

# DECEMBER 2019

## Word of the week

**exonerate** (*verb*) to absolve from blame; to relieve from a responsibility, obligation.

#WOTW

The judged looked to **exonerate** the defendant by issuing a not-guilty verdict.

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## Word of the week

**archetype** (*noun*) the most typical or perfect example of a particular kind of person or thing

#WOTW

She is the **archetype** of an American movie star.

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## Word of the week

**plethora** (*noun*) a large or excessive amount of something.

#WOTW

Some coffee shops have a **plethora** of drinks to choose from, while others stick to the basics.

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## Word of the week

**instil** (*verb*) to gradually but firmly establish an idea or attitude in a person's mind.

#WOTW

Regularly completing your homework on time will help to **instil** good habits such as organisation that will last a lifetime.

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# JANUARY 2020

## Word of the week

**tangible** *(adjective) real and not imaginary; able to be shown, touched, or experienced*

#WOTW

We need **tangible** evidence if we're going to take legal action.

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## Word of the week

**impetus** *(noun) something that makes a process or activity happen or happen more quickly.*

#WOTW

His attacking play brought real impetus to his team's efforts when he came on as a substitute.

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## Word of the week

**condemn** *(verb) to criticise something or someone strongly, usually for moral reasons.*

#WOTW

The Opposition has **condemned** the government's proposed tax increases.

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## Word of the week

**condone** *(verb) to accept or allow behaviour that is wrong.*

#WOTW

The school does not **condone** any form of antisocial behaviour.

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# FEBRUARY 2020

## Word of the week

**empathy** *(noun)* the ability to share someone else's feelings or experiences by imagining what it would be like to be in that person's situation.

#WOTW

He was able to show **empathy** towards his friend as he'd also experienced something similar.

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## Word of the week

**insurmountable** *(adjective)* describing something as too great to overcome.

#WOTW

Although the job of tidying her room seemed **insurmountable**, Sarah was determined to give it a try.

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## Word of the week

**hubris** *(noun)* excessive pride or self-confidence.

#WOTW

**Hubris** brought him down in the end.

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## Word of the week

**etiquette** *(noun)* the set of rules or customs that control accepted behaviour in particular social groups or social situations.

#WOTW

The couple exhibited poor **etiquette** when they left the party without saying good-bye to the host and hostess.

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# MARCH 2020

Word of the week

## controversial

*(adjective)* causing or likely to cause disagreement.

#WOTW

The use of VAR in the Premier League this season has been **controversial**.

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Word of the week

## ubiquitous *(adjective)*

seeming to be everywhere.

#WOTW

Mobile phones have become **ubiquitous** in today's society.

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Word of the week

## camaraderie *(noun)*

mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together.

#WOTW

A real sense of **camaraderie** was created within the community.

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Word of the week

## obligation *(noun)*

something that you must do.

#WOTW

We all have an **obligation** to support one another at this difficult time.

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# APRIL 2020

Word of the week

**perseverance** *(noun)*

persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

#WOTW

It took planning and **perseverance** for their business to be successful.

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Word of the week

**unprecedented**

*(adjective)* never having happened or existed in the past.

#WOTW

It is up to everybody to do their bit in these **unprecedented** times.

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# MAY 2020

Word of the week

**collaborative** *(adjective)*

an effort involving two or more people working together for a specific purpose.

#WOTW

In order to combat the threat of COVID-19, a **collaborative** effort is needed from everyone.

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Word of the week

**resilient** *(adjective)* being able

to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions.

#WOTW

The community was highly spirited and **resilient** despite the difficulties it faced.

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Word of the week

**enlighten** *(verb)* to give

someone greater knowledge and understanding about a subject or situation.

#WOTW

Reading can build confidence, **enlighten** and entertain.

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Word of the week

**gratitude** *(noun)* a strong

feeling of appreciation to someone or something for what the person has done to help you.

#WOTW

**Gratitude** is the healthiest of all human emotions. The more you express gratitude for what you have, the more likely you will have even more to express gratitude for.

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# JUNE 2020

## Word of the week

**eradicate** (*verb*) to get rid of or destroy something completely.

#WOTW

We need to work together in order to **eradicate** the problem.

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## Word of the week

**exacerbate** (*verb*) to make something that is already bad even worse.

#WOTW

The violence that was on show only served to **exacerbate** an already difficult situation.

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## Word of the week

**vigilance** (*noun*) the action or state of keeping alert for possible danger or difficulties.

#WOTW

It is important the population continue show **vigilance** when going about their daily lives.

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## Word of the week

**conscientious** (*adjective*) to put care and effort into your work.

#WOTW

They are a **conscientious** group of students who consistently strive to do their best.

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# JULY 2020

Word of the week

**acrimonious** *(adjective)*

full of anger, arguments and bad feeling.

#WOTW

After an **acrimonious** discussion, a decision was finally made.

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Word of the week

**cessation** *(noun)* the process of something ending or stopping.

#WOTW

The early **cessation** of standard school activities was brought about by the current pandemic.

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