

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...

Hierarchy

[hahy-uh-rahr-kee]

Hierarchy

- **Noun**
- any system of persons or things ranked one above another.
- government by ecclesiastical rulers.
- the power or dominion of a hierarch.
- an organized body of ecclesiastical officials in successive ranks or orders: *the Roman Catholic hierarchy*.
- one of the three divisions of the angels, each made up of three orders, conceived as constituting a graded body.
- Also called [celestial hierarchy](#). the collective body of angels.

Hierarchy

Synonyms

- [pecking order](#)
- [ranking](#)
- echelons
- [grouping](#)
- [position](#)
- [pyramid](#)
- [scale](#)
- [chain of command](#)
- [due order](#)
- [placing](#)

Origin of the word

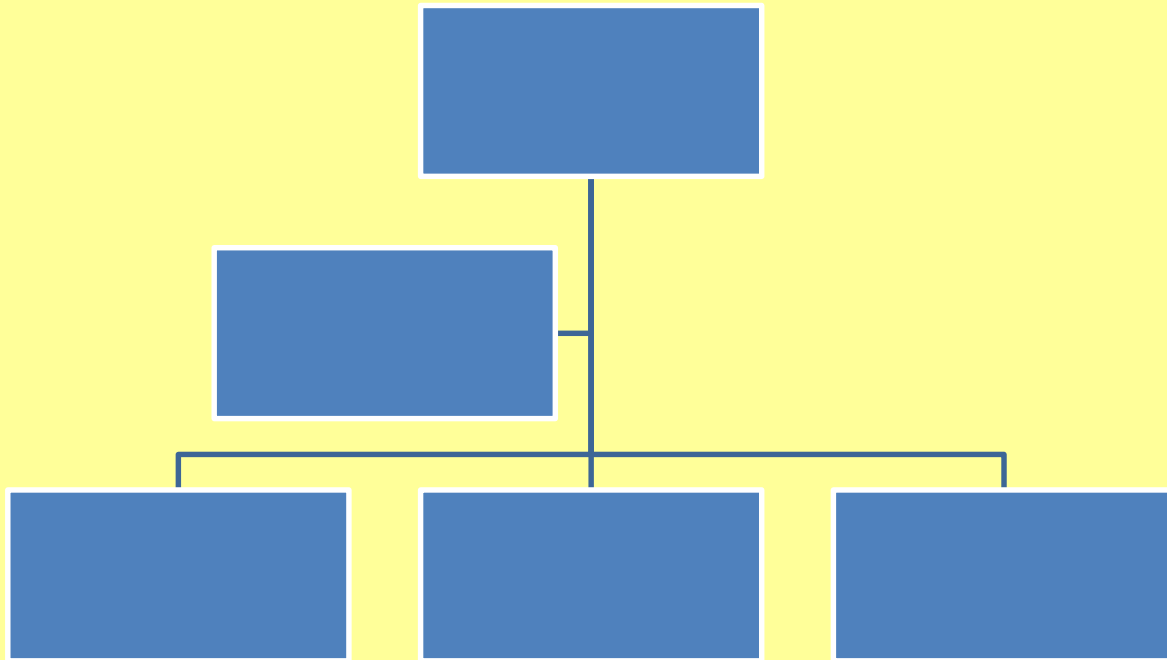
1300–50; < Medieval Latin *hierarchia* < Late Greek *hierarchía* rule or power of the high priest, equivalent to *hier-* [hier-](#) + *archía* [-archy](#); replacing Middle English *jerarchie* < Middle French *ierarchie* < Medieval Latin *ierarchia*, variant of *hierarchia*

Hierarchy of needs



Maslow's hierarchy of needs

Hierarchy of this school?



Hierarchy

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

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

