

# Word of the Week

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# Distinguish



**Definition:** recognise or treat as different

**Synonym:** categorise, characterise, differentiate, determine

**Antonym:** confuse, connect, misunderstand

**Part of speech:** Verb

**Origin:** Old French

**Root:** *dis* means 'apart'  
*stingere* means 'put out'

**Prefix:** in-

**Suffix:** -ed, -ing, -able

**Sentences with the word:** They are too small for the human eye to distinguish.  
It is too difficult to distinguish between the two; they are too alike.