

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...

Colleague

[kol-eeg]

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Synonyms

- [aide](#)
- [ally](#)
- [assistant](#)
- [buddy](#)
- [co-worker](#)
- [companion](#)
- [comrade](#)
- [friend](#)
- [partner](#)
- [teammate](#)
- [chum](#)
- [collaborator](#)
- [compatriot](#)
- [pal](#)
- [workmate](#)

Origin of the word

1515–25 <

Middle French collegue from the Latin collēga.

Derivative of legere meaning to choose or gather.

C16: from French *collègue*, from Latin *collēga* one selected at the same time as another, from *com-* together + *lēgāre* to choose

History snippet:

In 1517 both Oxford and Cambridge

Universities were revisited by the seating disease. Sweating sickness, also known as English sweating sickness or English sweat or (Latin) sudor anglicus, was a mysterious and contagious disease that struck England and later continental Europe in a series of epidemics beginning in 1485. The last outbreak occurred in 1551, after which the disease apparently vanished. The onset of symptoms was sudden, with death often occurring within hours. Its cause remains unknown, although it has been suggested that an unknown species of hantavirus was responsible.

Colleague

noun

- a fellow worker or member of a staff, department, profession, etc
- An associate

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

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

