

# St Mark's Word of the Week



# Paraphernalia

Are you familiar with this word?

What does it mean?

Can you use it in a sentence?



# Paraphernalia (noun)

## Definition

- The equipment used for or connected to a particular activity

### Examples:

- Mark wants to start cycling, what sort of cycling paraphernalia will he need?



- Mark want to start fishing, what sort of fishing paraphernalia will he need?



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

- Equipment
- Apparatus
- Gear
- Things
- Regalia
- Accoutrements



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

## Paraphernalia

“Next to or beside”

Can you think of any other words beginning with ‘para-’?

e.g. Parallel - lines which are always next to each other or beside each other but never meet

“Dowry”, a payment from a bride’s family to the groom’s family

Traditionally paraphernalia were the items the bride brought in to the marriage that remained hers, while the dowry became the property of the groom or his family.

In time its meaning has evolved.



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**What paraphernalia do you need to be a St. Mark's student?**

- Uniform
- PE Kit
- Blue or black pen
- Green pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scientific calculator - Casio FX83
- Whiteboard pen and rubber

