

St Mark's Word of the Week



Panache

Are you familiar with this word?

What does it mean?



Panache (noun)

Definition

A stylish, grand or flamboyant manner

Examples:

- The orchestra played with panache.
- They dressed with panache.
- The Great Gatsby documents the period with great panache.
- They played the role of host with charm and panache.

Can you come up with your own?



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Can you think of any synonyms?

- Confidence
- Flamboyance
- Style
- Flair
- Swagger

Can you think of any antonyms?

- Inelegance
- Spiritlessness



**A panache was originally an ornamental
tuft of feathers, especially on a helmet.
How did it get it's modern definition?**

The word panache comes
from the Latin pinnaculum,
meaning 'small wing'

This became the name for a
showy, feathery plume on a
hat or helmet

Which then came to be used to
refer to someone who acted in a
grand or stylish manner

