

Word of the Day

Learn and use a new word every day.

- **AUDITORY**
- **UNIQUE**
- **TRILOGY**
- **ANOINT**
- **IMMIGRANT**

WEEK 1

AUDITORY

Week
1A

Anything to do with hearing or the sense of hearing.

The man suffered from **auditory** problems since childhood.

UNIQUE

Of which there is only one, having no like.

Her talent as a concert pianist was **unique** for such a young child.

TRILOGY

Week
1C

A series or group of three plays, novels or films, usually related in theme or sequence.

The readers waited patiently for the publication of the latest book in the **trilogy**.

ANOINT

Week
1D

Apply oil or ointment, usually as part of a religious ceremony .

The priest **anointed** the baby at her christening ceremony.

IMMIGRANT

Week
1E

A person who comes as a permanent resident to a country other than their native land.

The **immigrants** arrived from their war-torn land to start a new life.

- **RESISTANT**
- **SPECIES**
- **SLOUCH**
- **PRANCE**
- **CRITICISM**

WEEK 2

RESISTANT

Week
2A

Withstands the action or effect of something or someone.

The disease was
resistant to all forms of
antibiotics.

SPECIES

A class of things having some common characteristics or qualities.

The tiger was the last of its **species** to die in captivity.

SLOUCH

Week
2C

To move, stand or sit in an awkward drooping fashion.

The teenager **slouched** on the sofa watching TV while texting on his phone.

PRANCE

Week
20

To move by springing around like a horse, behaving in an arrogant manner.

The waitress **pranced** around the café leading customers to believe she was the owner.

CRITICISM

Week
2E

The act of finding fault with something or passing severe judgement on it.

The actors were hurt by the stinging **criticism** of the playwright.

- **SPECULATE**
- **CLUMP**
- **SCALPEL**
- **THROTTLE**
- **JOURNALIST**

WEEK 3

SPECULATE

Week
3A

To consider or think about, or form a theory or opinion about something without knowing all the facts.

The racegoers **speculated** about which horse would win the big race.

CLUMP

A small, close group or cluster, especially of trees or other plants.

The boy spotted the frog in a **clump** of rushes near the pond.

SCALPEL

Week
3C

A small, sharp knife used by a surgeon during an operation.

The surgeon held the **scalpel** tightly, ready to make the first incision.

THROTTLE

Week
3D

To choke, strangle or suffocate.

The lady felt like **throttling** her young son who blurted out about the surprise party.

JOURNALIST

Week
3E

A person who writes for, or edits, a newspaper, journal, TV station or website.

The **journalist** spoke clearly into the microphone, asking questions of the Minister.

- **CHATTERBOX**
- **HAVERSACK**
- **PARADOX**
- **WARRANT**
- **QUILL**

WEEK 4

CHATTERBOX

Week
4A

An extremely talkative person.

“I can hear a **chatterbox** down the back”, said the teacher as she wrote on the board.

HAVERSACK

A bag worn on the back or over the shoulder for carrying supplies.

The soldier retrieved some food from his **haversack** during a break on the trek.

PARADOX

Week
4C

A seemingly contradictory statement, even if in reality it could possibly be true.

“It may seem like a **paradox**”, said the teacher, “but don’t worry about your writing during the first draft”.

WARRANT

Week
4D

A written document, authorising someone to take a course of action.

The judge issued a **warrant** for the arrest of the robber who failed to appear in court.

QUILL

Week
4E

A feather, as of a goose, formed into a pen for writing.

The queen dipped the **quill** into the ink, before signing the royal charter.

- **UNISON**
- **AUTOPSY**
- **BICENTENARY**
- **TRIPOD**
- **SERENE**

WEEK 5

UNISON

Week
5A

A combination of voices or instruments at the same pitch.

The choir ended the concert by singing a song in **unison**.

AUTOPSY

Week
5B

An examination of a body after death, usually to determine the cause of death.

An **autopsy** was performed after the suspicious death of the young man.

BICENTENARY

Week
5C

A two hundredth anniversary of an event.

The **bicentenary** of the battle was marked by a special ceremony.

TRIPOD

Week
5D

A three-legged stand to support a device like a camera or telescope.

The photographer positioned the **tripod** near the stage.

SERENE

Week
5E

Calm, peaceful, tranquil, unruffled.

The hikers were struck by the **serene** atmosphere in the centre of the rainforest.

- **PLAYWRIGHT**
- **APPREHEND**
- **CHOWDER**
- **PARALYSE**
- **HARASS**

WEEK 6

PLAYWRIGHT

Week
6A

A person who writes plays.

The actors met the
playwright just before the
first performance.

APPREHEND

Week
6B

To seize, arrest or take into custody.

The detectives managed to **apprehend** the thief as she left the store.

CHOWDER

Week
6C

A thick soup or stew, usually with fish, clams and vegetables.

The waiter served the steaming seafood **chowder** in deep bowls.

PARALYSE

Week
6D

To bring something or someone to a condition of helpless stoppage or inactivity.

The workers' strike managed to **paralyse** the operation of the harbour.

HARASS

Week
6E

To trouble or annoy someone continually or repeatedly, causing stress and anxiety.

The troubled fan
continued to **harass** the
pop star at every event.

- **DECEIVE**
- **DISLOYAL**
- **THWART**
- **BESTOW**
- **EVOKE**

WEEK 7

DECEIVE

Week
7A

To make a person believe something that is false; to mislead purposely.

The lady **deceived** her daughter by leading her to believe that she was dead.

DISLOYAL

Week
7B

Not loyal; unfaithful; untrue to one's allegiance.

The **disloyal** colleague betrayed her firm by releasing secrets to another firm.

THWART

Week
7C

To frustrate or foil a person, plan or purpose;
to oppose successfully.

The businessman was
thwarted in his attempt to
take over the company.

BESTOW

Week
7D

To give, present as a gift, confer a right

The Council **bestowed** the honour of “Freeman” on the Mayor.

EVOKE

Week
7E

To inspire or draw forth a memory, feeling or response.

Holding the purse **evoked** happy memories of her mother for the lady.

- **JOSTLE**
- **PAWPAW**
- **GINGHAM**
- **CONNIVING**
- **ILLUSION**

WEEK 8

JOSTLE

Week
8A

To bump, push, shove, brush against, or elbow roughly or rudely.

The photographers **jostled** for space in order to get the perfect photo of the pop star.

PAWPAW

Week
8B

A tree and also the edible fruit from this tree which is melon-shaped with orange flesh and small black seeds.

The farmer gathered a basket full of **pawpaw** for the restaurant.

GINGHAM

Week
8C

A plain woven cotton fabric, usually striped or checked.

The tables in the restaurant were covered with red **gingham** tablecloths.

CONNIVING

Week
8D

To agree or co-operate secretly, especially to a wrongdoing; to conspire.

The rebellion was successful largely due to the **conniving** army officers.

ILLUSION

Week
8E

Something that deceives by presenting a false or misleading impression of reality.

The neighbours were deceived by the **illusion** of wealth portrayed by the couple.

- **REALIGN**
- **LEGIBLE**
- **JODHPURS**
- **CAPSIZE**
- **CYMBALS**

WEEK 9

REALIGN

Week
9A

To put back into line or into its former position.

The carpenter had to **realign** the shelf before screwing it to the wall.

LEGIBLE

Week
9B

Capable of being read easily.

The pupil's handwriting in her copy was neat, tidy and **legible**.

JODHPURS

Week
9C

Long breeches for horse riding which are tight fitting from the knee to the ankle.

The rider wore cream
jodhpurs for the show
jumping competition.

CAPSIZE

Week
9D

To overturn, especially when related to a boat.

The boat **capsized** leaving all the passengers in the cold water.

CYMBALS

Week
9E

A musical instrument consisting of concave brass or bronze plates which are struck together or struck with a stick.

The piece of orchestral music finished with a clash of **cymbals**.

- **HYSTERIA**
- **PERSPIRE**
- **FELINE**
- **ASSIGN**
- **BEVERAGE**

WEEK 10

HYSTERIA

Week
10A

A wild, uncontrollable outburst of emotion, excitement or fear.

The appearance of the pop star caused **hysteria** amongst the fans outside.

PERSPIRE

Week
10B

To sweat through the skin especially when very warm as a result of heat, exercise or anxiety.

The woman could feel herself **perspire** as she entered the darkened room.

FELINE

Week
10C

Belonging or relating to the cat family;
catlike.

The white-coated **feline**
gracefully ascended the
perimeter wall.

ASSIGN

Week
10D

To give out, allocate or announce a task; to appoint to a post/job.

The manager had to **assign** the difficult task to her most experienced assistant.

BEVERAGE

Week
10E

A drinkable liquid eg. tea, coffee, milk, beer etc.

Hot **beverages** were available in the clubhouse after the match.

- **GERANIUM**
- **REGISTRAR**
- **FATIGUE**
- **PERCEIVE**
- **DAWDLE**

WEEK 11

GERANIUM

Week
11A

A flowering plant.

The gardener planted the **geraniums** in the flower bed at the front of the house.

REGISTRAR

Week
11B

An official who is responsible for keeping a register or official records.

The candidate asked the **registrar** if her name was on the official records.

FATIGUE

Week
11C

A feeling of extreme tiredness, especially after exercise or exertion.

The athlete was suffering from **fatigue** and could not complete the race.

PERCEIVE

Week
11D

To recognise, become aware of or understand, especially through sight or observation.

“I **perceive** a hint of sarcasm in your response”, replied the interviewer.

DAWDLE

Week
11E

To waste time or delay.

“Don’t **dawdle**”, announced the principal when she saw the boys on the corridor.

- **CANINE**
- **TYPHOON**
- **GUILLOTINE**
- **FEIGNED**
- **ODYSSEY**

WEEK 12

CANINE

Week
12A

Anything relating to a dog or a member of the dog family.

The old man walked with his **canine** companion up the country lane.

TYPHOON

Week
12B

A tropical cyclone or hurricane characterised by violent winds.

The **typhoon** hit the Pacific island leaving a trail of destruction in its wake.

GUILLOTINE

Week
12C

A device for beheading a person, widely used during the French Revolution.

The king faced death at the **guillotine** in the final days of the revolution.

FEIGNED

Week
12D

Pretended to do something.

The player **feigned** injury in order to cheat the referee into giving a free kick.

ODYSSEY

Week
12E

A series of wanderings or a long adventurous journey.

The group of friends continued their **odyssey**, travelling through the jungle.

- **COBBLER**
- **BOTCH**
- **PLAQUE**
- **CHAUFFEUR**
- **PLATOON**

WEEK 13

COBBLER

Week
13A

A person who mends shoes.

The **cobbler** replaced the soles on the man's worn-out work shoes.

BOTCH

Week
13B

To spoil or ruin by poor work; to do something badly; to patch or repair badly.

The builder **botched** the repair job on the roof of the extension.

PLAQUE

Week
13C

An ornamental tablet of metal, porcelain etc. affixed to a wall outside a building in commemoration.

A **plaque** was unveiled at the spot where the prince was assassinated.

CHAUFFEUR

Week
13D

A person employed to drive a private motor car for the owner.

The **chauffeur** dropped the lady's son to school before bringing her to the airport.

PLATOON

Week
13E

A military unit, usually commanded by a lieutenant, consisting of two or more squads or sections of 25-50 soldiers.

The **platoon** surrounded the castle awaiting orders to commence the attack.

- **DABBLE**
- **AVIATOR**
- **BOUGH**
- **CROCHET**
- **HIRSUTE**

WEEK 14

DABBLE

Week
14A

To take a casual or superficial interest in a subject or activity.

The man **dabbled** in furniture restoration in the evenings in his spare time.

AVIATOR

Week
14B

Referring to the pilot of an airplane.

The plane lost altitude
leaving the **aviator** with no
option but to eject.

BOUGH

Week
14C

A branch of a tree, especially one of the larger or main branches.

The nest sat precariously on the edge of the highest **bough** of the tree.

CROCHET

Week
14D

A handicraft in which yarn is made up into a patterned fabric by means of a hooked needle.

The lady had to **crochet** a new shawl for the baby's christening.

HIRSUTE

Week
14E

Hairy or shaggy; relating to or characteristic of hair.

The new prince, **hirsute** and handsome, entered the ballroom to fulsome applause.

- **PHILATELIST**
- **BAIZE**
- **GRADUAL**
- **PATRIARCH**
- **ENTOMBED**

WEEK 15

PHILATELIST

Week
15A

Someone who collects postage stamps as a hobby or as an investment..

The aging **philatelist** was euphoric when he found a rare first edition stamp.

BAIZE

Week
15B

A soft green fabric, almost like felt, usually used as a covering for snooker or pool tables.

The ball rolled along the edge of the **baize** and into the corner pocket.

GRADUAL

Week
15C

Taking place, moving or changing very slowly,
little by little.

The boy's **gradual** progress
in learning the new skill was
a delight to see.

PATRIARCH

Week
15D

The male head or leader of a family or tribe.

It was left to the **patriarch** of the tribe to decide on whether or not to sell the land.

ENTOMBED

Week
15E

To place or bury in a tomb.

The chief's body was
entombed in a graveyard
on the side of the hill.

- **BAILIFF**
- **PARCHMENT**
- **PINING**
- **CARTOGRAPHER**
- **DENTURES**

WEEK 16

BAILIFF

Week
16A

A court official, like a sheriff's deputy, who keeps order, looks after prisoners etc.

The **bailiff** announced that the court session was about to commence.

PARCHMENT

Week
16B

A manuscript or document written on material made from sheep or goat skin.

The new law was presented to parliament printed on a special **parchment**.

PINING

Week
16C

Longing eagerly or yearning for something or someone.

The young man was **pinning** for his wife who had been missing for a week.

CARTOGRAPHER

A person who makes or draws maps.

The owner asked the
cartographer for the
original map of the estate.

DENTURES

Week
16E

A removable artificial replacement for one or more teeth.

Her granny removed her **dentures** and placed them in a glass before bedtime.

- **PARODY**
- **RAVINE**
- **ETHOS**
- **FEMUR**
- **WIELD**

WEEK 17

PARODY

Week
17A

A humorous, exaggerated imitation of an author or a piece of writing.

The newspaper published a **parody** of the politician's speech the following day.

RAVINE

Week
17B

A deep, steep-sided, narrow gorge in a valley.

The wagon hit a loose rock and plunged into the **ravine** below.

ETHOS

Week
17C

The characteristic spirit or attitudes of a community, group or people.

A strict **ethos** emerged amongst the members of the new community group.

FEMUR

Week
17D

The thigh bone in the human leg; the thick bone between the hip and the knee.

The car crashed into the wall, leaving the driver with a broken **femur**.

WIELD

Week
17E

To exercise power or authority; to hold and use a weapon, tool or instrument effectively.

The warrior **wielded** his trusty sword as he led the troops into battle.

- **SEQUEL**
- **RETRIEVE**
- **MORPHINE**
- **BEFUDDLED**
- **MISSPENT**

WEEK 18

SEQUEL

Week
18A

A novel, film etc. that follows the story of a previous one.

The audience agreed that the **sequel** was better than the original movie.

RETRIEVE

Week
18B

To regain possession of; to recover something;
to find and bring back.

The dog **retrieved** the bone
from its hiding place under
the hedge.

MORPHINE

Week
18C

A strong drug obtained from opium, chiefly used medicinally to relieve pain.

The patient was attached to the **morphine** pump after the complicated surgery.

BEFUDDLED

Week
18D

Confused by something.

The group was **befuddled** by the explanation of the problem by the leader.

MISSPENT

Week
18E

Wasted; spent wrongly or unwisely.

The middle-aged man sincerely regretted his **misspent** earlier years.

- **TWADDLE**
- **EULOGY**
- **SEQUINS**
- **XYLOPHONE**
- **TROUGH**

WEEK 19

TWADDLE

Week
19A

Useless, senseless or dull writing or talk.

“Don’t talk such **twaddle**”,
exclaimed the annoyed chief
examiner.

EULOGY

Week
19B

A speech or writing in praise of a person, especially one delivered in praise of a deceased person.

His son delivered an emotional graveside **eulogy** after the funeral.

SEQUINS

Week
19C

Small shining discs for attaching onto clothing or costumes as ornamentation.

The lights reflected off the **sequins** on the model's dress as she took to the catwalk.

XYLOPHONE

Week
19D

A musical instrument of wooden or metal bars, usually struck with a small wooden hammer.

The lady decided to take lessons to learn how to play the **xylophone**.

TROUGH

Week
19E

A long, narrow, open, boxlike shape, mainly used to hold food or water for animals.

The cattle gathered around the **trough** as the farmer added feed for the day.

- **BALMY**
- **PRODIGY**
- **SPIEL**
- **FATALITY**
- **CLAMOUR**

WEEK 20

BALMY

Week
20A

Usually pertaining to weather – mild, soft, warm, refreshing.

The couple walked hand in hand along the beach as it was a **balmy** evening.

PRODIGY

Week
20B

Usually refers to a child or young person possessing extraordinary talent or ability.

The chess tournament was easily won by the young **prodigy**.

SPIEL

Week
20C

A very fluent talk or speech, usually used to persuade someone to do, buy or attend something.

The salesman launched into a great **spiel** about the latest electronic gadget.

FATALITY

Week
20D

A disaster resulting in the death of a person from an accident, war etc.

The road was closed off due to a car accident which led to a **fatality**.

CLAMOUR

Week
20E

A loud or persistent shouting or noise from a large number of people, as in a protest.

The large bang could be clearly heard over the **clamour** of the crowd.

- **PHOTOGENIC**
- **MULTILINGUAL**
- **DELUGE**
- **SCRIPTURE**
- **VERANDA**

WEEK 21

PHOTOGENIC

Week
21A

Having features that look well in a
photograph

The photographer thought
that the child had a
photogenic smile.

MULTILINGUAL

Week
21B

The ability to use or speak several languages.

The lady easily settled into the city due to her **multilingual** abilities.

DELUGE

Week
21C

A downpour of rain, almost causing a flood.

The quiet side streets
flooded due to the late
afternoon **deluge**.

SCRIPTURE

Week
21D

Sacred writings or text from a holy book eg. the Bible.

During the funeral, the man's son read a passage from **scripture**.

VERANDA

Week
21E

A large open porch with a roof, usually at the side of a house or a shop.

The children sheltered in the **veranda** to get out of the rain.

- **NUTRITIOUS**
- **CHATEAU**
- **SLEUTH**
- **WOMBAT**
- **MAGNITUDE**

WEEK 22

NUTRITIOUS

Week
22A

Food which provides nourishment; healthy food.

The children ate a **nutritious** breakfast before heading off on the long journey.

CHATEAU

Week
22B

A French word meaning a castle or fortress. It could also refer to a palatial home.

The family holidayed in their secluded **chateau** during the summer months.

SLEUTH

Week
22C

Another name for a detective.

The cunning **sleuth** trapped the suspect into admitting the crime.

WOMBAT

Week
22D

A burrowing, plant-eating Australian marsupial, like a small bear.

The children could see the **wombat** hiding in the scrub at the rear of the house.

MAGNITUDE

Week
22E

Referring to the size, largeness or the importance of something.

The **magnitude** of her decision could only be felt on the following day.

- **UPHOLSTER**
- **TROUPE**
- **PLAID**
- **POSTURE**
- **FIGURINE**

WEEK 23

UPHOLSTER

Week
23A

To cover (eg. a chair or sofa) with springs, stuffing, fabric.

The lady promised to
upholster the old chair
with a new, colourful fabric.

TROUPE

Week
23B

Referring to a group of singers, actors, dancers etc.

The **troupe** of dancers lined up backstage to get ready for their performance.

PLAID

Week
23C

A type of fabric of different colour yarns woven in a crossbarred pattern.

She wore her **plaid** shawl draped across her shoulder as she walked into the room.

POSTURE

Week
23D

The position of the limbs or the carriage of the body as a whole.

The boy's **posture** was poor as he slouched in the chair watching television.

FIGURINE

Week
23E

A small ornamental figure made of pottery, metal, plastic. A statuette.

The old lady placed the **figurine** on her bookshelf as it reminded her of her late husband.

- **CHIROPODIST**
- **CAYENNE**
- **ANNEXE**
- **SOLDER**
- **VENEER**

WEEK 24

CHIROPODIST

Week
24A

Person who diagnoses and treats a range of foot conditions. (Sometimes called a podiatrist)

The old lady made an appointment with the **chiroprapist** to have her corns treated.

CAYENNE

Week
24B

A hot spice made from the ground pods and seeds of a pepper.

The chef added some
cayenne at the last minute
to add flavour to the dish.

ANNEXE

Week
24C

An extension to the main building.

The reporter entered the **annexe**, not knowing that this would be his downfall.

SOLDER

Week
24D

To join two metals together with a solder.

The blacksmith used the **solder** to join the iron post to the hinge.

VENEER

Week
24E

To cover an object with a thin sheet of wood.

The carpenter glued the **veneer** to the counter top making it look expensive.

- **ABATTOIR**
- **MILLINER**
- **SATAY**
- **ELITE**
- **CHARRED**

WEEK 25

ABATTOIR

Week
25A

A building where animals are butchered for food.

The farmer delivered the cattle to the **abattoir** run by the local butcher.

MILLINER

Week
25B

A person who designs, makes or sells hats, usually for women.

The **milliner** designed a hat for the mother of the bride for her daughter's wedding.

SATAY

Week
25C

A Southeast Asian dish of marinated meat usually served in a peanut flavoured sauce.

The couple both chose the chicken **satay** from the extensive menu.

ELITE

Week
25D

A group considered to be the best in their chosen field.

The group of **elite** athletes attended the training camp before the competition.

CHARRED

Week
25E

Burned or scorched.

The **charred** remains of a man were found after the house fire was extinguished.

- **SPATULA**
- **SWINDLE**
- **CHORIZO**
- **EQUINE**
- **AFFINITY**

WEEK 26

SPATULA

Week
26A

A kitchen utensil with a flat blade for blending food.

The chef used the **spatula** to mix the cake ingredients together.

SWINDLE

Week
26B

To cheat a person out of money or other possessions.

The trickster **swindled** the old lady out of her life savings.

CHORIZO

Week
26C

A Spanish pork sausage with spices, smoked and dried.

The lady added slices of her favourite **chorizo** to her pizza.

EQUINE

Week
26D

Anything relating to a horse or the horse family.

Many people make their living in the **equine** industry in Ireland.

AFFINITY

Week
26E

To have a natural liking for, an interest or attraction to someone or something.

The little girl had a great **affinity** to animals of every kind.

- **AZURE**
- **BUFFOON**
- **CAHOOTS**
- **FESTOONED**
- **RANSACK**

WEEK 27

AZURE

Week
27A

A light purplish shade of blue, like that in a cloudless sky.

The tourists marvelled at the **azure** sky as they looked out over the cliff.

BUFFOON

Week
27B

A silly or foolish person, trying to amuse others with jokes and gestures.

The crowd looked on as the **buffoon** made a fool of himself on the stage.

CAHOOTS

Week
27C

To be in partnership with someone, especially when doing something silly, wrong or illegal.

The salesman was in **cahoots** with his manager in stealing money from the shop.

FESTOONED

Week
27D

Adorned or decorated with flowers, ribbons, fabric etc.

The hall was **festooned** with colourful decorations for the community celebration.

RANSACK

Week
27E

To search a place thoroughly for something, usually in order to steal.

The robbers **ransacked** the house looking for the lady's jewellery stash.

- **SPLINTER**
- **PERPLEXED**
- **SHRAPNEL**
- **SCUFFLE**
- **NECKERCHIEF**

WEEK 28

SPLINTER

Week
28A

A small, thin, sharp piece of wood that has broken off from the main piece.

The boy got a **splinter** in his hand as he lifted the tree branch to one side.

PERPLEXED

Week
28B

To be puzzled or confused about something.

The old man was
perplexed after reading the
instructions for his new TV.

SHRAPNEL

Week
28C

Fragments of a bomb thrown out after an explosion.

The soldiers were injured by flying **shrapnel** after the bomb exploded.

SCUFFLE

Week
28D

A confused struggle or fight.

The opposing fans became involved in a **scuffle** as they left the stadium.

NECKERCHIEF

A piece of cloth or scarf worn around the neck.

The club members all wore the navy blue uniform **neckerchief**.

- **MOSAIC**
- **LOGGERHEADS**
- **CONCUR**
- **HORTICULTURE**
- **FOB**

WEEK 29

MOSAIC

Week
29A

A picture or pattern created by arranging small pieces of stone, glass, paper etc.

The artist created a stunning, colourful **mosaic** on the wall inside the foyer.

LOGGERHEADS

To be in a disagreement or dispute with someone about something.

The neighbours were at **loggerheads** with each other over street parking.

CONCUR

Week
29C

To be in agreement with someone or their opinion.

The partners **concurrred** that the best way to proceed was to close the business.

HORTICULTURE

The cultivation of garden flowers and plants.

The man embarked on a newly found interest in **horticulture**.

FOB

Week
29E

To deceive someone into accepting something of inferior value or quality.

The old lady was **fobbed** off with a much cheaper cut of meat by the butcher.

- **DILAPIDATED**
- **CROUTON**
- **BENEFACTOR**
- **MACABRE**
- **LINGUIST**

WEEK 30

DILAPIDATED

Week
30A

Something in a state of disrepair or ruin,
caused by age or neglect.

The old thatched cottage
was **dilapidated** after years
of neglect by its owner.

CROUTON

Week
30B

Small pieces of fried or toasted bread, served as a garnish with soups or salads.

The homemade vegetable soup was topped with herb and garlic **croutons**.

BENEFACTOR

Week
30C

A person who gives support, especially financial support, to a person, group or cause.

The charity received a large donation from an anonymous **benefactor**.

MACABRE

Week
30D

Grim, gruesome, horrifying.

The children watched a
macabre horror movie on
Hallowe'en night.

LINGUIST

Week
30E

A person skilled in several languages.

The talented **linguist** worked as a translator in the head office of the firm.

- **SUCCESSOR**
- **MALEVOLENT**
- **LAVISH**
- **LENIENT**
- **ALIBI**

WEEK 31

SUCCESSOR

Week
31A

A person who comes after or follows another person in a position, office etc.

Her **successor** in the firm was much more strict in following the rules.

MALEVOLENT

Week
31B

Wishing evil or harm to others.

The imposing ogre stared at the children with **malevolent** eyes.

LAVISH

Week
31C

Using or giving something in large quantities,
generous, excessive.

The wedding ceremony was followed by a **lavish** reception in the castle.

LENIENT

Week
31D

A mild punishment, lacking in severity.

The crowd was shocked at the **lenient** sentence imposed by the judge.

ALIBI

Week
31E

A claim that when a crime was committed, the accused person was somewhere else.

The young man provided an **alibi** for his friend for the time when the crime occurred.

- **HAMMOCK**
- **GAUZE**
- **DAPPER**
- **NECTARINE**
- **STATURE**

WEEK 32

HAMMOCK

Week
32A

A hanging bed made of canvas, suspended by cords at the ends.

The child lay asleep in the **hammock** which was suspended between two trees.

GAUZE

Week
32B

A thin, surgical dressing made of loosely woven cotton.

The doctor gently placed the **gauze** over the wound on the child's leg.

DAPPER

Week
32C

Neat, trim, smart, tidy, especially in dress or appearance.

The **dapper** old gentleman looked like he was dressed for a wedding.

NECTARINE

Week
32D

A variety of peach with a smooth, waxy skin.

The mother placed the punnet of juicy **nectarines** into her shopping trolley.

STATURE

Week
32E

Referring to the height of a human or animal.

Although tall in **stature**, the lady found it difficult to move quickly.

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