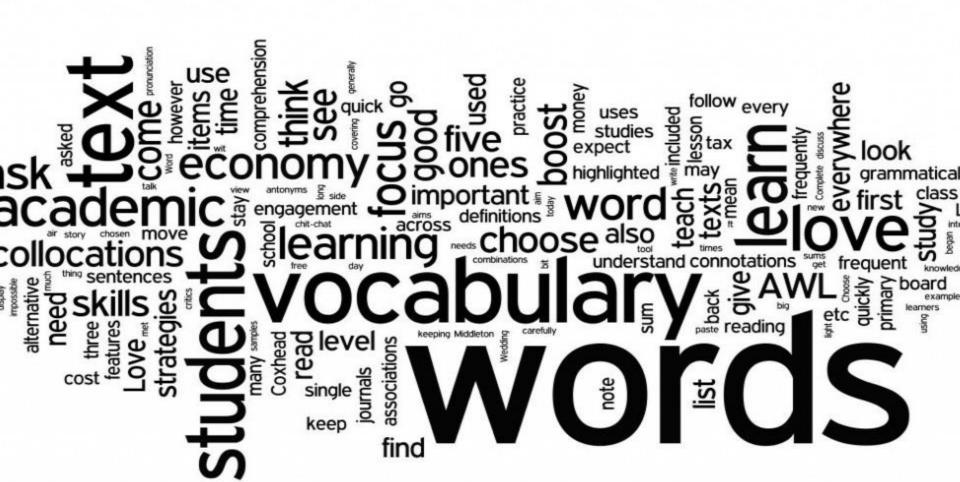
Word of the week



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...

Stress

[stres]

Synonyms

- Weight
- Accent
- Importance
- Significance
- Urgency
- Tense
- Burden
- Strain
- Repeat
- Underline

Origin of the word

1275–1325; (noun) Middle English *stresse*, aphetic variant of *distresse* distress; (v.) derivative of the noun

History snippet:

Marco Polo purportedly visits Xanadu, Kublai Khan's summer capital of the Yuan Dynasty

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marc o Polo

Noun

- •importance attached to a thing: to lay stress upon good manners.
- Phonetics. emphasis in the form of prominent relative loudness of a syllable or a word as a result of special effort in utterance.
- Prosody. accent or emphasis on syllables in a metrical pattern; beat.
- emphasis in melody, rhythm, etc.; beat.
- •the physical pressure, pull, or other force exerted on one thing by another; strain.
- Physiology. a specific response by the body to a stimulus, as fear or pain, that disturbs or interferes with the normal physiological equilibrium of an organism.
- •physical, mental, or emotional strain or tension: Worry over his job and his wife's health put him under a great stress.
- •a situation, occurrence, or factor causing this: The stress of being trapped in the elevator gave him a pounding headache.
- Archaic. strong or straining exertion.

Verb (used with an object)

to lay stress on; emphasize.

Phonetics. to pronounce (a syllable or a word) with prominent loudness: Stress the first syllable of "runner." Stress the second word in "put up with."

to subject to stress or strain.

Mechanics. to subject to stress.

verb (used without object)

to experience stress or worry: Don't stress about the turkey; I promise it will be delicious. Dad is always stressing out over his job.



Stressing words

The following sentence has seven possible meanings depending on which word you stress.

I didn't say she stole your money.

Read it aloud and stress a different word each time.

What are the seven different interpretations of this sentence?

Stress fractures



Stress fractures:

Bones

Metal

Concrete

Bridges

Cars

Houses

Use the word 'Stress' to earn points!

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

