

# WORD OF THE WEEK

How many times  
can you fit  
'preposterous' into  
your work this  
week?

Other forms of the  
word:  
Preposterously  
(adverb)  
Unpreposterous  
(adjective)

Definition:

not common sense;  
Absurd

**Preposterous** (noun)

Example  
sentence:

You are making  
a preposterous  
suggestion.

When could you use  
this word?

This word could be useful  
in subjects, including  
English and History, and  
also in conversation and  
Persuasive letters/emails.

## Task one

Choose the most appropriate word to use in each sentence.

- a She felt very ..... when looking at photographs of her children when they were babies.
- b After a long walk after lunch, he felt ..... and only wanted to sleep.
- c Walking around the beautiful gardens, they felt ..... and at peace.
- d Reading over the letter for the third time, she was still ..... about whether her friend really wanted her to visit.
- e Although he didn't normally give money to charity, he felt much more ..... after watching the television appeal.
- f I ..... to be back on holiday again.

Word	Meaning
<b>benevolent</b>	well-meaning and kindly
<b>dubious</b>	hesitating or doubt
<b>lethargic</b>	sluggish or tired

Word	Meaning
<b>nostalgic</b>	emotional about the past
<b>serene</b>	calm
<b>yearn</b>	desire strongly or persistently

## Task two

Match the words to their definition. You may use a dictionary to help you.

ambiguous

bypass

disposition

fervent

irony

lucid

pique

quell

rhetorical

xenophobia

characterised by intense emotion

avoid something unpleasant or laborious

having more than one possible meaning

a person's usual mood

a feeling of irritation or resentment

incongruity between what might be expected and what occurs

a fear of foreigners or strangers

transparently clear; easily understandable

suppress or crush completely

relating to using language effectively