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lwod-bullet | Only one contestant really *stands out* [=*sticks out*] in my mind. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | Two facts *stand out* from her testimony. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | His performance really *stood out*. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | **3 :** to extend out from a surface | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | The hat made her ears *stand out* [=*stick out*].   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 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[lwod-logo](http://click.wotd.m-w.com/?qs=f924eb6a0b6690edc68896faea6c3f1a3ada4586c12d57fd53aef8b192eca84cea3e7a35943f161a3e57607354bce32aa7038e9cec9ed73d86105a826464b9ad) |  | *Learner’s Word of the Day*    **June 15, 2020** |       *The boy is flattering the girls with compliments.*     |  | | --- | | **flatter**   [lwod-audio-pron-red](http://click.wotd.m-w.com/?qs=f924eb6a0b6690ed41504765601a57644d63107930931f05d60951cacc4d99256be2c0e29e51d01ece28a3c3fa525851a7290f5dc4a1851612595fd3b8465fd7)/ˈflætɚ/   ***verb*** |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | lwod-clear | | | [+ object] | | | lwod-clear | | | **1 :** to praise (someone) in a way that is not sincere | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | He *flattered* her with comments about her youthful appearance. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | His comments *flattered* her. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | You're just *flattering* me. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | **2 :** to cause (someone) to feel pleased by showing respect, affection, or admiration | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | It *flattered* her to be asked to sing at their wedding. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | — usually used as *(be) flattered* | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | She *was flattered* when they asked her to sing. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | I'm *flattered* that he asked me out, but he isn't my type. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | **3 a :** to show or describe (someone or something) in a way that is very favorable or too favorable | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | That portrait *flatters* him. [=that portrait makes him look better than he really does] | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | **b :** to cause (someone or something) to look as attractive as possible | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | That dress really *flatters* your figure. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | **flatter yourself** | | | lwod-clear | | | **:** to believe something about yourself that makes you feel pleased or proud | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | Don't *flatter yourself*—you don't sing any better than we do. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | I *flatter myself* on my skill in dancing. = I *flatter myself* that I'm a good dancer. |        |  | | --- | |  |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  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device by using a plug | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | Don't *plug* the stereo *in* yet. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | He *plugged in* the lamp. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | The microphone isn't *plugged in*. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | **2 :** to put (information, such as a word or number) in something | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | The form has spaces where you just *plug in* [=*insert*] your name and address. |     lwod-share-line     |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | [lwod-share-fb](http://click.wotd.m-w.com/?qs=be52f2f9f1d8a9c41b03d5165198a48d91b00274b42cf36defd98778f2479026032b32efeb91ea1f3643467258546cd100702d25832767baf30db696767eb49c) | [lwod-share-tw](http://click.wotd.m-w.com/?qs=be52f2f9f1d8a9c4e0d5698cfe9fceab9646da36d537022d90ede135a9165b175d050de2ca56a5379ca7af9ddb2af16fa392f748b92f048992c6468f974f658e) |  |  | |     **Question about 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[=blooming, flowering] | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | **2 :** to change, grow, and develop full | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | Their friendship began to *blossom* [=*bloom*, *flower*, *flourish*] during the summer. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | Their friendship *blossomed* into romance. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | heir business seemed to *blossom* [=take off] overnight. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | a *blossoming* romance | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | a *blossoming* talent |        |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  | |        * [**Unsubscribe** nevena.knezevic@si.t-com.hr](http://click.wotd.m-w.com/?qs=c98fbd472ecab7487a91226a6d6899fd92add043d754fab65652190dd81552bb0dba58432eb8c4ace299ca0f2eb03acf485f0d0c1e6c9550b987ba3e679c91f3) | | |  | 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are used for decoration and are not usually valuable | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | shelves full of *bric-a-brac* [=*knickknacks*] |     lwod-share-line     |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | [lwod-share-fb](http://click.wotd.m-w.com/?qs=6977848167f5a82255d7bc03c113f551f39cfb71e7b303710dfb8e661a57bf5bfa029f4704c377be8cfb49b67ac010ab1766e485e557f15c67bf8cd24ea83f68) | [lwod-share-tw](http://click.wotd.m-w.com/?qs=6977848167f5a82249998c5d91156c001f4e95b9452a234342917303cefde3ccd4fee55168f1b8e77a17ebb272aa15529db580a50bcc42b796e8e0f6588418c1) |  |  | |     **Question about English?** [**Ask the Editor**](http://click.wotd.m-w.com/?qs=6977848167f5a822a3b330966de135e90907d57199e41dcde76d22a45eb36fec94bae0bf11f1557366ef15e84922d134d0f80cacbb7226c5e7f4799b01952e53)    **More Learner's Word of the Day:** [**Visit our 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[lwod-audio-pron-red](http://click.wotd.m-w.com/?qs=52d3e7a332975e5dee8f8d046631e7cb47c23d25b81991dfbe8b233ae0da1766b22d6d8d98d77741cae7a47b7873621ae998778e0d349bd18fe42c86c8a21c7c)/ˈerɚ/   ***noun*** |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | lwod-clear | | | 1 : something that is not correct : a wrong action or statement : [MISTAKE](http://www.learnersdictionary.com/definition/mistake) | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | [count] | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | I made an *error* in my calculations. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | They uncovered several *errors* in his report to the committee. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | The paper contains numerous spelling *errors*. | | lwod-clear | | | [noncount] | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | horrifying cases of hospital *error* | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | The accident was caused by **human error**. [=by a mistake made by a person] | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | — see also *trial and error* at [TRIAL](http://www.learnersdictionary.com/definition/trial%5b1%5d) | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | **2** [count] **:** a mistake made by a person who is playing a sport (such as baseball or tennis) | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | The shortstop was charged with an *error*. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | **in error** | | | lwod-clear | | | **1 :** not correct | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | I believe your conclusion is *in error*. [=*incorrect, mistaken*] | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | The judge was *in error* when she allowed the evidence to be admitted. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | **2 :** in a way that is not correct | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | My earlier statement was made *in error*. [=my earlier statement was incorrect] | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | The evidence was admitted *in error*. [=incorrectly, mistakenly] | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | **margin of/for error** | | | lwod-clear | | | — see [MARGIN](http://www.learnersdictionary.com/definition/margin) | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | **the error of your ways** | | | lwod-clear | | | ◊ To see, recognize, acknowledge, etc., *the error of your ways* is to admit that you have been doing something wrong or behaving badly and to stop doing it. | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | Congress recognized *the error of its ways* and repealed the law. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | He publicly acknowledged *the error of his ways* and asked for forgiveness. |        |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  | |          |  | | --- | |  |        |  | | --- | | **goofball**   [[lwod-audio-pron-red](http://click.wotd.m-w.com/?qs=007c9f7b23307c93abfabcdb85b27cf14f282ba44e9f3d0a4e083b3d13bb6ecbf8b7fd470444d55ffc679666434feda74da66685ea6698b694f9fcc303a86256)](http://click.wotd.m-w.com/?qs=007c9f7b23307c93abfabcdb85b27cf14f282ba44e9f3d0a4e083b3d13bb6ecbf8b7fd470444d55ffc679666434feda74da66685ea6698b694f9fcc303a86256)/ˈguːfˌbɑːl/   ***noun*** |      |  | | --- | | lwod-clear | | [count] *US, informal* | | lwod-clear | | **:** a silly or stupid person **:** [GOOF](http://www.learnersdictionary.com/definition/goof) | | lwod-clear | | lwod-clear |        |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  | |      |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | | |  |  |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 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[lwod-audio-pron-red](http://click.wotd.m-w.com/?qs=be52f2f9f1d8a9c425867005bef03da34d10c756a7cf8d7b3c3687bb098e5954ff4519164633e2f3f943aa7a4d1cd69235df44d7ef57c626550ea0142f648592)/ˈplʌg ɪn/   ***phrasal verb*** |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | lwod-clear | | | **1** ***plug (something) in*** *or* ***plug in (something)*** **:** to connect (something, such as a lamp or television) to an electrical source or to another device by using a plug | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | Don't *plug* the stereo *in* yet. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | He *plugged in* the lamp. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | The microphone isn't *plugged in*. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | **2 :** to put (information, such as a word or number) in something | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | The form has spaces where you just *plug in* [=*insert*] your name and address. |     lwod-share-line     |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  |  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[=nothing has happened with the project for years because of political and legal problems] | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | **2 :** a painful or uncomfortable feeling of tightness in part of your body | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | a *knot* in a muscle | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | massaging the *knots* out of my back | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | I was so nervous that my stomach was ***in knots***. [=I had an unpleasant and tight feeling in my stomach] | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | **3 :** a dark round mark on a piece of wood that shows where a branch grew | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | a board full of *knots* | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | **4 :** a way of arranging long hair by twisting it into a round shape at the sides or back of the head | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | She pulled her hair into a *knot* [=*bun*] at the back of her neck. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | **5 :** a group of people who are standing or sitting close together | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | A *knot* [=*cluster*] of people blocked the door. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | **6 :** a unit of speed equal to one nautical mile per hour | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | Wind is from the north at 12 *knots*. | | lwod-clear | | | lwod-bullet | sailing at six *knots* | |  | | http://image.wotd.m-w.com/lib/fe3e157075640579721573/m/1/819ad07e-f355-4fee-bfff-de6fc7e4a96e.gif | http://image.wotd.m-w.com/lib/fe3e157075640579721573/m/1/819ad07e-f355-4fee-bfff-de6fc7e4a96e.gif | http://image.wotd.m-w.com/lib/fe3e157075640579721573/m/1/819ad07e-f355-4fee-bfff-de6fc7e4a96e.gif | |   http://click.wotd.m-w.com/open.aspx?ffcb10-fe9a1573756c047a77-fe1f16747360017b701c78-fe3e157075640579721573-ff6615707d-fe2c157472660174741072-ff64157974 | | |