

St Mark's Word of the Week



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From what language does this word come?

How would you pronounce it?



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Tagalog

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(noun)
(adjective)

Definition

- Love
- expensive

Examples:

- Mahal namin ito!
We love it!
- Nagiging mahal ang lahat.
Everything is getting expensive.
- Mahal niya ang musika.
He loves music.
- Mahal na hobi ang astronomiya.
Astrology is an expensive hobby.



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Can you think of any words/phrases in english synonymous with mahal?

- Affection
- Fondness
- Devotion adulation
- Costly
- Extravagant
- Lavish
- Pricey
- Valuable



Where does the word come from? What is its etymology?

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Meaning place in arabic

It came to refer to the place where the ruler/court was as the Philippines became a Muslim state in the 15th century

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Meaning palace

Palaces are associated with expensive things

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Meaning expensive in Tagalog

Nothing is worth more than love

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Meaning love in Tagalog



At St. Mark's, there are 56 different languages spoken by the staff and students.

Tagalog is just one of the languages.

If you want to suggest a word from a language you speak, contact Mr Crone on gmail.