



Grotesque

**Definition of grotesque (*adjective*)
in English:**

Comically or repulsively ugly or distorted.

Etymology:

The study of the origin (beginning) of words

Grotesque (gro-tesk) has origins in:

- ❖ Italian *grottesca*, from *opera* or *pittura grottesca* ‘work or painting resembling that found in a grotto’; ‘grotto’ here probably denoted the rooms of ancient buildings in Rome which had been revealed by excavations, and which contained murals in the grotesque style.



Malformed

Distorted

Misshapen

Mutilated



These words are
synonyms for
grotesque...

1. The creature was **grotesque**.
2. Matt had chosen a truly **grotesque** mask for Halloween – he was definitely going to win the competition at school!
3. The towering gates were topped with intimidating and **grotesque** gargoyles.



In
sentences...



Use the word **grotesque** as many times as possible throughout the week and you could receive house points every time!

This can be verbally, in your written work or even when you hear an adult around the school using it.

