

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...

Symbol

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Symbol

Synonyms

- [Badge](#)
- [design](#)
- [emblem](#)
- [figure](#)
- [image](#)
- [indication](#)
- [logo](#)
- [motif](#)
- [pattern](#)
- [token](#)
- [attribute](#)
- [numeral](#)
- [representation](#)
- [stamp](#)

Origin of the word

1400–50

Late Middle English deriving from the Latin *symbolum* and the Greek *sýmbolon* meaning sign.

History snippet:

English invasion of Scotland (1400).

The **English invasion of Scotland of August 1400** was the first military campaign undertaken by [Henry IV of England](#) after deposing the previous king, his cousin [Richard II](#). Henry IV urgently wanted to defend the [Anglo-Scottish border](#), and to overcome his predecessor's legacy of failed military campaigns.

A large army was assembled slowly and marched into Scotland. Not only was no [pitched battle](#) ever attempted, but the king did not try and besiege Scotland's capital, [Edinburgh](#). Henry's army left at the end of the summer after only a brief stay, mostly camped near [Leith](#) (near Edinburgh) where it could maintain contact with its supply fleet. The campaign ultimately accomplished little except to further deplete the [king's coffers](#), and is historically notable only for being the last one led by an English king on Scottish soil.

Symbol

- *noun*

- something used for or regarded as representing something else; a material object representing something, often something immaterial; emblem, token, or sign.
- a letter, figure, or other character or mark or a combination of letters or the like used to designate something: *the algebraic symbol x ; the chemical symbol Au.*
- (especially in semiotics) a word, phrase, image, or the like having a complex of associated meanings and perceived as having inherent value separable from that which is symbolized, as being part of that which is symbolized, and as performing its normal function of standing for or representing that which is symbolized: usually conceived as deriving its meaning chiefly from the structure in which it appears, and generally distinguished from a sign.

Symbolism in literature

Common Symbols

- dove: peace
- **spring**: youth, birth, life
- **water**: birth, rebirth
- **eagle**: freedom, liberty, strength
- **winter**: death, dying, old age
- skull: death
- **rose**: love, beauty
- **crown**: wealth, royalty
- wedding ring: love, commitment
- cross bones: death, danger
- **sunrise**: new start, beginning
- full moon: danger, weirdness
- **autumn**: middle age, maturity

Symbols

YOUR COMPLETE CARE LABEL GUIDE

Hand Wash Normal	Machine Wash, Normal	Machine Wash, Permanent Press	Machine Wash, Delicate	Do Not Wash	Wash at or below 30°C	Wash at or below 40°C	Wash at or below 50°C	Wash at or below 60°C
Wash at or below 95°C	Wash at or below 30°C	Wash at or below 40°C	Wash at or below 50°C	Wash at or below 60°C	Wash at or below 70°C	Wash at or below 95°C	Do Not Wring	Wring
Bleach	Do Not Bleach	Non-Chlorine Bleach	Chlorine Bleach	Tumble Dry, Normal	Tumble Dry, Low Temp	Tumble Dry, Medium Temp	Tumble Dry, High Temp	Tumble Dry, No Heat
Line Dry	Shade Dry	Line Dry in Shade	Drip Dry	Drip Dry in Shade	Dry Flat	Dry Flat in Shade	Natural Dry	Do Not Tumble Dry
Do Not Dry	Iron	Iron, Low Temp	Iron, Medium Temp	Iron, High Temp	Do Not Iron	Steam	Do Not Steam	Wet Clean
Wet Clean, Delicate	Wet Clean, Very Delicate	Dry Clean	Dry Clean, Any Solvent	Dry Clean, Petroleum Only	Dry Clean, Petroleum Only Delicate	Dry Clean, Petroleum Only Very Delicate	Dry Clean, Any Solvent Except Trichloroethylene	Dry Clean, Any Solvent Except Trichloroethylene, Delicate
Dry Clean, Any Solvent Except Trichloroethylene, Very Delicate	Do Not Dry Clean	Do Not Wet Clean	Dry Clean, Short Cycle	Dry Clean, Reduced Moisture	Dry Clean, No Steam	Dry Clean, Low Heat		

Symbols



Generic caution



Biological hazard



High voltage



Non-ionizing radiation



Radiation – high-level source



Laser hazard



Ionizing radiation



Toxic



Explosive



Highly Flammable



Cold



Optical radiation



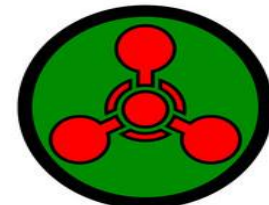
Oxidizing



Health danger



Carcinogen



Chemical weapon

Symbols

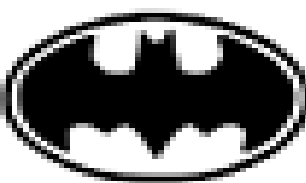
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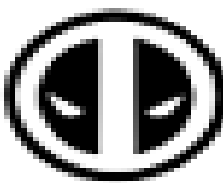
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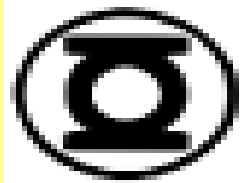
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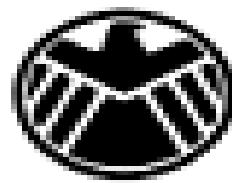
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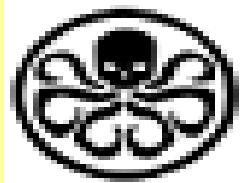
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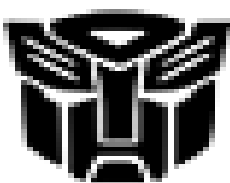
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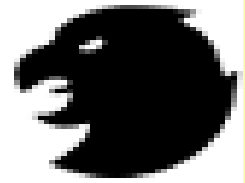
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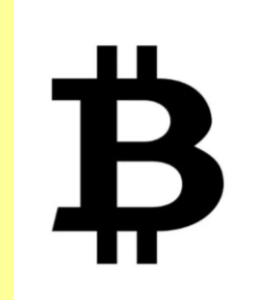
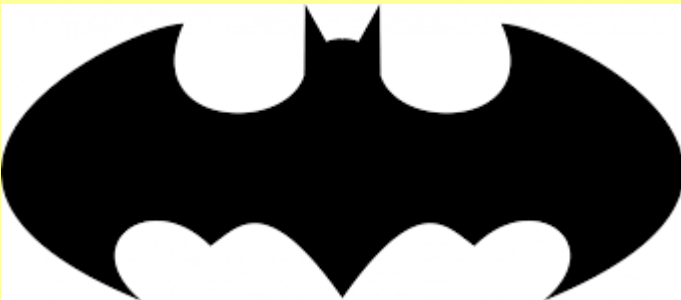
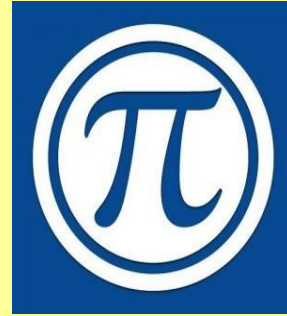
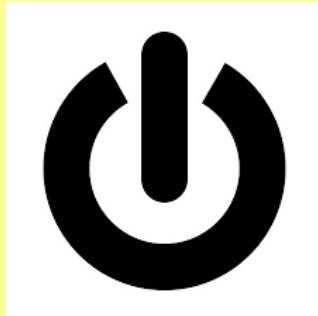
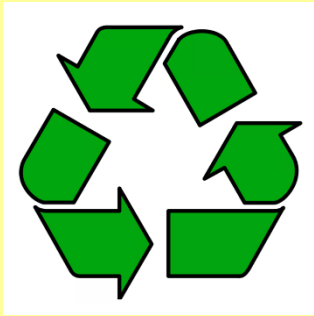
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Quiz!

What do the following symbols represent?



Symbol

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

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

