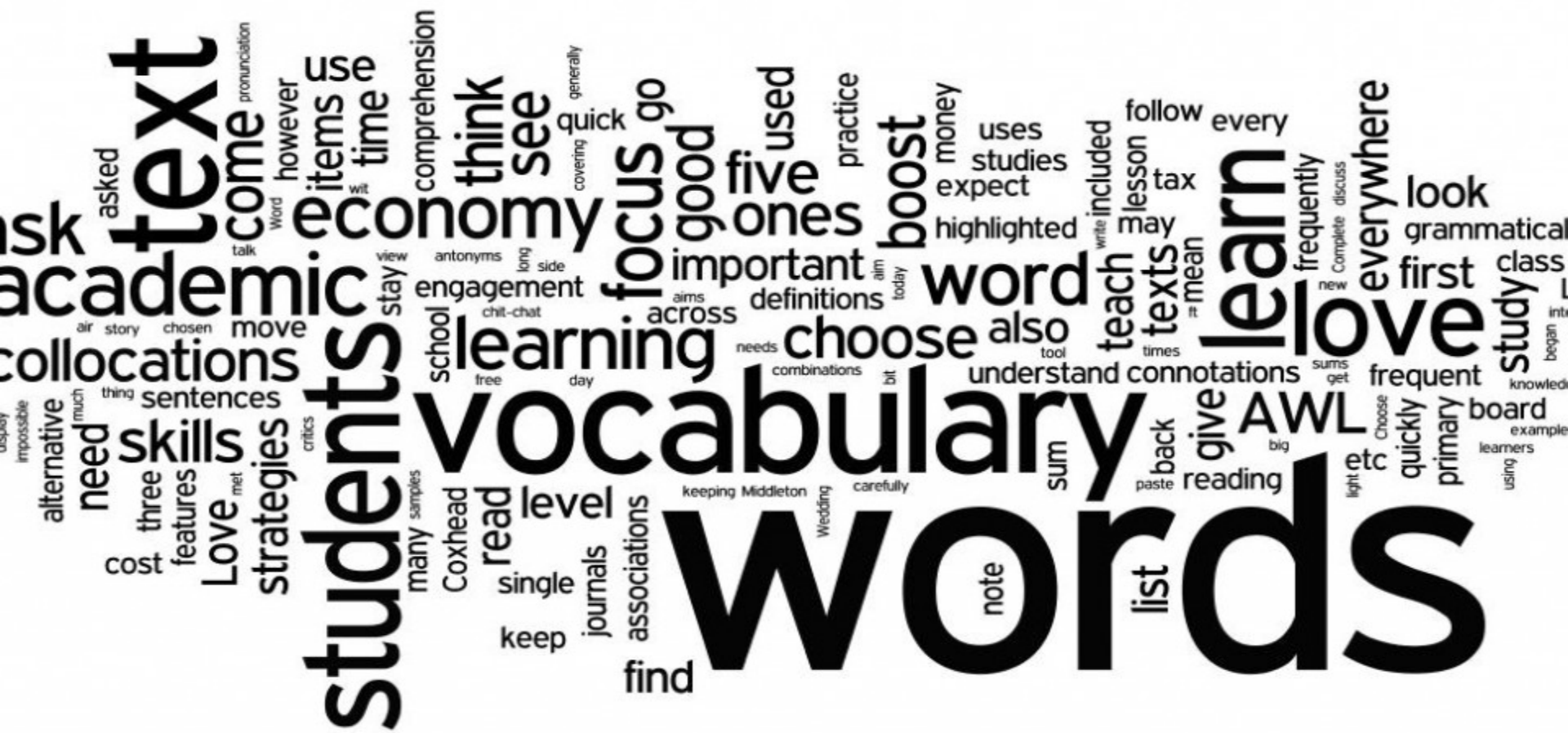


# *Word of the week*

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# **What and why**

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Our aim is to help you in your approach and understanding of academic material in any subject and gain more confidence.

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**All of the words used will appear on GCSE exam papers.**

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**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 8.**

# *Recap*



The last word you looked at was Euphony.



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



What words can you think of that are euphonic?



Did you share your newfound knowledge with anyone?

***This week's word is...***

**Cacophony**

**[*kuh-kof-uh-nee*]**

# Root words

Caco + Phon = Bad Sound ☹️

## Caco

a combining form meaning “**bad**,” occurring in loanwords from Greek (*cacodemon*); on this model, used in the formation of compound words (*cacogenics*).

## Phon

Phon is from the Greek word *phōnḗ* meaning voice or **sound**

***noun, plural* ca·coph·o·nies.**

harsh discordance of sound; dissonance:*a cacophony of hoots, cackles, and wails.*

a discordant and meaningless mixture of sounds:*the cacophony produced by city traffic at midday.*

*Music.* frequent use of discords of a harshness and relationship difficult to understand.

# History

## Synonyms

•noise

•discord

•Harshness

•clamor

•clinker

•din

•disharmony

•dissonance

•harshness

•jangle

•jarring

•racket

## Origin of the word

First recorded use in the English language was 1650–60

Originates from the later stages of the latin language – *cacophonia* and that comes from the Greek word *Kakophonia*

# Read the words on the slide

Read it aloud the following aloud.

*The snake hissed at my teacher.*

*The dog barked at the cat.*

*The sharp claws of the bird were scary.*

Is it unpleasant to the ear?

Think of the sounds rather than the words.

Which sounds are the most cacophonous?

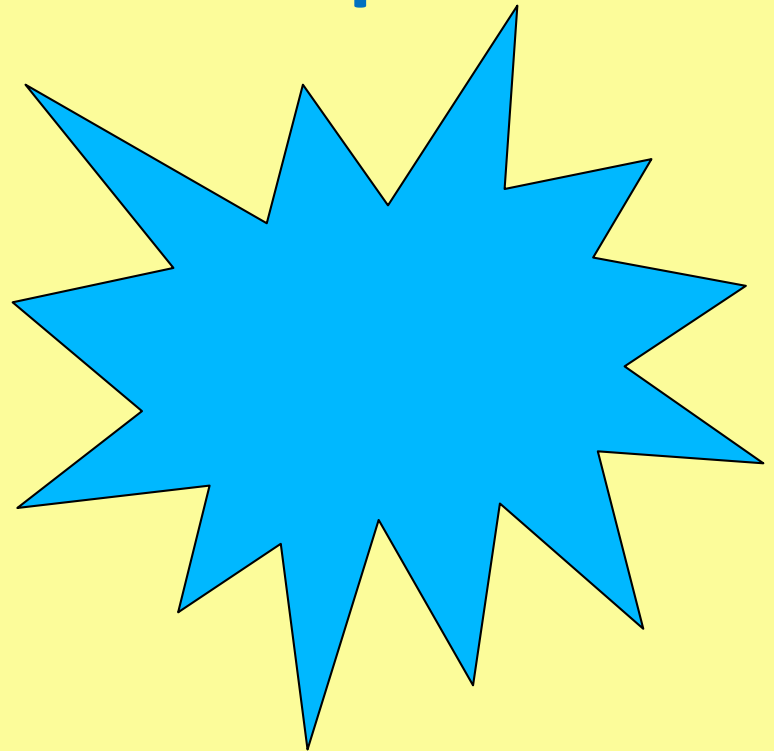
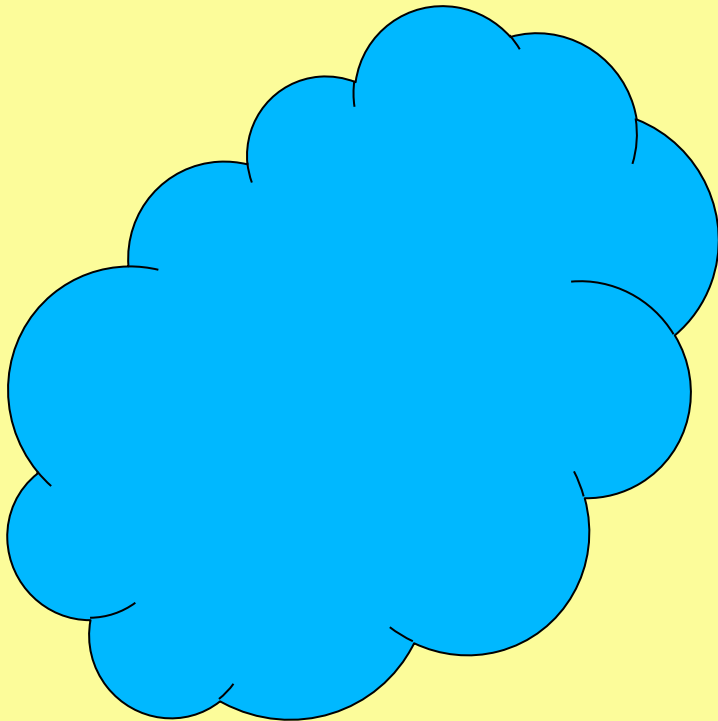


Theses two words are made up:

**Tiketi** and **Maluma**

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

**Which word and shape is cacophonous**



# 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.

As a class, think of the harshest and most unpleasant sounding words to hear or say.

I'll start you off with ***ticket, cocoon, dictator and carrot.***

**Remember, it is the sound you are focusing on, not the meaning of the word.**

# Review



To cement what you have learned about the word cacophony, 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 cacophonous.***

# Cacophony

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

Stay safe, wash your hands and keep learning!

