

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 week year we began to broaden our lexicon by analysing one word every week. This year will be almost the same, but with a few guest words thrown in for good measure. This week's word comes from group 10.

Recap



The last word you looked at was Geography.



Can you remember what word class Geography is? Adjective, verb or noun?



What might someone be looking at when they study Geography?.



Did you share your newfound knowledge with anyone?

This week's word is...

Euphony

[yoo-fuh-nee]

Root words

Eu + Phon = Good sound

Eu

A combining form meaning “good,” “well,” and occurring chiefly in words of Greek origin and in scientific coinages, especially taxonomic names, it often has the sense “true or genuine” (*eukaryote*)

So Eu = good, well, true

Phon

PHON is from the Greek word *phōnḗ* which translates to voice or sound.

Phon = sound or voice

Euphony

noun plural -
nies

- the alteration of speech sounds, esp by assimilation, so as to make them easier to pronounce
- a pleasing sound, especially in speech
- agreeableness of sound; pleasing effect to the ear, especially a pleasant sounding or harmonious combination or succession of words

History

Synonyms

• accord

• melody

• rhythm

• sound

Origin of the word

1615–25

Late Latin

Euphōnia

Which comes from the
Greek word *euphōnía*

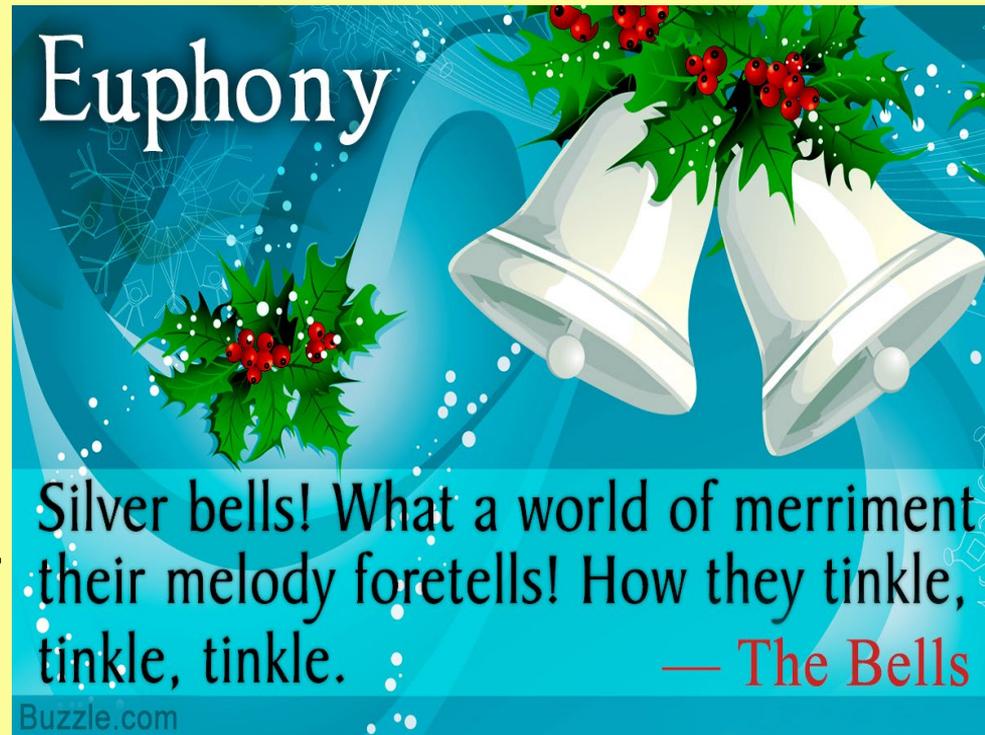
Read the words on the slide

Some may say it is
euphonic, but what do
you think?

Read it aloud.

Is it pleasing to the ear?

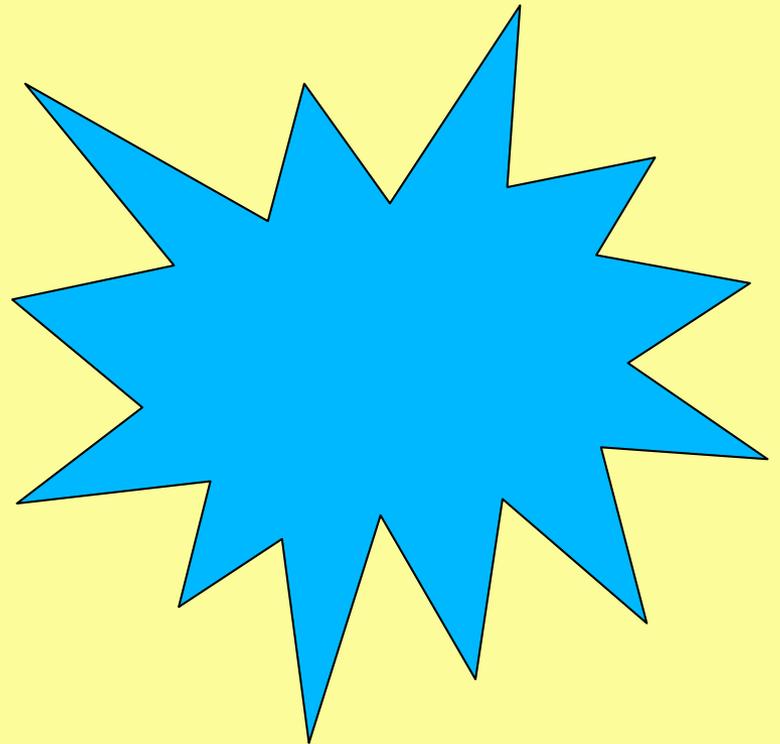
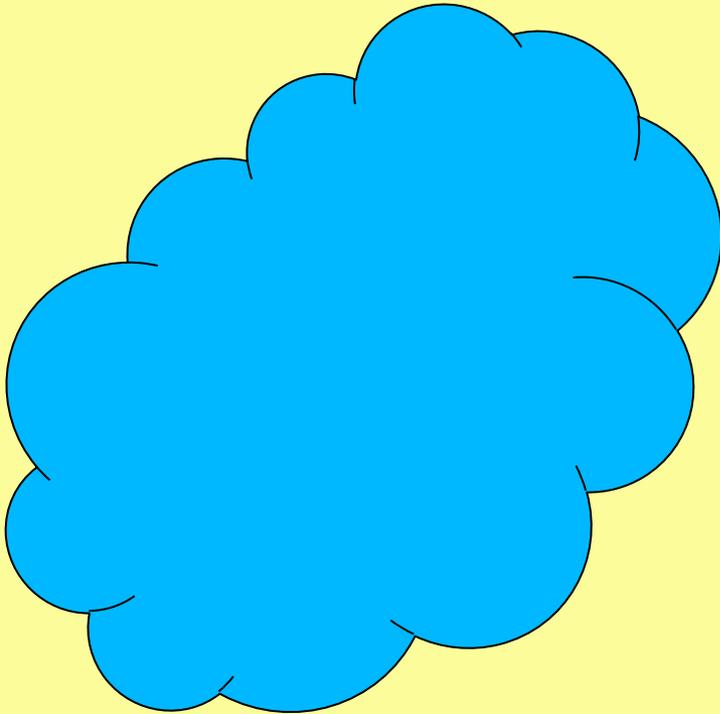
Think of the sounds rather
than the words



Theses two words are made up:

Tiketi and **Maluma**

**Which shape below matches
which word and why**



Words have shape

Words have a shape.

Some are not only sharp and harsh when they are heard, but they are also when they are said.

Likewise for soft and pleasing words. They sound good to hear but also to say.

As a class, think of the softest and nicest words to hear or say.

I'll start you off with **balloon, fluff, pillow, marshmallow....**

Review



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



Research the word yourself. Find music, sounds and words that you find euphonic.

Euphony

Hopefully, you now have a deeper understanding of the word 'Euphony'.

Stay safe, wash your hands and keep learning!

