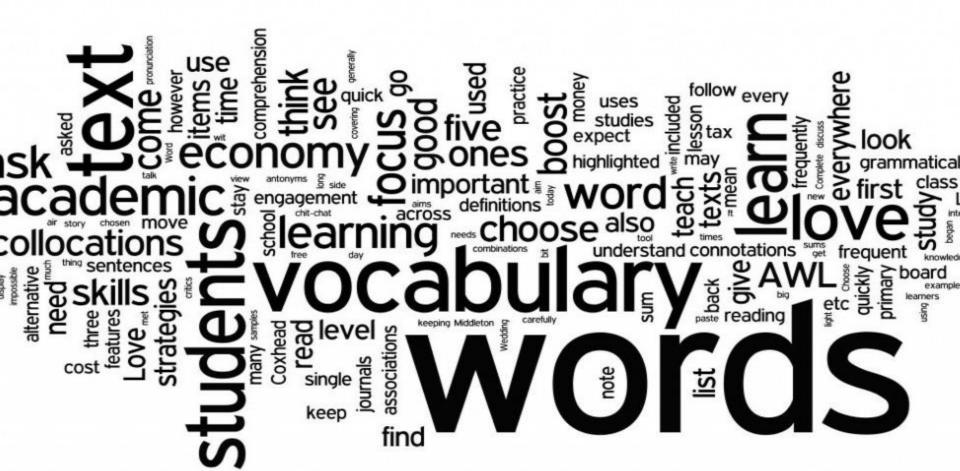
Word of the week



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.

Last time we learned about the words Corona and Virus. This week's word is one you may hear more of in the news

Recap

The last two words you looked at were closely linked; Corona and Virus.

Can you remember what a corona looks like?

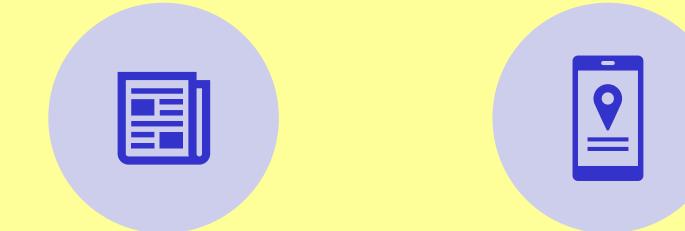
Why might a virus be named Corona? Think about how it looks.

Did you share your newfound knowledge with anyone?

This week we will be looking at a word that has been used for over 400 years and recently seen a bit of a spike in frequency in the news media. Watch this video and think about what is happening.



Some background to what is going on at the moment



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This week's word is...

Iconoclastic

[ahy-kon-uh-klas-tik]

Iconoclastic

Origin of the word

1590-1600

- Medieval Latin *īconoclastēs* which comes from the Medieval Greek *eikonoklástēs*
- It is equivalent to the Greek word *eikono-* <u>icono-</u> + *klastēs* breaker, equivalent to *klas-* (variant stem of *klân* to break) + *tēs* agent noun suffix

Synonyms

<u>irreverent</u>

<u>dissident</u>

<u>individualistic</u>

nonconforming

radical

Iconoclastic

adjective

attacking or ignoring cherished beliefs and long-held traditions, etc., as being based on error, superstition, or lack of creativity: *an iconoclastic architect whose buildings are like monumental sculptures*.

breaking or destroying images, especially those set up for religious veneration.

The people who took down the statue in Bristol are said to be iconoclasts.

The action they took was iconoclastic.

The Root of it

If we separate the word into two parts, we get Icon and clastic.

An **icon** is a representation of something held in high regard and looked up to. Often religious figures but can include famous people.

Clastic comes from the Greek word *klastes* which literally translates to mean breaker.

So, when we push these root parts together, we get icon+breaker. Iconoclasts = breaker of icons. Why did they do it? Do you agree?

Google search 'Bristol Statue' and read/watch the various videos and articles.

Be sure to read from three or more sources.

Now consider what their motives were and whether you agree or disagree with their actions.

Discuss it with someone at home.





To cement what you have learned about the word *iconoclastic,* you now need to tell someone in your house 3 things you have remembered.



Consider using the word iconoclasts, iconoclastic or iconoclasm in your next piece of writing.



You could write your own news article about the toppling of a statue. To do this you must research what the statue represents.

Hopefully you now have a deeper understanding of the word 'Virus' and where its roots lie.Stay safe and keep learning!



