

WORD OF THE WEEK:

EGREGIOUS

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Adj. conspicuously bad or offensive



His behavior was totally egregious, because I asked him politely not to do that.

ETYMOLOGY: From the Latin prefix “e-“ (“out of”) + the Latin root “grex” (“flock”) + adjective suffix “-ous” (“full of”) The word originally had a good connotation meaning “standing out from the flock”. Because of sarcasm used in the 16th century, today the word has morphed into a negative connotation meaning “conspicuously bad”.