

Definitions:

polite, especially in a way that shows respect

courteous

Used in a sentence:

- *He was a courteous young man*
- *the hotel staff are friendly and courteous.*
- *she was unfailingly courteous and helpful.*
- *he was a gentle, courteous man.*
- *I wrote him a short letter and received a courteous reply*

Etymology and historical meaning of the term **courteous**:

Middle English (meaning 'having manners fit for a royal court'): from Old French *corteis*, based on Latin *cohors* 'yard, retinue'. The change in the ending in the 16th cent. was due to association with words ending in *-eous*.

Verbs: be, seem

Adverbs: extremely, fairly, very

Preposition: to

Questions:

- How does this link with the theme of the week: “**positive communication**” ?
- Can you think of any synonyms for the word **courteous**?
- Could you use words of the same family (verbs, nouns) in sentences?
- In which subjects could you use this word?