

St Mark's Word of the Week



Capitulate

Are you familiar with this word?

What does it mean?

Can you use it in a sentence?



Capitulate (noun)

Definition

- To accept defeat

Examples:

- Their forces capitulated five hours after the bombardment of the city began.
- The prime minister today capitulated to calls for his resignation.
- Malcolm finally capitulated to his parents pleas and tidied his room.



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Can you think of any synonyms for capitulate?

- Give up
- Surrender
- Concede
- Cede
- Yield
- Submit
- Fold
- Cave in
- Relent

Can you think of any antonyms for capitulate?

- Conquer
- Defend
- Fight
- Win



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

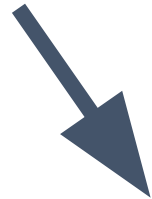
Caput

Latin for head



Capitulum

Latin for heading or title



Capitulare

Latin for to draw up under headings

How could this come to mean accepting defeat?



How could this come to mean accepting defeat?

Capitulare Latin for to draw up under headings

When an army had accepted defeat they would agree terms with the army that defeated them. These terms would be written up beneath headings as seen here from the American Revolutionary War.

