

Literacy Bulletin

petrichor

[**pet**-ri-kawr, **pe**-trahy-kawr]

noun

a distinctive scent, usually described as earthy, pleasant, or sweet, produced by rain-fall on very dry ground.

WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF PETRICHOR?

Petrichor is based on two Ancient Greek words: *pétros*, meaning “stone,” and *īchōr*, the name of an ethereal fluid that the gods of Greek mythology had instead of blood in their veins.

EXAMPLE OF PETRICHOR USED IN A SENTENCE

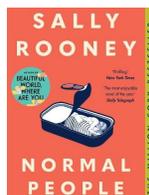
After weeks without a single drop of rain, *petrichor* hung in the air after this morning's showers.

Book recommendation

Normal People by Sally Rooney

Marianne is the young, affluent, intellectual wallflower; Connell is the boy everyone likes, shadowed by his family's reputation and poverty. Unlikely friends, and later lovers, their small town beginnings in rural Ireland are swiftly eclipsed by the heady worlds of student Dublin. Gradually their intense, mismatched love becomes a battleground of power, class, and the falsehoods they choose to believe.

Normal People is a tale of deceptive simplicity, a very accessible narrative of two seemingly mismatched young people who share a profound, inescapable understanding. Beyond that however is something properly universal, a study of how one person can forever shape and impact another. Marianne and Connell emerge almost shockingly real and deeply vulnerable in their different ways.



How can I improve my own reading?

Each week we will explore a simple way to improve your own reading. Below are the suggestions we will look at in depth.

7 simple steps to start improving your reading:

1. *Learn New Vocabulary.*
2. *Remove Distractions.*
3. *Prepare Before You Read.*
4. *Slow Your Pace.*
5. *Break It Into Chunks.*
6. *Question What You Read.*
7. *Reflect on the Text.*