Loud

Exceptional Expressions For Everyday Events

Rarely are students told to be loud in a classroom. It is much more likely for students to hear that they are too loud. But there are times when students are asked to “think out loud” or “read out loud.”

*Loud* is an excellent word to discuss in class, particularly in comparison to its opposite—*quiet*. A word line with *loud* at one end and *quiet* at the other can be useful to make distinctions about relative noise levels.

Follow-Ups

- How can thinking out loud be helpful in group work?
- When is being loud distracting to others?
- Are there appropriate and inappropriate times to be loud?
- How is reading out loud beneficial to students?

The Spanish Connection

The word *loud* comes from a common West Germanic or Old English word *hlud*. The Spanish word for *loud* is not a cognate. But some of the synonyms for *loud* do have Spanish cognates. For example, the cognate of the word *sonorous* is *sonoro(a)*.

Word Changes

- *Loud* is most common as an adjective, referring to a high volume of noise, whereas its opposite, *quiet*, may serve as a verb, noun, or adjective. When we want to describe the manner in which a sound occurs, we might use a morphological family member, the adverb *loudly*.
- The adjective *loud* can describe an object that is considered offensive or tasteless, such as clothing in bright colors that clash.
- The prefix *a-* typically changes the definition of a word to its opposite. For example, *atypical* means not typical. But in the case of *aloud*, the prefix *a-* changes the meaning to “with a voice” or “audibly.”
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**more challenging words**
- obstreperous
- clamorous
- vociferous
- vociferant

**Loud as in a state of being**
- noisy
- boisterous
- deafening
- rowdy

**Loud as in intrusive in appearance or smell**
- bright
- busy
- obnoxious
- crass
- garish
- gaudy
- flashy
- showy
- bold

**more challenging words**
- conspicuous
- ostentatious

**Loud as in producing a loud sound**
- ear splitting
- raucous
- shrill
- thunderous
- booming
- blustering
- roaring
- piercing

**IDIOMS**
- Make some noise
- Make noise about
- Full of noise
- Actions speak louder than words

**COMMON PHRASES**
- For crying out loud
- Think out loud
- Loud and clear

**THE SPANISH CONNECTION**
- sonorous / sonoro(a)
- strident / estridente
- vociferous / vociferante
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Morphological Family for Loud

Inflected Endings
- loudly
- louder
- loudest

Derivational Prefixes & Suffixes
- aloud
- loudness

Compound Words
- loudmouth
- loud speaker
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Morphological Family for Loud