



Word of the Week

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Herculean
(adjective)

Are you familiar with this word?

What does it mean?

Can you use it in a sentence?

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Herculean (adjective)

Definition

Of extraordinary power, extent, intensity, or difficulty.

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According to Greek myth, the hero Hercules, son of the god Zeus by a human mother, was famous for his superhuman strength. To pacify the wrath of the god Apollo, he was forced to perform twelve enormously difficult tasks, or "labors". These ranged from descending into the underworld to bring back the terrifying dog that guarded its entrance to destroying the many-headed monster called the Hydra.

Any job or task that's extremely difficult or calls for enormous strength is therefore called herculean.

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Herculean (adjective)

Examples

“It proved a very complex and herculean task.”

“Running a marathon is a herculean feat of strength and endurance.”

Can you come up with your own?

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Herculean (adjective)

Synonyms

Difficult

Formidable

Tough

Gruelling

Antonyms

Easy

Simple

Straight-forward