

# OUR WORDS FROM A - Z



**WHICH WORD  
WAS YOUR  
FAVOURITE?**

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### AMBIVALENT

adjective  
Having mixed feelings towards something. Having no strong opinion one way or the other.

Learning a new word every week is a great way to improve your vocabulary. Try to use this word in lessons, written or spoken.

Apparently, when it comes to Marmite, you either love it or hate it. Personally, I'm ambivalent on the subject! What are you ambivalent about?

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### BENEVOLENT

adjective  
To be kind or charitable.

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When we do something helpful for someone else, we are being benevolent. When was the last time you did something benevolent?

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### CANTANKEROUS

adjective  
Hostile; argumentative; irritable; bad-tempered

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We all become cantankerous at times: due to a lack of sleep; an illness may cause us to slip into a bad mood. How do you cheer an event that may cause us to slip into a bad mood. How do you cheer yourself up when you're feeling cantankerous?

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### DISHEVELLED

adjective  
Scruffy; untidy; messy; usually used to describe a person's appearance.

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Sometimes, a gust of wind can make our hair dishevelled. Make sure you wear your uniform correctly to avoid looking dishevelled.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### EUPHORIA

noun  
Joy; feeling of extreme well-being and positivity; a celebratory atmosphere.

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As she had worked so hard, she deserved her feeling of euphoria. A winning football team is surrounded by a euphoric glow.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### FASTIDIOUS

Adjective  
Extremely particular and attentive to detail; having very high standards that are difficult to meet.

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Having a fastidious approach to tasks will lead to a sense of achievement but if you are too fastidious you will never be satisfied.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### GARRULOUS

Adjective  
Overly talkative; often rambling.

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Try to avoid being garrulous in lessons!

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### HUMBLE

Adjective  
Being full of respect; modest; not arrogant or too proud.

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We feel humble when we remember the sacrifice made by soldiers in World War One.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### IDIOSYNCRATIC

Adjective  
Having a physical or personality feature which is unique and unusual; quirky.

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We are all idiosyncratic in one way or another, so we should accept other people's idiosyncrasies

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### JADED

Adjective  
Tired, bored or lacking enthusiasm, usually after having too much of something

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Christmas adverts starting in November can leave us feeling jaded by December!

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### KALEIDOSCOPIC

Adjective  
Continually shifting or changing, usually referring to colours or patterns.

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The twinkling Christmas lights were kaleidoscopic.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### LACONIC

Adjective  
Using few words; expressing much in a few words; to be concise

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Try to be laconic when expressing your ideas and you will avoid waffle!

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### MELLIFLUOUS

Adjective  
Pleasant and soothing to listen to; sweet and smooth in tone.

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Listening to the mellifluous voice of your teacher will help you to learn!

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### NEBULOUS

Adjective  
Hazy, vague, indistinct or confused.

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If we do not revise for exams and assessments we will only have a nebulous knowledge of the topic.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### OBSTREPEROUS

Adjective  
To be noisy, stubborn and defiant; argumentative.

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Being obstreperous will only lead to trouble; we should all treat each other with respect.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### PREPOSTEROUS

Adjective  
Very silly, stupid. Contrary to nature, reason, or common sense.

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Being preposterous might invite ridicule; we should all refrain from foolishness.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### QUIZZICAL

Adjective  
Demonstrating mild or amused puzzlement (often because of someone's behaviour).

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Unsure of what to say in response to my question, she gave me a quizzical look.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### RESTORATION

Adjective  
The act or process of returning something to its earlier good condition or position.

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The first task following the disaster was the restoration of clean water supplies.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### SCENIC

Adjective  
Having beautiful natural scenery

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Taking the scenic route home was the perfect end to our holiday.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### TIMBRE

Noun  
The quality of a voice or musical sound

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The unmistakable timbre of the teacher's voice came effortlessly through the wooden panels of the door.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### UNBECOMING

Adjective  
Used to describe something that is not suitable or fitting

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The unbecoming behaviour of the pupils was a real disappointment to their form tutor.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### VOLUMINOUS

Adjective  
1. of great size, quantity, volume, or extent  
2. (of writing) consisting of or sufficient to fill volumes

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The girl's voluminous hair glittered like gold in the sunshine.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### WINCE

Verb  
To start slightly with sudden pain/To flinch

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The man winced in pain at the very thought of a trip to the dentist.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### XENOPHILE

Noun  
A person who likes foreigners or foreign things

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You're such a xenophile; you've visited more foreign countries than anyone else I know!

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### YIELD

Verb  
To surrender, especially as the result of force or persuasion.

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The students eventually had to yield to their parents' superior knowledge.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

### ZOETROPE

Noun  
A cylinder-shaped toy with a sequence of pictures on its inner surface which, when viewed through the vertical slits spaced regularly around it while the toy is rotated, produce an illusion of animation

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The student was so proud of the zoetrope he had created, its images were magical.

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