

Word of the week

The Word of the week pages provide information on one word linked to each section in the chapter. Each word is described in some of the following categories: word definition, word origin, word family, alternative words, fascinating facts and activities. Not all categories are relevant to every word.

You can use the words as a focus to support your work on the different sections of the chapter. For example, you could create a display around it. The information is a starting point for a word focus. The words could form part of your classroom living word bank.

You could also use the word of the week as a springboard to inspire children to think about or research fascinating facts about words, find interesting quotations and to encourage them to use dictionaries and thesauruses.

Population

- **Word definition:** A noun meaning the number of people living in a place.
- **Word origin:** From Latin *populare* meaning to inhabit.
- **Word family:** Verb: *populate*.
- **Alternative words:** Community, people, dwellers, residents.
- **Fascinating facts:** The world's population hit 6.5 billion on 25 February 2006.
- **Activities:** Although associated mostly with geography, the word can also be used in an historical context, such as, *at that time there was a much smaller population*. Statistics for population growth can be studied in relation to a particular geographical location and linked with maps or social and economic change, thus linking geography and history.

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Consequence

- **Word definition:** A noun meaning something that follows as a result.
- **Word origin:** From Latin *consequent* meaning consequential.
- **Word family:** Adjective and noun: *consequent*.
- **Alternative words:** Effect, end, upshot, result.
- **Fascinating facts:** The game of consequences is an old parlour game. Each player takes a turn to write a sentence on a piece of paper then turn over the paper to hide what they have written and pass it to the next player. The categories are: a man's name, a woman's name, a place, he said to her, she said to him, the consequence, the outcome.
- **Activities:** Children can relate the word to result, which they may find initially easier to understand, for example, *one result of the Great Fire of London was that it got rid of the plague*, could be rephrased as, *one consequence of...*

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