

Epic

Word of the month

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1a. Tick the kinds of stories and poems you like reading.

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| a. Epic poems | c. The Great Classics | e. Love poems |
| b. First World War poems | d. Contemporary novels | f. Plays |

1b. Write the titles of six of your favourites below.

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.

1. Circle the correct words to complete the two definitions of the word 'epic'.

- a. A *short / long* poem about the adventures of a *legendary / an ordinary or modern / historical* hero.
- b. A *noun / an adjective* that means 'great' or 'excellent' / 'terrible'.

2. There are other words in English that have two meanings. Match each word to its two definitions.

a form of public transport	SWEET	something you read
something sugary	RING	cute
nice, generous	BOOK	to practise for a sport
to make a reservation	KIND	to telephone someone
jewellery	TRAIN	a type of something

3. Complete the sentences.

- a. The *Odyssey* is my favourite poem.
- b. Yeah, I love it. It's totally Ha ha!

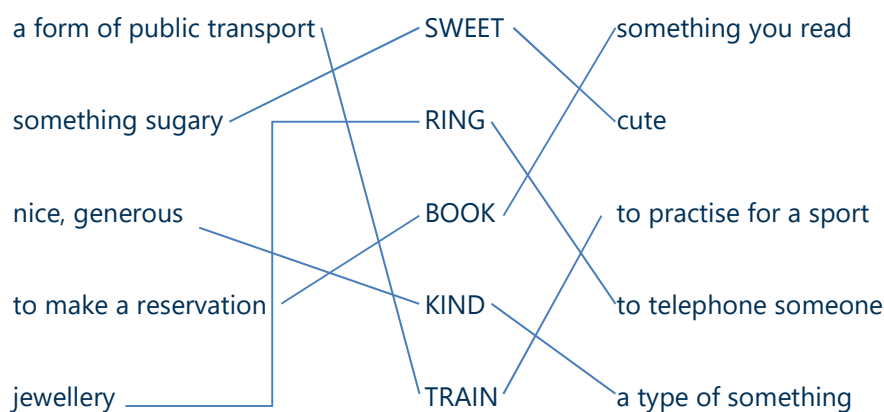
4. Write six sentences using all of the words from exercise 3. Can you use each word twice in each sentence, showing the two different meanings?

Example: *My grandma bought me this ring for my birthday. I want to ring her to say thank you.*

5. Talk to a classmate. Share your sentences and compare your use of the words from exercise 3.

Teacher's Notes

1. Talk with the class about any Greek myths and legends that you have read recently and other kinds of literature.
2. Circle the correct words to complete the two definitions of the word 'epic':
 - a. A *short* / **long** poem about the adventures of **a legendary** / *an ordinary* or *modern* / **historical** hero.
 - b. A *noun* / *an adjective* that means 'great' or '**excellent**' / '*terrible*'.
3. Match each word to its two definitions.



4. Complete the sentences.
 - a. The *Odyssey* is my favourite **epic** poem.
 - b. Yeah, I love it. It's totally **epic**. Ha ha!

5. Sample sentences:

My friend is so sweet, she brought my favourite sweets to school.

My dad is really kind, we always watch the kind of films I like together at the cinema.

I have to book a copy of her new book- it isn't available to buy yet.

I have to train for football later but my mum isn't home so I'll get the train to the gym.

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