#)
- [perception](#)
- [sense](#)
- [skill](#)
- [subtlety](#)
- [understanding](#)
- [wit](#)
- [IQ](#)
- [alertness](#)
- [aptitude](#)
- [brainpower](#)
- [brightness](#)
- [capacity](#)
- [cleverness](#)
- [comprehension](#)
- [luminosity](#)
- [mentality](#)
- [reason](#)

Origin of the word

First recorded in 1350–1400.

Middle English word from the Latin word *intelligentia*.

History snippet:

The **Peasants' Revolt**, also named **Wat Tyler's Rebellion** or the **Great Rising**, was a major uprising across large parts of England in 1381.

Click below for more on this:

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peasants%27_Revolt

Intelligence

Antonyms for *intelligence*:

- [ignorance](#)
- [inability](#)
- [stupidity](#)
- [disinclination](#)
- [Ineptness](#)

I'm sure you could think of a few more.

How Psychologists Define Intelligence



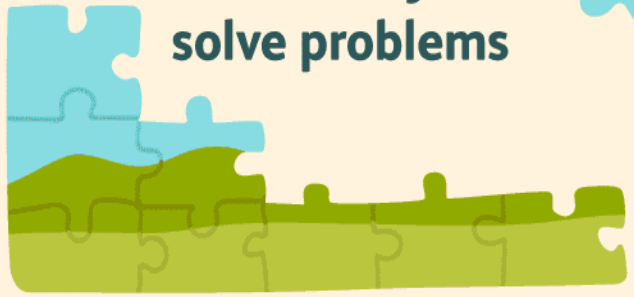
The ability to learn



The ability to recognize problems



The ability to solve problems



Intelligence quiz

Your tutor has a lateral thinking quiz with questions taken from Mensa intelligence tests. See how many you can answer correctly.

Clue: you have to think laterally, which means beyond the obvious first thoughts you may have.

Good luck!

Intelligence

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

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

