

Definitions:

- the number of things or people that a container or space can hold
- the ability to understand or to do something
- the official position or function that somebody has

capacity

Used in a sentence:

- *a fuel tank with a maximum capacity of 50 litres*
- *The theatre has a seating capacity of 2 000.*
- *a hard disk storage capacity of 1 000 gigabytes*
- *She has an enormous capacity for hard work.*
- *A habit becomes an addiction when it reduces your capacity to enjoy life.*

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

Capacity comes from the Latin word *capacitās*, which means "able to hold much"¹. The word is derived from *capax*, which means "able to hold much, broad, wide, roomy"

Different ways to use the word:

Adjective: high, large, limited

Verb: have, expand, increase

Noun: audience, crowd

Preposition : at capacity

Questions:

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