

Word of the Day Activities



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Summer 1

Week	Monday is Nounsday	Tuesday is Adjectiveday	Wednesday is Adverbday	Thursday is Verbsday	Friday is Long-Word- Friday
1	yore	year-long	youthfully	yearning	youthquake
2	zenith	zany	zestily	zeroed	zoarchaeology
3	sheen	shapeless	sheepishly	shimmying	shilly-shally
4	thespian	thunder-struck	thriftily	throbbing	thalassophobia
5	chronologist	churlish	chaotically	channelling	chaperoning
6	stalwart	star-struck	staggeringly	standardise	stakeholders

Week 1

Monday is **Nounsday**

yore

Tuesday is **Adjectiveday**

year-long

Wednesday is **Adverbday**

youthfully

Thursday is **Verbsday**

yearning

Friday is **Long-Word-Friday**

youthquake

Dictionary Neighbours

Which words come before and after this word in the dictionary?

List Lines

Write a list of 15 things that happened in 'days of yore'.

yore

Click on the word for the definition.

A long time ago.
Usually used in the phrase 'days of yore'.
Can also be used in 'time of yore', 'life of yore', 'people of yore', etc.

Limerick Lore

Create a limerick using this word (or haiku if you prefer) about long ago. It could be about a time in history that you have studied.

Sentence Scribe

Write a sentence using this word.

Spellround

Write the word ten times forwards.
Then, without looking at the word,
spell it backwards out loud.

List Lines

Write a list of things that could be
'year-long'.

(Think about things or projects you
might do that might take a long time.)

year-long

Click on
the word
for the
definition.

Lasting for a year.

FANBOYS

Write a sentence using the word
and a FANBOYS
co-ordinating conjunction.

Shrink Rap

Say the word over and over, taking
off the first letter each time.

Sentence Scribe

Write a sentence using this word.

Alphabetical Arrangement

Arrange all the letters of the word in alphabetical order.

youthfully

Click on the word for the definition.

In a way that is young.
That may mean with more energy, enthusiasm or mischief.

Character Speech

Write a line of dialogue for a character using the word.

Describe and Scribe

Write a character description of someone who is old but behaving youthfully.

Diary Date

Write a short diary entry of no more than three sentences using this word.

Advert Adage

Write an advertising slogan for a product using this word in any of its tenses.

yearning

Click on the word for the definition.

Really wanting or longing for something.

Pyramid Practice

Spell the word using a pyramid.

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Tense Transform

Write the word in as many different tenses as you can.
To make it even better, write full sentences using each example.

News Narration

Write and perform a radio or TV news story of no more than three sentences using this word. The story can be about a real youthquake or fictional.

Dictionary Neighbours

Which words come before and after this word in the dictionary?

youthquake

Click on the word for the definition.

Named '2017 Word of the Year' by Oxford Dictionaries.

A big change that happens because of young people.

This may be political, social, music-related or fashion-related.

New Word Neologism

Create some new words of your own using words you know already and adding the ending '-quake'. You'll also need to write the definitions.

Question Time

Write a question using the word.

Week 1 – Consolidate It

Play spelling ping pong with a partner.
To spell the word, take it in turns to say the next letter.

Monday is **Nounsday**

yore

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year-long

Wednesday is **Adverbday**

youthfully

Thursday is **Verbsday**

yearning

Friday is **Long-Word-Friday**

youthquake

Week 1 – Writing Task

Invent five crazy fashion trends from the past and describe each one. Try and use a word of the week for each one.

An example has been done for you.

One of the strangest trends of yesteryear came about when trendsetters in Paris in the early 19th century began to wear multiple pairs of glasses so that it was not unusual to see someone with three or four pairs on their face.

How many points can you score?

Word of the Week	Pts
yore	1
year-long	1
youthfully	2
yearning	3
youthquake	3

Week 2

Monday is **Nounsday**

zenith

Tuesday is **Adjectiveday**

zany

Wednesday is **Adverbday**

zestily

Thursday is **Verbsday**

zeroed

Friday is **Long-Word-Friday**

zoarchaeology

Mnemonic

Write a mnemonic to help you remember how to spell the word.

News Narration

Write and perform a radio or television news story of no more than three sentences using this word.

zenith

Click on the word for the definition.

The highest point that is reached by something. The peak, the time when something is the most powerful.

Dictionary Neighbours

Which words come before and after this word in the dictionary?

Noun Phrase Notion

Can you expand the noun into three different noun phrases?

Character Speech

Write a line of dialogue for a character using this word.

FANBOYS

Write a sentence using the word and a FANBOYS co-ordinating conjunction.

zany

Click on the word for the definition.

Bizarre, odd, excitable.

Antonym

Write a list of words that mean the opposite thing.

List Lines

Write a list of zany ideas of things to do for a charity fundraising day.

Sentence Scribe

Write a sentence using this word.

List Lines

Write a list of activities that could be done 'zestily' i.e. not sleeping!

zestily

Click on
the word
for the
definition.

In an energetic and keen way.

Pyramid Practice

Spell the word using
a pyramid.

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FANBOYS

Write a sentence using the word
and a FANBOYS
co-ordinating conjunction.
(Use your List Line to help you.)

Headline Homework

Write one or more newspaper headlines using this word in any of its tenses.

Diary Date

Write a short diary entry of no more than three sentences using this word.

zeroed

Click on the word for the definition.

Went back to zero.
Focused in on something – usually in the phrase ‘zeroed in on’.

Spellround

Write the word ten times forwards. Then, without looking at the word, spell it backwards out loud.

Tense Transform

Write the word in as many different tenses as you can. Even better, write full sentences for each!

Super Long Word Alert
Even just saying it is an achievement! Go on, have a go...

What Is It Worth?
How many points is the word worth if A=1, B=2 and C=3, etc.?

zooarchaeology

Click on the word for the definition.

Archaeology when the items found are parts of animals such as bones or shells.

Review Writer
Write two sentences of a TV documentary review for a TV listings magazine using this word.

Words within Words
How many other words can you make out of the word?

Week 2 – Consolidate it

Make the words in ransom note style by cutting out letters from magazines and sticking them on paper.

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zany

Wednesday is **Adverbday**

zestily

Thursday is **Verbsday**

zeroed

Friday is **Long-Word-Friday**

zoarchaeology

Week 2 – Writing Task

It was widely agreed that Dave Stewart's 'Animals I Have Known' routine was the highlight of the Edinburgh comedy festival this year. Write the review which appeared in the newspaper and use as many of the words of the week as you can.

I have never laughed as hard as while watching Dave Stewart's routine...



How many points can you score?

Word of the Week	Points
zany	1
zestily	2
zeroed	2
zenith	2
zoarchaeology	3

Week 3

Monday is **Nounsday**

sheen

Tuesday is **Adjectiveday**

shapeless

Wednesday is **Adverbday**

sheepishly

Thursday is **Verbsday**

shimmying

Friday is **Long-Word-Friday**

shilly-shally

Alliteration Alert

Write an alliterative sentence including the word.

Noun Phrase Notion

Can you expand the noun into three different noun phrases?

sheen

Click on the word for the definition.

A slight and softer shine on a surface.
Could be described as a silky finish.

List Lines

Write a list of things that could have a sheen.
(Remember it's not very, very shiny like tin foil.)

Describe and Scribe

Using this word, write a sentence (or two) describing looking out over the ocean on a lovely day.

Word Families

Write down as many other words as you can think of that end with '-less'.

Describe and Scribe

Using this word, write a sentence (or two) describing a very expensive outfit you have seen in a shop window.

shapeless

Click on the word for the definition.

Does not really have a defined shape. Often used to describe baggy clothes.

Advert Adage

Write an advertising slogan for a product using this word.
You might use this word when describing the problem rather than the solution.

Simile Station

Write a simile using this word.

Shrink Rap

Say the word over and over, taking off the first letter each time.

Diary Date

Write a short diary entry of no more than three sentences describing a time when you saw a dog eat someone's birthday cake when they weren't looking.

sheepishly

Click on the word for the definition.

In an embarrassed and guilty way.

Pyramid Practice

Spell the word using a pyramid.

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Sentence Scribe

Write a sentence using this word.

FANBOYS

Write a sentence using the word and a FANBOYS co-ordinating conjunction.

Diary Date

Write a short diary entry of no more than three sentences using this word.

shimmying

Click on the word for the definition.

A dance move where the shoulders are shaken and the body shakes with them.

Dictionary Neighbours

Which words come before and after this word in the dictionary?

Tense Transform

Write the word in as many different tenses as you can. Even better, write full sentences for each!

Diary Date

Write a short diary entry of no more than three sentences using this word in any of its forms.

Describe and Scribe

Using this word, write a short paragraph describing someone shilly-shallying around.

shilly-shally

Click on the word for the definition.

To hesitate and not make decisions.
Often used in the phrase 'shilly-shallying around'.

Antonym

Write a list of words that mean the opposite thing.

Tense Transform

Write the word in as many different tenses as you can.
Even better, write full sentences for each!

Week 3 – Consolidate It

Create your own crossword using these words and writing the clues.

Monday is **Nounsday**

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Tuesday is **Adjectiveday**

shapeless

Wednesday is **Adverbday**

sheepishly

Thursday is **Verbsday**

shimmying

Friday is **Long-Word-Friday**

shilly-shally

Week 3 – Writing Task

Complete the following 100-word story using as many of the words of the week as you can.

The Uncertain Ghost

In the midnight hour a soft glow lay about the house and the occupants slept peacefully...



How many points can you score?

Word of the Week	Points
shapeless	1
sheepishly	2
shimmying	2
shilly-shally	2
sheen	3

Week 4

Monday is **Nounsday**

thespian

Tuesday is **Adjectiveday**

thunder-struck

Wednesday is **Adverbday**

thriftily

Thursday is **Verbsday**

throbbing

Friday is **Long-Word-Friday**

thalassophobia

Searchlight

Research two different lines of speech that a Shakespearian thespian might say.

Noun Phrase Notion

Can you expand the noun into three different noun phrases?

thespian

Click on the word for the definition.

An actor.

Dictionary Neighbours

Which words come before and after this word in the dictionary?

Spellround

Write the word ten times forwards. Then, without looking at the word, spell it backwards out loud.

Synonym

Write a list of words that mean the same as thunderstruck.

Alliteration Alert

Write an alliterative sentence including the word.
(You could even begin with 'The thunderstruck thespian...')

thunder-struck

Click on the word for the definition.

Really shocked and surprised by something.

Diary Date

Write a short diary entry of no more than three sentences using the word.

FANBOYS

Write a sentence using the word and a FANBOYS co-ordinating conjunction.

Spellround

Write the word ten times forwards. Then, without looking at the word, spell it backwards out loud.

News Narration

Write and perform a radio or TV news story of no more than three sentences using this word.

thriftily

Click on the word for the definition.

In a way that saves money and is as economical as it can be.

Pyramid Practice

Spell the word using a pyramid.

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word

Advert Adage

Write an advertising slogan for a new supermarket using this word.

Shrink Rap

Say the word over and over, taking off the first letter each time.

Character Speech

Write a line of dialogue for a character using this word.

throbbing

Click on the word for the definition.

Beating in a regular and strong way where it can be felt while it is happening.

Simile Station

Write a simile using this word.

Tense Transform

Write the word in as many different tenses as you can.
Even better, write full sentences for each!

What Is It Worth?

How many points is the word worth if A=1, B=2 and C=3, etc.?

Dictionary Neighbours

Which words come before and after this word in the dictionary?

thalassophobia

Click on the word for the definition.

Fear of the sea or sea travel.

Word Families

Write down as many other words as you can think of that end with '-phobia'.

FANBOYS

Write a sentence using the word and a FANBOYS co-ordinating conjunction.

Week 4 – Consolidate It

Write a short paragraph using all the words correctly.

Monday is **Nounsday**

thespian

Tuesday is **Adjectiveday**

thunderstruck

Wednesday is **Adverbday**

thriftily

Thursday is **Verbsday**

throbbing

Friday is **Long-Word-Friday**

thalassophobia

Week 4 – Writing Task

Write some challenges for an actor to use at an audition. Give as much detail as you can so the actor knows exactly what you are looking for. One has been done for you. Use as many words of the week as you can.

Thespian Audition Challenges

1. You suffer from claustrophobia. You are on the way up to see your counsellor when the lift jams. Can you role-play how you would react?

How many points can you score?

Word of the Week	Pts
Determine	1
Dubiously	1
Debonair	2
Diagnosis	3
Discordant	3



Week 5

Monday is **Nounsday**

chronologist

Tuesday is **Adjectiveday**

churlish

Wednesday is **Adverbday**

chaotically

Thursday is **Verbsday**

channelling

Friday is **Long-Word-Friday**

chaperoning

'Acrostic-tastic'

Write an acrostic about things a chronologist might study using the word.

Word Families

Write down as many other words as you can think of that either begin with 'chrono-' or end with '-ologist'.

chronologist

Click on the word for the definition.

An expert in studying timelines, usually relating to historical events.

Review Writer

Write two sentences of a book or film review using this word.

Noun Phrase Notion

Can you expand the noun into three different noun phrases?

Word Families

Write down as many other words as you can think of that end with '-ish'.

Character Speech

Write a line of dialogue for a character using this word.

churlish

Click on the word for the definition.

Being mean and awkward.
For example, it would be churlish not to say thank you when someone you don't really like has given you something.

FANBOYS

Write a sentence using the word and a FANBOYS co-ordinating conjunction.

Spellround

Write the word ten times forwards. Then, without looking at the word, spell it backwards out loud.

Review Writer

Write two sentences of a book, play or film review using this word.

Alphabetical Arrangement

Arrange all the letters of the word in alphabetical order.

chaotically

Click on the word for the definition.

In a really disorganised way.

Alliteration Alert

Write an alliterative sentence about including the word.
(Could start with 'ch' as a challenge or simply 'c'.)

Simile Station

Write a simile using this word that begins, 'The crowd moved as chaotically as...'

Describe and Scribe

Using this word, write a description of someone making an entrance to a party, starting with, 'Channelling his inner pop star...'

FANBOYS

Write a sentence using the word and a FANBOYS co-ordinating conjunction.

channelling

Click on the word for the definition.

Providing a way in which something can travel and be directed towards something. You can channel water but also thoughts and feelings.

Pyramid Practice

Spell the word using a pyramid.

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Tense Transform

Write the word in as many different tenses as you can. It would be even better if you could write your examples in full sentences.

Searchlight

This word historically came from French. Look up the interesting history and meaning of this word.

What Is It Worth?

How many points is the word worth if A=1, B=2 and C=3, etc.?

chaperoning

Click on the word for the definition.

Going with someone (usually to an appointment) to assist them or provide support.

List Lines

Write a list of words you can find containing 'ch' anywhere in the word, where the 'ch' sound is pronounced 'sh'.
Is there a link in the words?

Sentence Scribe

Write a sentence using this word.

Week 5 – Consolidate It

Describe a word to your partner – can your partner guess the word?

Monday is **Nounsday**

chronologist

Tuesday is **Adjectiveday**

churlish

Wednesday is **Adverbday**

chaotically

Thursday is **Verbsday**

channelling

Friday is **Long-Word-Friday**

chaperoning

Week 5 – Writing Task

Rewrite this excerpt from a biography, substituting words of the week wherever you can.

Desdemona then entered a new phase of her life. Her daughter had become a young lady in demand by the media and accompanying her to balls and premieres took up a lot of her time. Still seething about the events that led to the break-up of the band, she began directing her bitter and negative feelings into writing her side of the story. She worked so frantically and randomly, writing down raw feelings as they came to her, that before the book was published, she needed the services of a professional to restore some order to events.



How many points can you score?

Word of the Week	Points
Exuberant	1
Exquisitely	2
Egotist	2
Exhilarating	2
Eke	3

Week 6

Monday is **Nounsday**

stalwart

Tuesday is **Adjectiveday**

star-struck

Wednesday is **Adverbday**

staggeringly

Thursday is **Verbsday**

standardise

Friday is **Long-Word-Friday**

stakeholders

Sentence Scribe

Write a sentence using this word.

News Narration

Write and perform a radio or TV news story of no more than three sentences using this word.

stalwart

Click on
the word
for the
definition.

Someone who is always reliably there.

Noun Phrase Notion

Can you expand the noun into three different noun phrases?

Spellround

Write the word ten times forwards. Then, without looking at the word, spell it backwards out loud.

Question Time

Write a question using the word.

List Lines

Write a list of ten people that you would be starstruck to meet.

star-struck

Click on the word for the definition.

Very impressed and amazed by someone who is famous.
It is a 'wow' moment and may leave someone speechless.

Spellround

Write the word ten times forwards. Then, without looking at the word, spell it backwards out loud.

Diary Date

Write a short diary entry of no more than three sentences describing a time (could be fictional) when you were starstruck.

Review Writer

Write two sentences of a music, book or film review using this word.

Advert Adage

Write an advertising slogan for a product using this word.

staggeringly

Click on the word for the definition.

In a way that is really amazing.

A sunset could be

'staggeringly beautiful'.

(Literally makes you take a step back and stagger.)

Pyramid Practice

Spell the word using a pyramid.

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word

Antonym

Write a list of words that mean the opposite thing.

News Narration

Write and perform a radio or TV news story of no more than three sentences using this word.

FANBOYS

Write a sentence using the word and a FANBOYS co-ordinating conjunction.

standardise

Click on the word for the definition.

To make something the normal and standard way of doing something. Often used to make something the same for everyone.

What Is It Worth?

How many points is the word worth if A=1, B=2 and C=3, etc.?

Tense Transform

Write the word in as many different tenses as you can.

Even better, write full sentences for each example!

List Lines

Write a list of the types of people that are stakeholders in your school.

Who does your school **matter** to?

FANBOYS

Write a sentence using the word and a FANBOYS co-ordinating conjunction.

stakeholders

Click on the word for the definition.

People with an interest in something because they will be affected by what happens. They could have invested money but also could be affected in other ways.

Pyramid Practice

Spell the word using a pyramid.

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Noun Phrase Notion

Can you expand the noun into three different noun phrases?

Week 6 – Consolidate It

Create your own word search using all the words from the last six weeks!

Monday is **Nounsday**

stalwart

Tuesday is **Adjectiveday**

star-struck

Wednesday is **Adverbday**

staggeringly

Thursday is **Verbsday**

standardise

Friday is **Long-Word-Friday**

stakeholders

Week 6 – Writing Task

The bank executives are discussing the outlandish spending on expenses of a staff member who has been trying to sign up celebrities to some of the bank's products.

Write what they are saying using as many of the words of the week as you can.

How many points can you score?



Word of the Week	Points
staggeringly	2
stalwart	2
starstuck	2
standardise	2
stakeholders	2

You've Done It!

Which are your favourites?
Which have you started to use?
Which others do you want to start using?

1	yore	yearlong	youthfully	yearning	youthquake
2	zenith	zany	zestily	zeroed	zooarchaeology
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