

## Week Seventeen

### palpable

Pronunciation: \\_pal-p\_-b\_l\

Function: *adjective*

Etymology:

Middle English, from Late Latin *palpabilis*, from Latin *palpare* to stroke, caress — more at [FEEL](#)

**1** : capable of being touched or felt : [TANGIBLE](#)

**2** : easily perceptible : [NOTICEABLE](#): a *palpable* difference

### pandemonium

Pronunciation: \\_pan-d\_-m\_-n\_-m\

Function: *noun*

Etymology:

New Latin, from Greek *pan-* + *daim\_n* evil spirit

**1**: the capital of Hell in Milton's *Paradise Lost*

**2**: the infernal regions : [HELL](#)

**3**: *not capitalized* : a wild uproar : [TUMULT](#)

### paradigm

Pronunciation: \\_per-\_-d\_m,\_pa-r\_-also\_-dim\

Function: *noun*

Etymology:

Late Latin *paradigma*, from Greek *paradeigma*, from *paradeiknynai* to show side by side, from *para-* + *deiknynai* to show

**1**: [EXAMPLE PATTERN](#); *especially* : an outstandingly clear or typical example or archetype

**2**: a philosophical and theoretical framework of a scientific school or discipline within which theories, laws, and generalizations and the experiments performed in support of them are formulated; *broadly* : a philosophical or theoretical framework of any kind.

## penitent

Pronunciation: \-t\_nt\

Function: *adjective*

Etymology:

Middle English, from Middle French & Latin; Middle French *penitent*, from Latin *paenitent-*, *paenitens*, from present participle of *paenit\_re* to cause regret, feel regret, perhaps from *paene* almost

**1** : feeling or expressing humble or regretful pain or sorrow for sins or offenses [REPENTANT](#)

Function: *noun*

**1** : a person who repents of sin

## pertinent

Pronunciation: \\_p\_r-t\_-n\_nt, \_p\_rt-n\_nt\

Function: *adjective*

Etymology:

Middle English, from Anglo-French, from Latin *pertinent-*, *pertinens*, present participle of *pertin\_re*

**1**: having a clear decisive relevance to the matter in hand