



Word of the Week

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Word of the Week



Can you guess this week's word of the week?

Word of the Week

Gambit
(noun)

Are you familiar with this word?

What does it mean?

Can you use it in a sentence?

Word of the Week

Gambit (noun)

Definition

an act or remark that is calculated to gain an advantage, especially at the outset of a situation.

Word of the Week

Ocular (adjective)

Synonyms

Stratagem

Scheme

Plan

Tactic

Manoeuvre

Antonyms

Regression

Stagnation

Word of the Week

Gambit (noun)

Examples

“They said the plan was no more than a clever political gambit.”

“Which is your favourite chess gambit?”

Can you come up with your own?

Word of the Week

Gambit

Gambit first appeared in English in a 1656 chess handbook that was said to feature almost a hundred illustrated “gambetts”.

How did the Italian word for leg come to be associated with an opening move in chess?

From Spanish
gambito

From Italian
gambetto

From Italian
gamba
“leg”

Word of the Week

Gambit (noun)

Gambetto referred to the act of *tripping* someone, as in wrestling, in order to gain an advantage.



In chess, gambit originally referred to a chess opening whereby the bishop's pawn is intentionally sacrificed—or *tripped*—to gain an advantage in position.

Word of the Week

Gambit (noun)

Gambit is now applied to many other chess openings and is used generally to refer to any “move,” whether literal or rhetorical, made to gain an advantage.

When

Thursday 16 May
15:15 - 16:15

Where

Main Hall

Who

Between 5 and 10 players
Years 7 to 10

Please let your House of
House know if you are
interested in taking part.

