

# WORD OF THE WEEK

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

Other forms of the  
word:  
**Plaintively**  
(adverb)  
**Plaintiveness**  
(noun)

Definition:

**sounding sad;  
mournful**

**Plaintive** (adjective)

Example  
sentence:

**James played a  
plaintive  
melody.**

When could you use  
this word?

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

## A Boring/Fascinating adjectives

Choose the best adjective out of the two given in each question below:

1. Sammi didn't have time to finish the whole exam, so some of her answers were **incomplete/deficient**.
2. My father's new car is really **rapid/fast**.
3. The weather forecast wasn't very **accurate/truthful**, because they said it would rain and it's been fine all day.
4. The noticeable dearth of goal-scoring opportunities means that these are **annoying/worrying** times indeed for Danby United.
5. My little brother is so **greedy/eager**. He's just finished his fourth banana!
6. We gave a donation to the charity, partly because the children on their poster looked so **precious/vulnerable**.
7. When we got married my husband promised that he would always be **dependable/faithful** to me.
8. I like the new cushions on your sofa, they're **lovely/lovable**.
9. I believe if you want something in life badly enough you should be **powerful/persistent** and never give up until you've reached your goal.
10. This isn't the finished version of my essay. I always write a **rough/clean** draft first.
11. Some critics haven't enjoyed Spielberg's later films, such as The Terminal and AI, finding them a little too **sentimental/extreme**.
12. James proposed to Maria at Gina's party on Saturday. He got down on one knee and everything! It certainly made for a **spectacular/memorable** evening.
13. When I told my boss that I needed two weeks off to visit my sick grandmother in Mexico, she wasn't very **sympathetic/acceptable**. Probably because she knows I don't have any relatives in Mexico.
14. Jenna doesn't like her **curly/floppy** hair, but she's too lazy to straighten it.
15. "Jas, that skirt is horrendous! No one will ever find you remotely **pleasant/attractive** if you go outside wearing that!"  
counselled Jas's best friend, Mandy