

Name _____ **Archaism**



Language Evolves

An archaism is a word or expression that is no longer regularly used, or which is only used in specific fields or studies. The word comes from the Greek word *archaikós*, which means "ancient." Although archaisms aren't often used anymore, they are still used. Words that are no longer ever used at all are referred to as being obsolete.

1. Can you think of some words that we still sometimes use today, even though they are actually archaisms?

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2. Now think about some words that you now use everyday that are very modern. Identify some of these words which you predict will become archaisms in the next fifty or 100 years.

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