The word of the week is

 **penultimate**

 **It means:**  **next to last**

**Used in a sentence:**

This week is the penultimate week in the 2013-2014 school year.

The author reveals the identity of the criminal in the penultimate chapter.

Our team has the lead until the penultimate inning when the opposition scored three runs.

The penultimate item on his to do list that day was to pack his bags – the final item was to walk out the door.

She got straight A’s every semester except for her penultimate when she had to take that class from that dreadful professor.