

# St Mark's Word of the Week



# Verisimilitude

Are you familiar with this word?

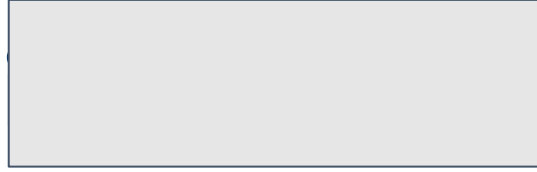
What does it mean?

Can you use it in a sentence?



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

Ver



Can you think of any word that start with 'Ver-'?

Veritas  
Verify  
Veracious  
Veracity  
Verity

All these words are to do with truth

'Verus' = true in latin

Can you think of any word *similar* to '-similitude'?

Similar  
Simile

So it means to be like something

**So what does verisimilitude mean?**

# Verisimilitude (noun)

## Definition

- the appearance of being true or real.

## Examples:

- The excellent performances of the actors brought much verisimilitude to the play
- The rich details gives the story some verisimilitude.
- Without verisimilitude, it is very difficult for the audience to get engaged in the story.
- The smile on his face made them doubt the verisimilitude of what he was saying

Can you come up with your own?



# Verisimilitude (noun)

## Definition

- the appearance of being true or real.

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

- Plausibility
- Realism
- Credibility
- Likeness
- Genuineness
- Resemblance

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

- Unlikeness
- Falseness

