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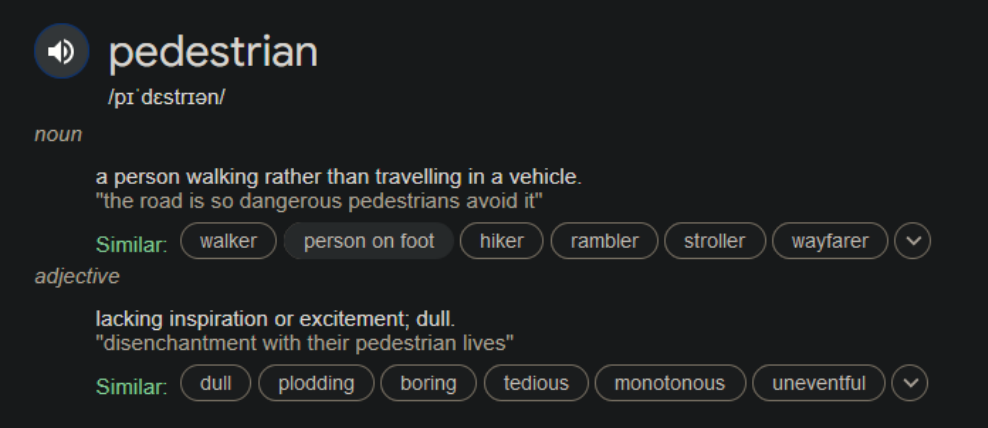
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 **pedestrian**  
*/piˈdɛstriən/*  
*noun*

a person walking rather than travelling in a vehicle.  
"the road is so dangerous pedestrians avoid it"

**Similar:** [walker](#) [person on foot](#) [hiker](#) [rambler](#) [stroller](#) [wayfarer](#) 

*adjective*

lacking inspiration or excitement; dull.  
"disenchantment with their pedestrian lives"

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## Taking a Walk with 'Pedestrian'

There's nothing dull about a good stroll, is there?

### What to Know

*Pedestrian* comes from the Latin for "foot" and still refers to those who walk or travel by foot. In its early usage it was contrasted with *equestrian*, which refers to those traveling by horse. Perhaps because walking is less exciting than riding, eventually *pedestrian* also became a synonym for *dull* or *unimaginative*.



Look both ways before you write.

There's nothing like a good, long walk to get the blood flowing. We use the noun [pedestrian](#) to refer to a person traveling on foot, usually in contrast to someone traveling by some other way (bicycle, carriage, motorcar, etc.). It can also be an adjective that describes something meant for people walking on foot ("a pedestrian bridge" or "a pedestrian tour").

The rules are part of the city's attempts to cope with the rapid influx of scooters that have proven wildly popular but also raised safety concerns as they zip around at 20 mph, weaving between *pedestrians* or darting into traffic.

— Ely Portillo, *The Charlotte Observer*, 7 Jan. 2019

They hope to construct a \$1.2 million *pedestrian* tunnel under Fulton Drive NW between the high school and North Park, with lots of activities happening on both sides of the busy roadway there.

— Jim Michaels, *WHBC.com*, 18 Dec. 2020

After a brief rest at Hamburg, we made preparations for a long *pedestrian* trip southward in the soft spring weather, but at the last moment we changed the program, for private reasons, and took the express-train.

— Mark Twain, *A Tramp Abroad*, 1880

## The Origin of 'Pedestrian'

The Latin *pedester* means "going on foot" and derives from the noun for "foot," which is *pes*. A *pedometer* measures your steps; a *pedal* is operated by the foot; a *biped* is a creature with two feet and a *quadruped* is one with four.

In early use, pedestrians were contrasted with [equestrians](#)—those who traveled on horseback.

Although accounted complete in all the exercises of chivalry, and possessed of much of the character of what was then termed a perfect knight, the person of the Count was far from being a model of romantic beauty. He was under the common size, though very strongly built, and his legs rather curved outwards, into that make which is more convenient for horseback, than elegant in a *pedestrian*. — Sir Walter Scott, *Quentin Durward*, 1823

In the 18th century, *pedestrian* described a type of statue—one that depicted a person (such as a soldier) standing on foot, as opposed to one mounted on a horse, which was also known as *equestrian*.

Directly in front of Sir Walter's pillar, opposite the new Post Office, is a *pedestrian* statue in bronze, by Flaxman, of Sir John Moore, who was born in Glasgow in 1761.

— Adam Black, *Black's Picturesque Tourist of Scotland*, 1865

## 'Pedestrian' as an Adjective

*Pedestrian* has another sense in English, as an adjective meaning "dull" or "commonplace."

Anyway, I find our country's New Year traditions rather *pedestrian*. More interesting are certain customs popular south of our border or across the big pond. Some folks in Brazil and Mexico celebrate the New Year by wearing red undergarments for good fortune in



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the New Year by wearing red undergarments for good fortune in love and yellow undies in hopes of increased wealth.

— Shirley Scott, *The Urbana Daily Citizen*, 12 Jan. 2021

Those picks, and the decisions that go with them, are under more scrutiny after the Dallas Cowboys' quarterback followed his remarkable rookie season with a somewhat *pedestrian* encore.

And Prescott is among those doing the scrutinizing — each night at camp in the film room.

— Schuyler Dixon, *Associated Press*, 6 Aug. 2018

Leaving that aside, [*Gone With the Wind*] at the very least it is an overrated movie, highlighted by a few extraordinary scenes -- thousands of wounded soldiers, laid out row on row forever; a horse-drawn carriage silhouetted by consuming flames; some bloody, expressionistic skies. But most of the cinematography is *pedestrian*. Many scenes are ridiculously overlit -- no doubt because Technicolor was still a glorious new gimmick in 1939.

— Philip Martin, *The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, 8 Jan. 2021

When describing language or prose, *pedestrian* is used for words that are simple to understand and not flashy or ornate. In some cases, but not all, this is leveled as a criticism, much in the way that *prosaic*, a word meant to describe prose writing as compared to poetry, can similarly mean "dull or unimaginative" or "everyday or ordinary" (as in "prosaic experiences"). There are some instances when unflashy language is desired.

Last year, Washington made a literary splash with the publication of his short-story collection, *Lot*, a radical, multidimensional examination of the lives of everyday Houston citizens that went well beyond the white, straight, cowboy demographic most readers commonly associate with Texas. Washington, instead, tackled race, queerness, poverty, crime, gentrification, and the difficult bonds of friends and family. Moreover, his stories came wrapped in a fast, *pedestrian* prose style all his own, one that eschews ornate flourishes and meaty metaphors for a tough, off-the-cuff intimacy that cuts and flows like the Houston heat.

— Christopher Bollen, *Interview*, 27 Oct. 2020

After federal officials gave lawmakers a briefing on Thursday, a frustrated Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Calif., told me: "Everything was wrapped in confusion. The only one who answers the questions — he not only gives the science, but then he says, let me explain this in *pedestrian* language — is Dr. Fauci."

— Karen Tumulty, *The Washington Post*, 14 Mar. 2020

So what happened to *pedestrian* to cause it to mean "dull" or "unimaginative?" There's the notion of speed, for one thing: pedestrians certainly move more slowly than someone on a horse or in a chariot (a riding experience that might get the heart racing). Yet some might argue that taking a slower pace might be more enjoyable —even more exciting—than those faster transports. It depends, we suppose, on where the road takes you. Look both ways when you cross.

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The *dérive* (French: [de. ʁiv], "drift") is an unplanned journey through a landscape, usually urban, in which participants stop focusing on their everyday relations to their social environment.

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**What does it mean to be a pedestrian?**

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*Perhaps interesting to look at nudge theory: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nudge\\_theory](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nudge_theory).*

*And, related to that, this film by Harun Farocki about the human design/social engineering of shopping malls: <https://www.harunfarocki.de/films/2000s/2001/the-creators-of-the-shopping-worlds.html>*

*The Real Lives game: <https://reallivesworld.com/>*

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**verb**

verb: **benchmark**; 3rd person present: **benchmarks**; past tense: **benchmarked**; past participle: **benchmarked**; gerund or present participle: **benchmarking**

1. **evaluate** (something) by comparison with a standard.

**"we are benchmarking our performance against external criteria"**

When walking around, make a pitstop at a bench. Just sit there in the middle part. Look forward. Make yourself comfortable and take an unlimited time to see evaluate the premise. What does the neighborhood look like, what is the demographic. How much is it designed? Is it possible for anyone to be there?==

Make a list of the specs.

Is there anything that could be tweaked?

Be your own tracking device

In a smart city, be a smart civilian, look at the surroundings

from your own point of critique, make notes

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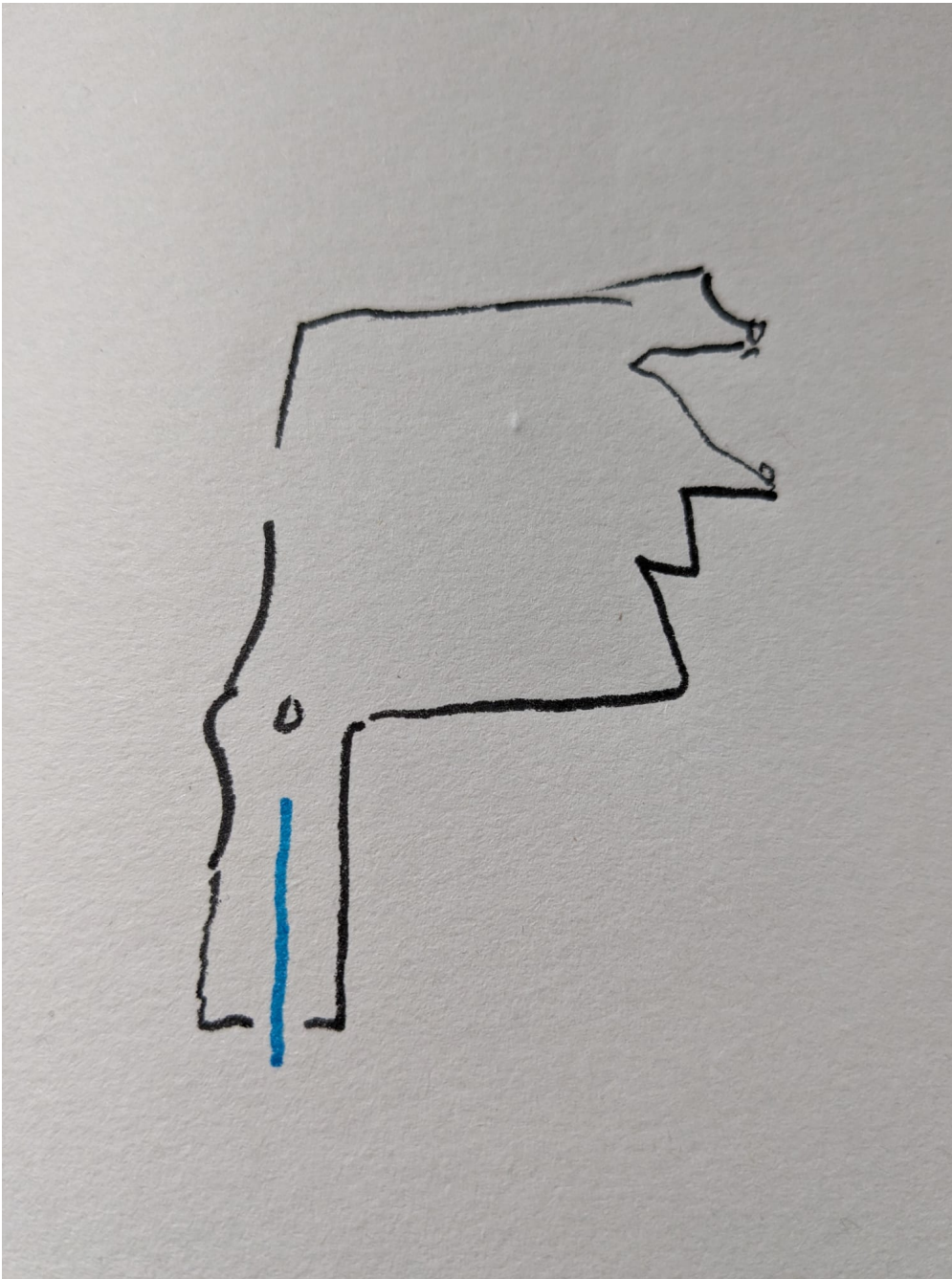




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Latitudes and altitudes

defined by the prime meridian and the equator \

meridian meaning MidDay

Equator -> AeQuator -> circulus Aequator diei etonoctus

Circle equalizing day and night

make equal


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1. Benchmarking as loitering practice

benchmark: a standard or point of reference against which things may be compared.

"the pay settlement will set a **benchmark for** other employers and workers"

1. ideal - a test designed to evaluate or compare the performance of computer hardware or software.

"we thought we'd run some benchmarks on the smartphone"

2. 2.

a surveyor's mark cut in a wall, [pillar](#), or building and used as a reference point in measuring [altitudes](#).

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With POINXS I intent to counter map locations.

The locations aren't manoeuvrable.

With this project a way of countermapping could be marking certain points of the city.

Through methods of benchmarking and geolocating

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scooterhill that isn't optional for a scootmobile

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<b>OOSTZEEDIJK BENEDEN</b>	<b>Wikipedia paraphrased translation: The Oostzeedijk is a high dyke in Rotterdam. On the Upperpart of the Oostzeedijk there is a tram lane. Close to the Voorschoterlaan there's hill in between of the upper and lower part of the dyke.</b>
<b>ALTITUDE</b>	51.921149149128134

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LATITUDE	4.508842999837357
DESCRIPTION	<i>scooter hill Kralingen</i>
INTENTIONS	I was walking and my brother and mother were in their Scootmobiles. We were looking for a place to eat and drink after a nice walk in the botanical garden. It was sunny and we thought "let's go up the dike to see". Since there was a hill going upwards that was wide enough for a scootmobile. We continued going on to the pavement towards Oostplein where we stumbled upon a beautiful big yet inconvenient piece of green. This resulted in two scootmobiles having to go off since there were no 'hellinkjes' (ramps). So imagine two of these safe scootmobiles, not being able to off pavement, just going in reverse until you can finally turn.
FRUSTRATIONS	The lack of accountability. It's not necessarily the complaint of a tree 'standing in the way' but more the lack of once again a ramp to just have the possibility to cross the street in order to continue getting to your location. Because at this point it only seems to be a place to just park your bike

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glossary:

- basis of the word
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**: the quality or property of an object that defines its possible uses or makes clear how it can or should be used.**

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