



St Mark's Word of the Week

Paragon

Are you familiar with this word?

What does it mean?

Can you use it in a sentence?



Paragon (noun)



Definition

1. A person or thing regarded as a perfect example of a particular quality.
2. A person or thing viewed as a model of excellence.

Examples:

1. The Dark Knight became a paragon of all that was good in Gotham.
2. They are a paragon of virtue.

Synonyms

Model
Archetype
Exemplar
Ideal

Antonyms

Flawed
Imperfect
Worst
Insignificant

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How many other words can you think of that have ‘para’ as their prefix?

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How does the word ‘paragon’ fit with the root word definition?



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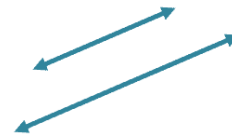
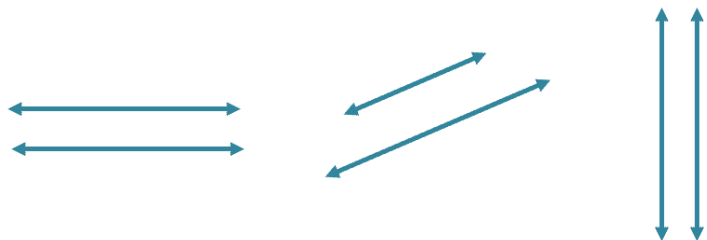
Paragraph *(a distinct section of a piece of writing)*

Parallel *(lines having the same distance continuously between them.)*

Paradigm *(a pattern or model of something)*

Paradox *(A **paradox** is a statement that seems to contradict itself e.g. the only thing certain is uncertainty / social media disconnects us from people)*

Look at the meaning of the root word. Explain how these examples connect to the root word.



Paragon (noun)

(*definition = high moral standard)

A paragon of virtue* is a term used to describe a person who is a moral example.

Explain how the people below are paragons of virtue*.

Do you know anyone you would include?

