

Word of the week w/c 11th December 2023

Archaic word (not in general use any more)

Poltroon

ITALIAN → ITALIAN → FRENCH →
poltro → poltrone → poltron → poltroon
sluggard → early 16th century

noun

What kind of person is a poltroon?

Poltroon is an old-fashioned word for a type of person that exists in every time period: a coward. If you behave in a way that shows no courage or confidence, you're acting like a poltroon. In movies, the villains are often poltroons who are sneaky and devious instead of brave and straightforward.

