

## ROOT: "Stupeo" (adjective)

First attested from 1547, Stupendous comes from Late Latin *stupendus*, to mean stunning, amazing, which comes from Latin *stupeo* meaning "I am stunned". Stupendous can be viewed as an extension of these terms, because it means something that is surprisingly impressive, especially when it is large in amount or size.

Type of word: adjective

3 syllables: stu-pen-dous

## ANTONYM:

- Ordinary
- Common
- Normal
- Standard
- Everyday
- Usual
- Regular
- Basic
- Underwhelming

## SYNONYM:

- Amazing
- Fantastic
- Wonderful
- Extraordinary
- Great
- Terrific
- Remarkable
- Awesome
- Unreal
- Astonishing

# STUPENDOUS

This novel is **stupendous**. It keeps you gripped until the very end.

## EXAMPLES:

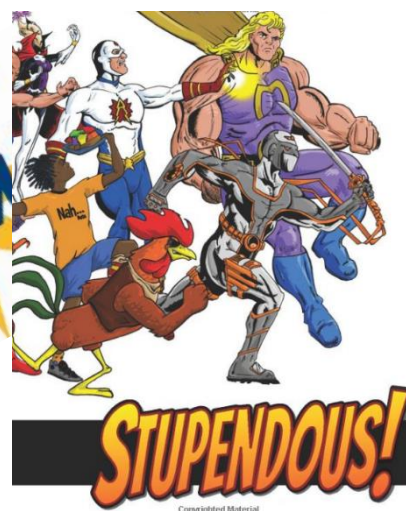
**Stupendous** news! We've won £50,000!

## QUOTES:

*"All are but parts of one stupendous whole. Whose body Nature is, and God the soul."*  
**Alexander Pope**

*"Destiny is something men select; women achieve it only by default or stupendous suffering."*  
**Harriet Rosenstein**

## HOW I REMEMBER THE WORD



## WHEN YOU ARE ASKED TO USE STUPENDOUS:

- CONSIDER HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT SOMETHING & HOW YOU WANT TO DESCRIBE IT
- IS IT CAUSING ASTONISHMENT OR WONDER?
- YOU MIGHT TYPICALLY DESCRIBE IT AS AMAZING OR GREAT
- Instead try and use the word **stupendous** to capture the true greatness of something. Essentially, **stupendous** means that something is extremely impressive and it causes amazement.