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Definition of *fraternity*

- : a group of people associated or formally organized for a common purpose, interest, or pleasure: such as
 - : a fraternal order : GUILD sense 1
- : a men's student organization formed chiefly for social purposes having secret rites and a name consisting of Greek letters
- : a student organization for scholastic, professional, or extracurricular activities // a debating fraternity
- : persons of the same class, profession, character, or tastes

: the quality or state of being brothers : BROTHERLINESS

// the racetrack fraternity

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// an atmosphere of *fraternity* and cooperation

Examples of *fraternity* in a Sentence

// a firm believer in community service and a dedicated member of the local fraternity of

Good Samaritans

// Strauss displayed a knack for making money early on, starting with the kitchen of his fraternity at Syracuse.

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- San Diego Union-Tribune, "Column: Run of Kentucky Derby owner Bill Strauss of Del Mar 'gravy on a great life'," 30 Apr. 2021

// The 148-page review was campus-wide, also looking, for example, at cases against fraternity members.

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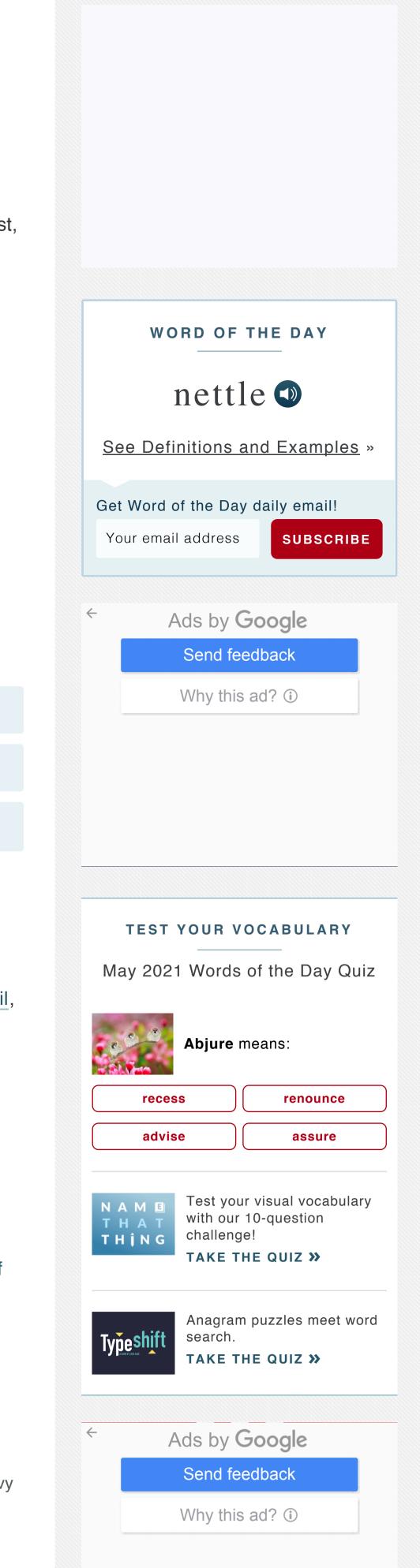
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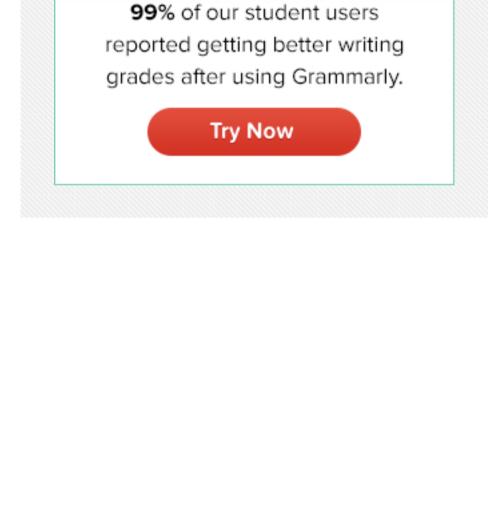
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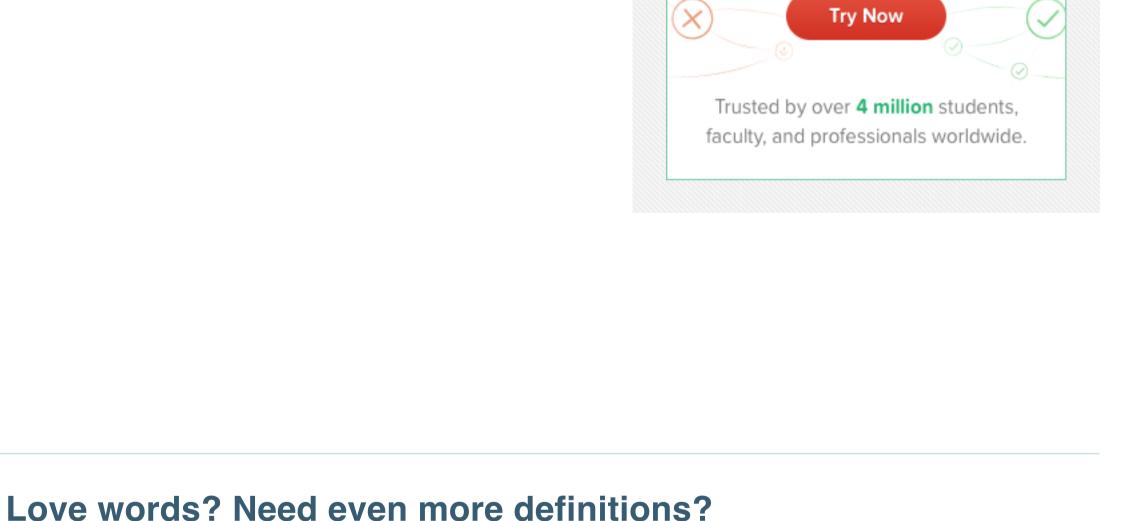
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