

Definitions:

Student friendly definition of the term.

Possibly provided by teacher.

Characteristics:

Features that help to recognise, identify or distinguish the term.

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Examples:

Synonyms (a word that means the same), concrete applications, Relevant illustrations of the characteristics.

Non-examples:

Antonyms (a word with the opposite meaning), inappropriate applications, relevant applications that **do not** fit characteristics.

Definitions

giving the worrying impression that something bad is going to happen; threatening and evil.

Characteristics

The word is used to replace simple adjectives like dark, evil, scary.

- Often associated with gothic horror or crime fiction.
- Can describe the weather, a place, person or feeling.

Ominous

Examples

'The dark sky gloomed ominously'

'His glare was ominous'

'She spoke with an ominous tone'

Synonyms

Threatening, evil, foreboding

Non-examples

Sunny
Happy
smiling

Definitions

the attribution of a personal nature or human characteristics to something non-human

Characteristics

- Personification can involve actions, feelings and emotions.
- If you read that an object is doing something human then it's called personification

Personification

Examples

- The trees **waved** their branches in the lonely forest.
 - The sky **screamed** with thunderous clouds.
 - The waves **licked** the shore.

Non-examples

- The man shouted
- The tree grew
- She walked

Definitions

violent or extreme disorder;
chaos

Characteristics

- Legally speaking, mayhem refers to the gruesome crime of deliberately causing an injury that permanently disfigures another.
- nowadays, 'mayhem' can be used to suggest any kind of chaos or disorder

Mayhem

Examples

'After the chaotic meeting some sort of **mayhem** followed'

'The killer created **mayhem** among his victims'

'The party ended in utter **mayhem**'

Non-examples

Paradise
Heavenly
Calm
relaxed