'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...'
This Week's Words

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- injection

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Word of the Day: heart

Definition:
Your heart is the organ in your chest that pumps the blood around your body. People also use heart to refer to the area of their chest that is closest to their heart.

My heart was beating in my chest.

Phrases:
- powerful heart
- heart was beating

Synonym:
- ticker

Antonym:

Rhyme:
- part
- start

Link Word:
- blood
- body
Word of the Day: doctor

Definition:
A doctor is someone who is qualified in medicine and treats people who are ill.

The doctor talked to the patient.

Phrases:
- my doctor
- from the doctor

Synonym: Dr.

Antonym:

Rhyme:

Link Word:
- patient
- hospital
Word of the Day: hospital

Definition:
A hospital is a place where people who are ill are looked after by nurses and doctors.

The hospital looked after the sick patients.

Phrases:
drove to the hospital
hospital was full of

Synonym:
clinic
health centre

Antonym:

Rhyme:

Link Word:
sickness
medicine
Word of the Day: nurse
Definition: A nurse is a person whose job is to care for people who are ill.

Nurses worked in the hospital with patients.

Phrases: was nursed back to, cared for by the nurse

Synonym: nanny, carer
Antonym: 
Rhyme: worse, verse
Link Word: hospital, sickness
Word of the Day: injection

Definition: If you have an injection, a doctor or nurse puts a medicine into your body using a device with a needle called a syringe.

Jenny needed an injection to keep her safe.

Phrases:
- needed an injection
- the injection was for

Synonym: inoculation
Antonym: vaccination

Rhyme: section
direction

Link Word: disease
health
Word of the Day: **idiosyncratic**

**Definition:**
If you describe someone's actions or characteristics as idiosyncratic, you mean that they are rather unusual.

The headteacher was unique and **idiosyncratic**.

**Phrases:**
- an idiosyncratic talent
- wild and idiosyncratic

**Synonym:**
- individual
- distinctive

**Antonym:**

**Prefix / Suffix:**

**Rhyme:**
- democratic
- dramatic

**Link Word:**
- weird
- unusual
Word of the Day: **exuberant**

**Definition:**
If you are exuberant, you are full of energy, excitement, and cheerfulness.

Jen’s **exuberant** puppy never stopped playing.

**Phrases:**
- worked exuberantly
- their exuberance was

**Synonym:** cheerful
- energetic

**Antonym:** gloomy

**Prefix / Suffix:** -ance

**Rhyme:** excited

**Link Word:** fun
Word of the Day: **ambidextrous** (adjective)

**Definition:**
Someone who is ambidextrous can use both their right hand and their left hand equally skilfully.

The skilful artist was **ambidextrous**.

**Phrases:**
- skilfully ambidextrous
- talented and ambidextrous

**Synonym:**

**Antonym:**

**Prefix / Suffix:**

**Rhyme:**
- dextrous

**Link Word:**
- hand
- skill
Word of the Day: **calamitous** *(adjective)*

**Definition:**
If you describe an event or situation as calamitous, you mean it is very unfortunate or serious.

*The calamitous twins destroyed the play room.*

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Word of the Day:
loquacious

Definition:
If you describe someone as loquacious, you mean that they talk a lot.

Miss Robson was so loquacious.

Phrases:
rather loquacious
the loquacious girl was

Synonym:
talkative
chatty

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix:

Rhyme:
gracious
spacious

Link Word:
talk
chat
heart

doctor
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