The word of the week is

 Modicum

Modicum is a noun.

**Definition:** a small amount

**Used in a sentence:**

Anyone with a modicum of sense would know that teasing someone is bad manners.

Only a modicum of computer knowledge is needed to run this program.

Despite all her hard work, she enjoyed only a modicum of success.

A strong military is required if there is to be even a modicum of order maintained in the village.