

A yellow speech bubble with a tail pointing towards the bottom-left corner, set against a dark blue background.

Word of the Week



What do you think
word of the week
might be?

Word of the Week

Conclave
(noun)

Are you familiar with this word?

What does it mean?

Can you use it in a sentence?

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

Conclave

From Latin
Conclave

From Latin
Con-
With

From Latin
Clavis
Key

So what does **conclave** mean?

“With key”

Conclave was used to describe a lockable room, such as the one that a private meeting might take place in.

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Conclave (noun)

Definition

A private meeting.

Specifically, in the Roman Catholic Church the assembly of cardinals for the election of a pope.

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Examples

“The cardinals will gather in **conclave** to elect a new Pope.”

“The jury retreated into **conclave** to deliberate on the verdict.”

“The family held a **conclave** in the kitchen to plan their summer vacation.”

Can you come up with your own?

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Synonyms

Gathering

Assembly

Conference

Convention

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Task

Add **conclave** to your word of the week record sheet (page 18 of your planner).

Use this time to check you have all of the previous words recorded as well.

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Record (verb)
To set down in writing for later reference.

“Use this page to **record** each Word of the Week”

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Challenge

On your mini whiteboard, write a short descriptive paragraph about what you might think and feel if you were part of a **conclave**.

Try to weave in words or phrases that reflect the atmosphere of a **conclave** (e.g. hushed tones, weighty decisions) without being specific about the purpose of the



**A palpable weight
settled in the room, a
mixture of anticipation
and the gravity of the
task at hand.**