

# St Mark's Word of the Week



# Facsimile

Are you familiar with this word?

What does it mean?

What does it have to do with this machine?



Let's see if we can work out what it means from looking at its etymology.

**Fac**



Can you think of any word  
have 'fac-'?

**Factory**

**Manufacture**

Both these words are to do  
with making something

'fac' = make in Latin

What is a simile?

Something like  
something else

**So what does facsimile mean?**

# Facsimile (noun)

## Definition

- A copy

### Examples:

- The walls were decorated with facsimiles of famous works of art.
- The student's diagram was an accurate facsimile of the teacher's.
- The facsimile wasn't very accurate.
- The emotions expressed were now but facsimiles of those felt years before.

Can you come up with your own?



# Facsimile (noun)

## Definition

- A copy

### Can you think of any synonyms for facsimile?

- Replica
- Reproduction
- Clone
- Likeness
- Duplicate

### Can you think of any antonyms for facsimile?

- Original



# So what does it have to do with this machine?

This machine made copies of documents and sent them to other machines using telephone wires.

As these documents were exact copies, this machine was named a 'facsimile machine'.

This was shortened to 'fax machine'.

