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## Neologisms

- 110 at the Equator - Any burning sensation experienced directly below the navel when putting on a pair of jeans straight from the dryer.
- 1337 - A specific online alphabet, possibly an answer to "text speak". Depending on the user: "Light" 1337: Replacing all or most "a"'s, "o"'s and "e"'s with "4", zero and "3", "f" with "ph" and "the" with "teh". Example: "t3h cut3 4nd phluffy on3s." "Heavy" 1337: Replacing almost all letters with numbers or keyboard lines.Example: The 1337 alphabet: $4,8,(, \mid), 3,\left.\right|^{*}\left|-\left|\left(\mathrm{ph},{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{f}\right), 9,\left|-\left|,!, \mathrm{j},\left|<, 1, / / \backslash / \backslash, / / \backslash /, \mathrm{o},\left.\right|^{*}, \mathrm{q},\left|2,5,7,\left|\_\right|, \backslash /, \backslash / \backslash /,><, ` /, \mathrm{z} . \quad\right.\right.\right.\right.\right.\right.$ Note: there are exceptions. Regular delvers into 1337ist conversation will notice certain phrases pop up, such as " 1 pwnz joo!". This means "I ownz you!", or "I beat you badly!".
- 3D Job - A job that is dirty, dangerous or demanding. Particularly used with reference to jobs not popular with white male workers, so often taken by women or immigrants.
- AAA - A horizontal zig-zag line ( $/ \backslash / \backslash / \backslash$ ) with a digital pulse ( --- ), describing "broken digital pulse". The word is used for code in advanced electronics.
- aalst - One who changes his name to be nearer the front.
- aasleagh - A liqueur made only for drinking at the end of a revoltingly long bottle party when all the drinkable drink has been drunk.
- abajado - A social gaffe caused by misjudging the degree of counterculturality or threshold for bad taste of a venue: Henry's abajado fell on him like a ton of bricks after, instead of the expected laughter, his subversive joke was met only with a dread silence.
- abalemma - The agonizing situation in which there is only one possible decision but you still can't take it.
- abbrevolongation - The act of abbreviating something in such a way that the abbreviation contains more syllables than what it abbreviates. Example: www (nine syllables) from world wide web (three syllables).
- aberbeeg - Of amateur actors, to adopt a Mexican accent when called upon to play any variety of foreigner (except Pakistanis - for whom a Welsh accent is considered sufficient).
- abercrave - To strongly desire to swing from the pole on the rear footplate of a bus.
- aberition - A sudden appearance that is significantly different from the norm, often disturbingly so.
- abert - To change a baby's name at the last possible moment.
- aberystwyth - A nostalgic yearning which is in itself more pleasant than the thing being yearned for.
- abilene - Descriptive of the pleasing coolness on the reverse side of the pillow.
- abinger - One who washes up everything except the frying pan, the cheese grater and the saucepan which the chocolate sauce has been made in.
- abligo - One who prides himself on not even knowing what day of the week it is.
- above-the-fold -1. The top half of a newspaper page 2. The top half of a web page. 3. of significant importance; interesting enough to use as an attention-getter.
- aboyne - To beat an expert at a game of skill by playing so appallingly that none of his clever tactics or strategies are of any use to him.
- abruzzo - The worn patch of ground under a swing.
- Abscondominium - an apartment into which fugitives escape.
- absconed - To make off furtively after having stolen some foodstuff. Example: The Jack of Hearts absconed with the tarts.
- absecon - An annual conference held at the Dragonara Hotel, Leeds, for people who haven't got any other conferences to go to.
- absoludicrous - Absolutely ludicrous. Example: That video was beyond bad, it was absoludicrous.
- abwong - To bounce cheerfully on a bed.
- abysmalminton - A really inept game of badminton.
- acadebic - adj. Intended to be a unique, novel, or distinguishing conlang feature, but turning out to have already been used in another conlang. n. The phenomenon of creating a novel, unusual, or even pathological conlang feature, only to find out later that someone else has already used it in another conlang.
- acceleratio - The ratio of acceleration. Example: "The o-60 acceleratio of my car is 3.2 seconds.
- accentric - Crazy about accents
- acconsible - To blame for. Generally, people will try to evade acconsibility. One can be responsible for a whole range of things, good or bad; one can be held accountable for damages; but acconsibility refers to things that have gotten entirely out of hand. "Who's acconsible for this cataster?" the engineer bollered.
- Accordionated - Being able to drive and refold a road map at the same time.
- achronistic-1. A representation of an indeterminate time period. 2. A representation of elements from different time periods as having Coexisted. Example: "Napoleon Dynamite" is not just an achronistic title for a film but an achronistic film, blending elements from different time periods (Internet dating, 8o's fashion, mid-90's music).
- acklings - The odd twinges you get in parts of your body then you scratch other parts.
- acklins - The odd twinges you get in parts of your body when you scratch other parts.
- acle - The rogue pin which shirtmakers conceal in the most improbable fold of a new shirt. Its purpose is to stab you when you don the garment.
- acticious - Prone to action, alert; non-passive.
- acupokerist - Therepeutic poking, for people afraid of needles.
- ad cor iuvenis - 1. young at heart, often in spite of advanced age; 2. possessing a strong inner child that often enriches one's adult life
- ad homonym - Appealing to feelings and appreciation of puns, jokes, word-play, and jargon rather than intellect: witty.
- adadictomy - Usage: Offensive. A medical procedure by which a female is transformed into a male.
- addis ababa - The torrent of incomprehensible gibberish which emanates from the loudspeakers on top of cars covered in stickers.
- addy - An electronic mail address: I'll email you a copy when I get home. What's your addy?
- adgression - A movement or series of events or actions towards an end which is neither good nor bad.
- adlestrop - That part of a suitcase which is designed to get snarled up on conveyor belts at airports. Some of the more modern adlestrop designs have a special 'quick release' feature which enables the case to flip open at this point and fling your underclothes into the conveyor belt's gearing mechanism.
- adrigole - The centerpiece of a merry-go-round on which the man with the tickets stands unnervingly still.
- advergame - a form of entertainment that couples one or more (video)games with advertising.
- adversation - A form of verbal intercourse in which the participants are not listening to, or otherwise not understanding, each other. Very common in political or religious discourse, or among intoxicated persons.
- advolution - A gradual process in which something changes into a different form, one neither better nor worse. Equivalent to the French devenir.
- Aeroma - The odor emanating from an exercise room after an aerobics workout.
- Aeropalmics - The study of wind resistance conducted by holding a cupped hand out the car window.
- affaire de queue - A sexual involvement completely devoid of romantic sentiment.
- affluenza - A condition resulting from the excessive desire for material goods.
- affpuddle - A puddle which is hidden under a pivoted paving stone. You only know it's there when you step on the paving stone and the puddle shoots up your leg.
- Afroplasti - White-to-black race change surgery.
- after you pour it
- aftergibe - A clever retort that comes to mind when the opportunity to use it has gone.
- aftermorrow - The day after tomorrow. Example: Tilthoron says that he will meet you one league along the Eastern Road at last light on the aftermorrow. - Return to Middle Earth
- aftersight - A new idea so simple that it seems obvious in retrospect.
- -ag- - This infix is used mainly to avoid saying a word (or name) that, for whatever reason, one is not supposed to say. So, imagine, "Mom, I want a hot dog!", "No hot dogs," "Oh, come on, I want a hot dog!", "No!", "Just one hot dog?", "If you say 'hot dog' one more time, you're going to get it!", "Can I have hagot dog, then?" (Note: I'm not trying to suggest that this is a useful strategy; it's just something I find myself doing every now and then.)
- agonish - To save up money or to gather a lot of something together by working very hard.
- Agonosis - The syndrome of tuning into "Wide World of Sports" every Saturday just to watch the skier rack himself.
- agoodspotbutnot - A piece of real estate that deceives many young entrepreneurs into thoughts of financial grandeur when in reality is a monetary black hole. "Hey, that building changed hands again, it must be Agoodspotbutnot".
- agressocracy - A society in which the most aggressive members rise to the top.
- ahenny - The way people stand when examining other people's bookshelves.
- ahk - To proclaim anger in words that one has just made up to avoid getting in trouble for swearing. Ahking usually consists of the first few letters of familiar obscenities.
- aibohphobia - 1) The fear of palindromes. 2) The fear of mechanical dogs (typically written aibophobia).
- aigburth - Any piece of readily identifiable anatomy found amongst cooked meat.
- AIMer - to love over the internet.
- ainderby quernhow - One who continually bemoans the 'loss' of the word 'gay' to the English language, even though they had never used the word in any context at all until they started complaining that they couldn't use it any more.
- ainderby steeple - One who asks you a question with the apparent motive of wanting to hear your answer, but who cuts short your opening sentence by leaning forward and saying 'and I'll tell you why I ask...' and then talking solidly for the next hour.
- ainsworth - The length of time it takes to get served in a camera shop. Hence, also, how long we will have to wait for the abolition of income tax or the Second Coming.
- aird of sleat - Ancient Scottish curse placed from afar on the stretch of land now occupied by Heathrow Airport.
- Airdirt - A hanging plant that's been ignored for three weeks or more.
- aith - The single bristle that sticks out sideways on a cheap paintbrush.
- aku-aku - v. To move a tall, flat bottomed object (such as a bookshelf) by swiveling it alternatively on its corners in a "walking" fashion. I damaged the linoleum while akuakuing the cabinet across the kitchen. n. A spiritual companion in the form of an animal, as believed by the inhabitants of Easter Island.
- al desko - At the desk.
- albacete - A single surprisingly long hair growing in the middle of nowhere.
- Albinary - describing a system of classification of diametric opposites, e.g. black and white with pink eyes.
- albuplasty - Cosmetic surgery designed to decrease the pigments of a person's face.
- albuquerque - A shapeless squiggle which is utterly unlike your normal signature, but which is, nevertheless, all you are able to produce when asked formally to identify
yourself. Muslims, whose religion forbids the making of graven images, use albuquerques to decorate their towels, menu card and pajamas.
- alcoy - Wanting to be bullied into having another drink.
- aldaphilia - The act of being of friend of the trees that makes you feel like an elf.
- aldclune - One who collects ten-year-old telephone directories.
- aleatocracy - Form of government where the officials are decided by chance, such as by drawing names from a hat. Example: Aleatocracy can be seen in Arthur C. Clarke's The Songs of Distant Earth.
- alethology - 1. Study of the truth. 2. The pursuit of the Truth. 3. Truth-seeking.
- alfwald - The tree an elf is bound to from birth; when the tree dies, the elf dies, and vice versa.
- allograph - An instantiation of a particular spelling under certain circumstances. For instance, the allograph of English /au/, word finally, is "aw". Likewise, the word-final instantiation of English /ai/ is "ay".
- alltami - The ancient art of being able to balance the hot and cold shower taps.
- alonish - The positive experience of being alone. Antonym of "lonely," which is the negative experience of being alone. Alonishness consists of feelings of self-sufficiency, and freedom from the agendas of others. "She's feeling alonish today"; "He's an alonish type of guy".
- Alpha Geek - The most knowledgeable, technically proficient person in an office or work group. "Ask Larry, he's the alpha geek around here.
- alphaballet - A skillful use of letters or words, for instance as performed by a master Scrabble player.
- altfour - The process of closing pop-up windows.
- amae - The emotion of indulgent dependency associated with Japanese child-rearing patterns and social culture. Example: For close to a third of a century, students of Japan have commonly accepted the claim of Doi $(1973 ; 1996)$ that Amae is distinctive to the production and reproduction of Japanese culture, and is what makes Japanese child rearing peculiarly different from that of Americans. - Is Amae the Key to Understanding Japanese Culture?, Herman W. Smith \& Takako Nomi, 1998
- amation - 1. The love that one feels for one's spouse. 2. The love for someone that makes one want to be married.
- ambatolampy - The bizarre assortment of objects collected by a sleepwalker.
- ambidextrose - Indifferent towards sweeteners. "I can take my coffee with or without sugar. I'm ambidextrose.
- ambifix - A prefix and suffix pair that are always used together. Example: "In the field of chemistry, an acid that does not contain oxygen, but requires the use of both hydro- and -ic to define it, such as hydrochloric acid (hydro- and -ic).
- ambilingual - The skill of being able to switch between languages when holding several conversations at the same time without losing train of thought. Example: "John was very ambilingual when talking to Jean-Pierre, Fritz and Jos? at the same time.
- ambipedextrous - The ability to accomplish with your feet what others can only accomplish with their hands.
- ambisenestrous - Equivalent of ambidextrous, for left-handed people.
- ambisinister - Equally incompetent with either hand.
- ambitaesonextrous - The ability to use both of your feet to perform a function that the majority of people can only do with one foot.
- ambitch - To scold or berate someone when they are least expecting it.
- ambleside - A talk given about the Facts of Life by a father to his son whilst walking in the garden on a Sunday afternoon.
- ambulatory scenery - Oblique reference to one or more attractive individuals.
- amercentric - The belief that the United States of America is the center of the universe.
- amersham - The sneeze which tickles but never comes. (Thought to derive from the Metropolitan Line tube station of the same name where the rails always rattle but the train never arrives.)
- amlwch - A British Rail sandwich which has been kept soft by being regularly washed and resealed in cling film.
- amnausea - Forgetting which side of a ship you're supposed to be sick over during a storm. Example: "Most new sailors are chronic amnauseacs." Example from C.S. Forester's "Beat to Quarters": "Captain Horatio Hornblower's problems with seasickness were only compounded with his frequent amnausia.
- amour - The love one feels for a good friend who used to be a sweetheart or lover.
- amour - To feel amour for someone. We used to be enamored, but now we are just amoured.
- amoureau - An old sweetheart, who one is no longer enamored with, but who one now loves as a very good friend. I used to be her beau, now I'm her amoureau.
- ampus - A lurid bruise which you can't remember getting.
- Amurica - Pejorative term for the neo-conservatives' vision of America. I know - he thinks the Europeans have no business criticizing Amurica.
- An acronym in team-based gameplay, meaning: We Owned Other Team.
- Anaception - The body's ability to actually affect television reception by moving about the room.
- anadewism - n. The phenomenon where what one thought to be a unique and novel conlang feature turns out to have already occured in a natural language. Used especially of unusual or pathological features (hence the "worse" part in the acronym). adj. Intended to be novel and unique, but having already occurred in a natural language.
- anantnag - (Eskimo term) To bang your thumbs between the oars when rowing.
- anarchivist - 1. Archivist or librarian who improperly indexes. 2. A messy person.
- anatechism - 1. A mental reflex in which one's first reaction to a situation is to use a feature of a computer or other electronic device in an analog situation. This reflex is caught before any physical movement is made and a feeling of silliness results. Examples: "He clicked on the word in his book anatechously." "She had an anatechism when she nearly tried to reach across the room and pick up the remote with the mouse pointer.
- Anecdotage - Anecdotal dotage; that advanced age where all one does is relate stories about "the good old days." This is an example of a self-coined word (see above). The Oxford English Dictionary not only lists this word (and defines it as "garrulous old age"), but it has a citation that dates all the way back to 1835 !
- Anglify - To pronounce a word in a foreign language like English. "He Anglified the word 'bonjour'.
- anglolingophile - 1. A person who wants nothing to do with a language, lexicon, or conlang that is not a direct ancestor or descendent of English 2. A person who prefers Modern, Middle, and/or Old English over any other language 3. A person who loves Old Norse, Low German, Japanese (for all of its English borrowings), English, Yinglish, and/or Latin
- Animalanche - When you kick your stuffed animals in your sleep and they
- anime - 1. Stylistic genre of cartoons or animation originating in Japan. 2. Replication of such cartoons by non-Japanese.
- animeficate - To create an anime character out of a real person or photo.
- anjozorobe - A loose, colored garment someone brings you back from their travels which they honestly expect you to wear.
- annoygrivation - Something that annoys while simultaneously aggravating.
- antecrust - The first and last slices of bread, with one side being all crust; usually the slice of last resort.
- Anticiparcellate - Waiting until the mailman is several houses down the street before picking up the mail, so as not too appear too anxious.
- antidooce - A legalistic disclaimer posted on a blog in order to cover the blogger from being dooced, that is, dismissed for blogging at work.
- antilope - Run away to get divorced.
- apatheist - One who does not care whether or not God exists.
- apathist - One who is apathetic towards most things.
- apostrophlexy - The overuse of apostrophes in conlang orthography, especially for mere effect rather than for a phoneme such as the glottal stop. Example: "Words in Steven Erikson's The Malazan Empire Books of the Fallen also suffer from apostrophlexy, or the apparently random sprinkling of apostrophes for dramatic effect. At various points we encounter the T'lan Imass, the K'Chain Che'Malle, K'rul, the Kenyll'rah (and the Ken'ryllah), and so on and so forth.
- apploko - apple
- apres-puck - A social get-together for hockey fans after a game. Example: If skiers have an apres-ski, why not an apres-puck for hockeyfans?
- apronym - An acronym relevant to its explanation; e.g. "CARE" for "Cooperation for American Relief Everywhere" or "STAR" for "Satellite Television Asian Region".
- Aquadextrous - Possessing the ability to turn the bathtub faucet on and off with your toes.
- Aqualibrium - The point where the stream of drinking fountain water is at its perfect height, thus relieving the drinker from (a) having to suck the nozzle, or (b) squirting himself in the eye.
- Arachnidiot - A person, who, having wandered into an "invisible" spider web, begins gyrating and flailing about wildly.
- arachnopophagus - 1. A spider (usually female) who eats other spiders (usually male). Giant female arachnopophagus seeks male for dinner date and one-night stand. 2. Informal. A woman who marries men for their money and divorces or kills them for same. My mama told me: you'd better watch arachnopophagous women. Uh, huh. -a-rach'no-po-phag'ic
- araglin - A medieval practical joke played by young squires on a knight aspirant the afternoon he is due to start his vigil. As the knight arrives at the castle the squires attempt to raise the drawbridge very suddenly as the knight and his charger step on to it.
- archeologism - An old word or name for something that was replaced by a neologism: the opposite of 'neologism'.
- archism - A general term for political and economic theories that do not reject hierarchy. "Come on, Chomsky, don't tell me you think all archists are genocidal totalitarians.
- arctanthrope - A werebear. If you thought lycanthropes were bad, wait till you see an arctanthrope.
- arctanthropy - The supernatural ability to assume the form and characteristics of a bear.
- arctomorphize - To ascribe arctoid characteristics to. The Northmen arctomorphize their heroes and lycomorphize their foes.
- arctomorphous - Having or suggesting arctoid shape and appearance.
- ardcrony - A remote acquaintance passed off as 'a very good friend of mine' by someone trying to impress people.
- ardelve - To make a big display of searching all your pockets when approached by a charity collector.
- ardentinny - One who rubs his hands eagerly together when he sits down in a restaurant.
- ardscalpsie - Excuse made by rural Welsh hairdressers for completely massacring your hair.
- ardscull - Excuse made by rural Welsh hairdressers for deep wounds inflicted on your scalp in an attempt to rectify whatever it was that induced the ardscalpsie (q.v.).
- ardslignish - Adjective which describes the behavior of Sellotape when you are tired.
- arktosis - The affliction of typing so quickly in a chat or instant messenger program that every sentence consists mostly of typos.
- arr-chive - historical record of pirates looting and pillaging onion fields
- articlave - A clever architectural construction designed to give the illusion from the top deck of a bus that it is far too big for the road.
- artlang - A conlang designed to be artistic and very personal. Example: "The artlang I developed for my new book is very expressive.
- ashdod - Any object against which a smoker habitually knocks out his pipe.
- asi-1. An asocial or antisocial person. 2. A loser or chump.
- asphinxiation - The feeling of being sick and tired of impossible riddles.
- asphyxionado-1. A person who has the suffocating need to prove their knowledge about a topic in which they consider themselves an expert. note: Asphyxionados, upon examination, are often found to be bakademics. 2. A person with an asphyxiation fetish.
- Asspiration: the quality that made J-Lo's career so great.
- astygist - A person who does not believe in the afterlife.
- athreskeutic - An agnostic or atheist who is simply indifferent to religion, rather than actively hostile to it.
- Atmark - A newly current word for the "at" character @. Also called the "At Sign", "Commercial At", "Commercial At Sign", "Commercial Symbol". Also has numerous nicknames, including snail, arabesque, monkey, curl, cabbage, twiddle, twist, a-twist, strudel, vortex, whorl, whirlpool, cyclone, ape, cat, rose. The official ANSI/CCITT name is "commercial at". In the PostScript language it is called the "at" sign. The expansion of the Internet has brought the sign into prominence, but it remains a mystery why people have difficulty naming the symbol, which has been on typewriter keyboards since the nineteenth century. Perhaps the decline of traditional arithmetic teaching and manual book-keeping ( "15 neeps @ 2 farthings each" ) caused the meaning of the symbol for the younger generation to drop out of knowledge just before it acquired a new use. The single unit term Atmark perhaps has some utility for people speaking aloud Internet addresses.
- atrocificient - Terrible, yet completely astounding.
- attenergy - The power of consciousness; presence.
- attrectic - Being shaped like a blade, or having qualities normally attributed to blades. "Some grasses are very attrectic and can leave a nasty cut.
- Attrinyl - (chemical symbol - At) A black, bulletproof, totally inflexible type of plastic, used primarily in covers of pay phone directories.
- aubusson - The hairstyle a girl adopts for a special occasion which suddenly gives you a sense of what she will look like in twenty years' time.
- audient -1. A single listener. 2. The moment when a single seat is occupied by a spectator.
- autodefenestration - Suicide by jumping out of a window.
- automagically - Automatically, but in a mysterious way.
- automort - An animal that kills itself. Usage Note: A generic term to replace suicide, which specifically should be used for a human self-killing. An automort may be a suicide, but it can be a spider that kills herself to feed her hatchlings or in fact any creature that is programmed to age and die. Example: "The police found a suspected automort (or suicide) today," but "All mammals are automorts because they age.
- Autophotographopsopoeia - The art of pulling grotesque, obscene, or unusual faces, and then photographing them.
- autotrephination - The process of driving oneself crazy trying to solve a difficult problem and figuratively "drilling holes in one's own head".
- autotussle - An internal, especially mental or emotional, conflict.
- auxlang - A constructed language created to serve as a standard second language for everyone or for a specific community. Example: Where Esperanto is an auxlang for everyone, Folkspraak was intended as an auxlang for speakers of Germanic languages.
- awaysick - To long for being away while you're at home.
- awesometacular - mind-blowingly cool and amazing
- awesometastic - When something is definitely awesome, and most likely also fantastic. Example: "That pizza was awesometastic!
- awesometry - 1 . The measurement of something's awesome quality. 2. The state or condition of being awesome.
- Awkward - A word that is difficult to pronounce.
- awkwordy - Pertaining or relating to an awkward expression.
- awww-some - Inspiring sympathetic or sentimental reactions in others. Examples: (a) Brittany's baby pictures look awww-some. (b) She told an awww-some story about finding the stray kitten in the cold.
- ayemize - To speak using expressions common to instant messaging, either by spelling out abbreviations or by attempting to pronounce them. Example: "That's so funny. El oh el. We were rofling all over the place.
- aynho - Of waiters, never to have a pen.
- B+ Stampede - The attempt by half the classroom to claim the paper with no name on it.
- Babel Text - 1. A translation of Genesis 11:1-9, the story of the breaking of the Tower of Babel, into a language for purposes of comparison to other language. 2. Any source text intended to be translated into multiple languages.
- babik - Diminutive form of baby, used as an endearment among couples.
- babworth - Something which justifies having a really good cry.
- babydance - Sex, either for pleasure or procreation. This word applies to breeders only. The word is used hatefully on CF forums.
- baby-o - diminutive form of baby; used to show that the person being called such is childish
- bacciate - 1. To kiss on the lips as only romantic partners do. 2. To kiss on the lips in a way one would not kiss a family member or friend. 3. To kiss in a non-platonic way. Example: One squealing girl said to the other, 'Was it just a peck, or did he bacciate you?'
- backne - Back acne.
- backronym - An acronym derived from an existing word or expression.
- Backspackle - Markings on the back of one's shirt from riding a fenderless bicycle.
- bad tongue day - A day in which a person frequently mispronounces words and stumbles over sentences.
- badachonacher - An on-off relationship which never gets resolved.
- badgebup - The splotch on a child's face where the ice-cream cone has missed.
- bagglet - A small bag, smaller than a handbag but bigger than a pouch.
- baka - An idiot that is kind of a silly stupid: The Three Stooges are such bakas.
- bakademic - A person with a wealth of knowledge or expertise about a subject of little or no value or significance.
- bakku-shan - A girl who appears pretty when seen from behind, but not when seen from the front.
- Baldage - The accumulation of hair in the drain after showering.
- baldock - The sharp prong on the top of a tree stump where the tree has snapped off before being completely sawn through.
- balemartine - The look which says, 'Stop talking to that woman at once.'
- ballycumber - One of the six half-read books lying somewhere in your bed.
- balzan - The noise of a dustbin lid coming off in the middle of the night.
- bamble - A cross between babbling and rambling. Not as relaxed as rambling, but not as frantic as babbling. Example: "Dear readers, when I last left you to bamble on ... as I do ... am doing, Gina and I were just being attacked by a French ruffian.
- bamf - The sound something makes when it disappears into thin air, usually with a large puff of smoke.
- banff - Pertaining to, or description of, that kind of facial expression which is impossible to achieve except when having a passport photograph taken.
- banquo - Someone or something that reminds one of a past misdeed. Example: "The slavemaster sold his son with a female slave so he would not be banquo upon his conscience.
- banteer - A lusty and raucous old ballad sung after a particularly spectacular araglin (q.v.) has been pulled off.
- banvenaic - banal, conventional and formulaic. "George browsed through the journal but soon lost interest as it dawned on him that this month's submissions were all banvenaic.
- banvenulate - to arrive or try to arrive at a formula that is banal and conventional, or to do something in an extremely conventional and trite way.
- barberian - 1. Barber who ignores customer's wishes on way hair is cut. 2. A service person who ignores customer's request.
- barf at - To address in a harsh and impolite manner; to chide severely. Example: "If you pass the red line, you will be barfed at by the warden.
- Bargue - To whine, fuss, and complain a great deal while at the same time trying to get someone to see your point of view. Ex - The young child bargued with his father until his father gave in and let him stay up past his bedtime.
- barkaholic - 1. A dog who will not stop barking. 2. A dog's uncontrollable urge to bark. Example: My dog Zoe is a barkoholic. In the yard, she barks all day long. Taking a page from AA, her first step is to recognize she is powerless over her need to bark and to believe there is a power greater than her (her owner) who will make her come inside and shut up.
- barktic - 1. The area of wallpaper stripped during blue-tack removal. 2. The habitual response some elders have to bark orders to people younger and less responsible. "My mother-in-law was barktic to the extreme, always bellowing at me to keep my elbows off the table.
- baroqueracy - An archaic form of exceedingly and unecessarily complicated and decorative bureaucratic organisational systems designed to distract and confuse citizens attempting to engage with them.
- barstibley - A humorous device such as a china horse or small naked porcelain infant which jocular hosts use to piss water into your Scotch with.
- baseful - It is completely based on proofs and evidence.
- bashert - 1. One's predestined soul mate. 2. One's spouse. 3. An object that is a good fit or good match.
- Basiliska - a mythical lizard believed to haunt cathedrals.
- bassooning - Presently playing bassoon. Example: "Don't bother me now, I'm bassooning.
- bathel - To pretend to have read the book under discussion when in fact you've only seen the TV series.
- bathosania - Weariness with profundity and deep meaning, or with the semblance or pretense of same.
- batrachophage - A Frenchman.
- baughurst - That kind of large fierce ugly woman who owns a small fierce ugly dog.
- baumber - A fitted elastic bottom sheet which turns your mattress banana-shaped.
- bauple - An indeterminate pustule which could be either a spot or a bite.
- Bazookacidal Tendencies - The overwhelming desire of most individuals to reach out and pop the gigantic gum bubble billowing from someone's mouth.
- bealings - The unsavory parts of a moat which a knight has to pour out of his armor after being the victim of an arglin (q.v.) In medieval Flanders, soup made from bealings was a very sought-after delicacy.
- beanut - Something that is either a bean or a nut.
- beardwater - The drops of water that remain in your beard after you have gotten out of the shower and dried off.
- beat - 1 . To steal in a comical manner. "He beat it by crawling on his hands and knees by the counter." 2. To steal something difficult, useless, impressive, or all three. "You beat that!?
- beau-friend - 1. A male amoureau. 2. A boyfriend who is (A) a boy and (B) just a friend. For a while I was her boyfriend, but now I'm just her beau friend.
- beaulieu hill - The optimum vantage point from which one to view people undressing in the bedroom across the street.
- beautality - 1. A severe or austere kind of beauty; melancholy loveliness; demure strength. 2. A ruthless act of mercy or favor; a paradoxical juxtaposition of gentleness and severity. 3. A profound or overwhelming bittersweetness. 4. An experience of the sacred that attracts and repulses.
- beautality - The use of beauty as a weapon against enemies and peers. To unarm your competitors by the acquisition or display of beautiful people, possessions or yourself.
- beautility - Trying to use beauty to achieve an end and failing at it.
- Beavo - A pencil with teeth marks all over it.
- beccles - The small bone buttons placed in bacon sandwiches by unemployed guerilla dentists.
- Beelzebug - Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at 3 in the morning and cannot be cast out.
- bef - Expression of extreme dissatisfaction.
- beforeplay - Any sexual act excluding actual penetration, especially when performed with someone whom one has not (yet) had sexual intercourse with. Example: Lewinsky and Clinton engaged in beforeplay, but never had intercourse.
- Begathon - A multi-day event on public television, used to raise money so you won't have to watch commercials.
- belding - The technical name for a stallion after its first ball has been cut off. Any notice which reads 'Beware of the Belding' should be taken very, very seriously.
- belle-friend - 1. A female amoureau. 2. A girlfriend who is (A) a girl and (B) just a friend. Example: "For a while I was his girlfriend, but now I'm just his belle friend.
- belper - A knob of someone else's chewing gum which you unexpectedly find your hand resting on under a desk top, under the passenger seat of your car or on somebody's thigh under their skirt.
- be-much - 1. To make much of. 2. To represent or speak of as overly important : OVERRATE. You can belittle my verbification but only because I bemuch it. -be-muchment. n. -be-much-er. n.
- benburb - The sort of man who becomes a returning officer.
- beplex - 1. To entwine. The strands of our fates have been beplexed together by love and are separate no more. 2. To bewilder or confuse : PERPLEX. Love is ever bewitching, bewildering, beplexing. -be-plex-ment. n. -be-plexed. adj.
- beppu - The triumphant slamming shut of a book after reading the final page.
- berkhamsted - The massive three-course midmorning blow-out enjoyed by a dieter who has already done his or her slimming duty by having a teaspoonful of cottage cheese for breakfast.
- berry pomeroy - 1. The shape of a gourmet's lips. 2. The droplet of saliva which hangs from them.
- berrywillock - An unknown workmate who writes 'All the best' on your leaving card.
- beruth - 1. Made to be merciful. 2. Brought to a state of compassion or concern.
- Beth'al - 1. Soul mate. "You are my Beth'al." 2. Meant to be. "We are Beth'alin!
- biblify - To make as if holy, especially of a text. "For years, the atheists biblified the word of science.
- bickerstaffe - The person in an office that everyone whinges about in the pub. Many large corporations deliberately employ bickerstaffes in each department. For example, Mr Robert Maxwell was both Chairman and Chief Bickerstaffe of Mirror Group Newspapers.
- Biffa Sniffer - One who investigates the contents of skips for recyclable material. A "dumpster diver".
- bignorant - An ignorant bigot.
- bilbster - A bauple (q.v.) so hideous and enormous that you have to cover it with sticking plaster and pretend you've cut yourself shaving.
- billy - Superficially smart or professional, but has irritating peculiarities or broken functionality. Particularly used of computer software. (Approximate synonyms are dodgy, flakey and wonky.)
- Bimp - A blurry or "double-edged" felt-tip marker
- bindle - A small piece of trace fiber or insect evidence.
- bindle - To slip foreign coins into a customer's change.
- biotize - To make (a planet) fit for life, to terraform.
- bipoly - An economic market consisting of two competitors who together dominate a market. (Contrast with duopoly.)
- birdise - Something that some people view as ugly but that others view as beautiful. Example: "All works of art can be very birdise. Some people like them, and some hate them.
- bishop's caundle - An opening gambit before a game of chess whereby the missing pieces are replaced by small ornaments from the mantelpiece.
- Bittersweet Generation - The generation after Generation X, generally understood to include college students (and recent graduates) and high school students, but stop at those of junior high age or below. Also known as Generation Y. Example: The GTA 2000 video game series is a wildly successful franchise for the Bittersweet Generation.
- Bixplex - Psychological block in which a person cannot choose which color of disposable lighter to purchase.
- blabla - To talk at a stretch practically about nothing; to jabber; to utter gibberish or nonsense.
- blackendectomy - Black-To-White race change surgery.
- blackendectomy (2) - The emergency surgical removal of a power tool embedded in one's body.
- Blamestorming - Sitting around in a group, discussing why a deadline was missed or a project failed, and who was responsible.
- blandford forum - Any Radio 4 chat show.
- blean - Scientific measure of luminosity: 1 glimmer $=100,000$ bleans. Usherettes' torches are designed to produce between 2.5 and 4 bleans, enabling them to assist you in falling downstairs, treading on people or putting your hand into a Neapolitan tub when reaching for change.
- Bleemus - The disgusting film on the top of soups and cocoa that sit out for too long.
- bleen - The really weird, bluish-green colour that is often found on rotten food.
- bling-bling - Gaudy jewelry; ostentatiousness.
- blingchappy - A middle-aged/old person who adopts the latest teen fashion, much to the embarrassment of any children.
- blink card - 1. A credit card that doesn't need to be swiped but can be read by just passing by the counter, even when kept in one's wallet by using a technology called RFID or CLC (Contact List Chips). 2. An identity card, passport or any other sensitive document using this technology.
- blissfight - An affectionate wrestle conducted at or near a beach, possibly in a car, as a prelude to sexual activity.
- blithbury - A look someone gives you by which you become aware that they're much too drunk too have understood anything you've said to them in the last twenty minutes.
- Blithwapping - Using anything BUT a hammer to hammer a nail into the wall, such as shoes, lamp bases, doorstops, etc.
- blitterlees - The little slivers of bamboo picked off a cane chair by a nervous guest which litter the carpet beneath and tell the chair's owner that the whole piece of furniture is about to uncoil terribly and slowly until in resembles a giant heap of pencil sharpenings.
- Blivett - To turn one's pillow over and over, looking for the cool spot.
- blivvy - Unaware of what's going on around one, distracted, mindless. "Having slept so little last night, I walked around in a blivvy haze.
- blobster - Someone so grotesquely fat as to seem inhuman and monstrous.
- blog - A weblog; a web site that presents short dated entries in reverse chronological order.
- blogeast - An audio post to a weblog.
- blogfather - 1. An early diarist looked at as a forefather of blogging. 2. One of the original webloggers.
- blogosphere - The network of all blogs; blogs as a community.
- blogsmith - A web developer that makes blogs.
- Blooage - The residue left on fingers after using an S.O.S pad.
- Blossor - The hair style one has after removing a baseball cap.
- blournal - A bloggy web journal; a journally blog. If journals are introverted and blogs are extroverted, then blournals are ambiverted.
- blue piller - A willfully ignorant or benighted person; not merely one who refuses to seek understanding, but one who has been exposed to some form of enlightenment, and chooses to turn from it and embrace ignorance or illusion.
- blurdot - A digital image effect, resulting in part of the image being obscured, for the purpose of covering up offensive or trademarked material.
- Blurfle - To be caught talking at the top of one's lungs when the music at the bar or disco suddenly stops.
- blurple - An anodized color of titanium between blue and purple.
- bodmin - The irrational and inevitable discrepancy between the amount pooled and the amount needed when a large group of people try to pay a bill together after a meal.
- Body Nazis - Hardcore exercise and weightlifting fanatics who look down on anyone who doesn't work out obsessively.
- bogue - The expanse of skin that appears between the top of your socks and the bottom of your trousers when you sit down. 'The Duke of Ilford threw himself onto the chesterfield, brazenly displaying his bogues to the dowager Lady Ingatestone.' (Come Soon, Strange Horseman, by Barbara Cartland)
- boinka - The noise through the wall which tells you that the people next door enjoy a better sex life than you do.
- boison - To assimilate a girl to boyish ways and tastes. Example: McDonald's gave her the boy Happy Meal toy by mistake (a Matchbox car instead of a Polly doll), but she was happy enough, since her three brothers have boisoned her.
- bolsover - One of those brown plastic trays with bumps on, placed upside down in boxes of chocolates to make you think you're getting two layers.
- Bomca - A lubricant derived from the salivary gland used for turning book pages.
- bonkle - Of plumbing in old hotels, to make loud and unexplained noises in the night, particularly at about five o'clock in the morning.
- bonniful - Having the qualities of being simultaneously healthy and overweight and beautiful.
- boolteens - The small scatterings of foreign coins and half-p's which inhabit dressing tables. Since they are never used and never thrown away boolteens account for a significant drain of the world's money supply.
- boondah - Big and beautiful backside.
- boothby graffoe - 1 . The man in the pub who slaps people on the back as if they were old friends, when in fact he has no friends, largely on account of this habit. 2. Any story told by Robert Morley on chat shows.
- bork - To deny confirmation to a proposed US Supreme Court justice.
- boscastle - A huge pyramid of tin cans placed just inside the entrance to a supermarket.
- boseman - One who spends all day loafing about near pedestrian crossing looking as he's about to cross.
- bosy - a) (Archaic) having a beautiful, big, black, cold, wet bose. b) of a dog, adorable. c) of anyone or anything, having a doglike personality or spirit.
- botcherby - The principle by which British roads are signposted.
- botmade - Anything made by robots. something seeming to be artificial.
- botolphs - Huge benign tumors that archdeacons and old chemistry teachers affect to wear on the sides of their noses.
- botswana - Something which is more fruitfully used for a purpose other than for which is was designed. A fish-knife used to lever open a stubborn tin of emulsion is a fine example of a botswana.
- Boujet - Boujet is the formal name for the symbol used by the Dublin Assay Office.
- boule - A tiny globule of water or other liquid separated from its environment by a thin layer of gas. A typical example may be seen in soapy water when tiny bubbles of water (not air) skitter across the surface, rebounding from the edges, sometimes merging, decaying into smaller boules or disappearing entirely.
- bouncebackability - 1. The ability to bounce back. 2. The ability to recover from a setback, esp. in sport.
- bountament - Goodliness. Magnificience. Quality. Anything measurable and good.
- Bovilexia - The uncontrollable urge to lean out the car window and yell "Moo!" every time you pass a cow.
- bowen - A bearer of useless gifts.
- Bowlikinetics - The act of trying to control a released bowling ball by twisting one's body in the direction one wants it to go.
- Bozone - The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
- brabant - Very much inclined to see how far you can push someone.
- brabble - 1. The act of bragging without end. 2. One who excessively brags. 3. Bragging to confusion.
- bradford - A school teacher's old hairy jacket, now severely discolored by chalk dust, ink, egg and the precipitations of unedifying chemical reactions.
- bradworthy - One who is skilled in the art of naming loaves.
- brain fart - The event when one cannot remember a simple concept, idea, or fact that one knows; usually considered to be one step below "tip of the tongue," where one has the idea but can't say it or bring it to conscious thought. Example: "I'm sorry; I'm having a brain fart. What's your name again?
- brainus - The organ that produces mental excrement.
- Brattled - The unsettling feeling, at a stoplight, that the busload of kids that just pulled up beside you is making fun of you.
- brawnth - musculature, physique.
- Brazel - The scratch plate on a matchbook.
- Brazillionaire - one who has made a fortune dealing in South American countries.
- breakabound - Archaic. 1. A vagabond. 2. A deserter or renegade. 'Beware of runagates and breakabounds!' the old man said.
- breckles - A disease of artificial plants.
- brecon - That part of the toenail which is designed to snag on nylon sheets.
- breeder - 1. Heterosexual. Usage Note: Derogatory term used by homosexuals. 2. Someone who has multiple children, but is either not responsible, or feels some sort of superiority to others simply because they have children. They also have little or no social grace. They are not to be confused with true parents, who are responsible caregivers. Usage Note: Derogatory term used in CF (Child Free) community.
- Brendanize - The act of consciously or unconsciously lowering one's voice to match that of a conversational partner. By extension, any lowering of one's voice for purposes of impression. By further extension, the subconscious adaptation of one's own vocal patterns to those of a dominant conversational peer.
- brennecelerate - To quickly burn something. Example: "You should brennecelerate the secret documents.
- brife - A woman during the very exciting and happy period when she is a bride but not a wife yet and the period of the honeymoon after the wedding ceremony when she is a new wife. Example: "During romance tours, men are looking for brives.
- brife - Brother's wife or bride.
- briggle - To be chilling out or mentally coasting, or perhaps to be in some mental state one doesn't wish to communicate.
- Brimplet - A frayed shoelace that must be moistened to pass through a shoe eyelet.
- brindle - To remember suddenly where it is you're meant to be going after you've already been driving for ten minutes.
- brisbane - A perfectly reasonable explanation. (Such as the one offered by a person with a gurgling cough which has nothing to do with the fact that they smoke fifty cigarettes a day.)
- brithdir - (Old Norse) The first day of the winter on which you breath condenses in the air.
- broats - A pair of trousers with a career behind them. Broats are most commonly seen on elderly retired army officers. Originally the broats were part of their best suits back in the thirties; then in the fifties they were demoted and used for gardening. Recently, pensions not being what they were, the broats have been called out of retirement and reinstated as a part of the best suit again.
- brough sowerby - One who has been working at the same desk in the same office for fifteen years and has very much his own ideas about why he is continually passed over for promotion.
- brrness - A sensation of coldness, especially when it is sudden.
- bru - adj. Ugly (derogatory).
- Bruckner numbering - Numbered from o upwards, with reference to "Symphony No. o" by Bruckner. (Late in life, Bruckner looked over the manuscript of a symphony in D Minor which he had written in his youth but never published. He then wrote on the title page, "Die Nullte" (The Zeroth) since it predated the symphonies already known as Nos. 1 to 9 .)
- brudda - A close male friend; almost family. (Usually used by a male speaker.)
- Brumby - The fake antique plastic seal on a pretentious whiskey bottle.
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- brunner - The combination of breakfast, lunch and dinner into a single meal.
- brute force attack - A technique to break into someone's computer, network, or account by trying at once all the possible key combinations, usually by testing a large amount of plain text and cyphertext pairs up to half of the total disk key space.
- brutographic - Violently explicit pictures, writing, or other material that induces adrenaline, fear and brutality.
- brymbo - The single unappetizing bun left in a baker's shop after four p.m.
- buckshot - 1. Small lead shot for shotgun shells. 2. Slang. a. Foolish, misleading or boastful language. b. Something worthless, false, or insincere. c. Rude talk or behavior.
- budby - A nipple clearly defined through flimsy or wet material.
- bude - A polite joke reserved for use in the presence of vicars.
- Bugpedal - To accelerate or decelerate rapidly in an attempt to remove a clinging insect from a car's windshield.
- buku - Many; much. Usage Note: Can be used in a variety of ways to denote "muchness", often but not always with a positive connotation. May augment or replace words meaning "a lot", "big", "many", "great", "greatly", "very", "extremely", "major", etc. Example: "Man, there were buku [a lot of] hotties at that party", "That new PlayStation game is buku [incredibly] hard", "That's one buku [huge] sandwich, dude", etc.
- bullum - 1) Descriptive of a misshapen head. "Look at the bullum head on that guy." 2) Extraordinarilly large, used of a head.
- bullybrain - To trick one's mind into thinking something that is not true. "He bullybrained himself into thinking he hadn't really murdered the person, and it had all been a dream.
- bumdegreen - A sense of disappointment felt when one mishears song lyrics and later discovers that the actual ones are profoundly uninspiring or nonsensical as compared to his or her original interpretation. Especially true if one has been enjoying their version for many years. Example: "According to the liner notes, he's saying 'This end is free', not 'Set us free'... what does that even mean? What a bumdegreen.
- bumdegribble - When the resolution of a friendly disagreement over the lyrics of a song reveals both parties to be mistaken, resulting in shared disappointment. By extension, a similar result of any friendly disagreement.
- bumfuzzle - to confound or confuse
- bump - To post a (usually short) message on a forum, with the purpose of moving a topic to the top of the topics list.
- Bumperglints - The small reflective obstacles in the middle of interstate highways which supposedly keep drivers awake and on track.
- burbage - The sound made by a liftful of people all trying to breathe politely trough their noses.
- Burbulation - The obsessive act of opening and closing a refrigerator door in an attempt to catch it before the automatic light comes on.
- burdle - To leave a burden on somebody else
- Burgacide - What you call the desperate action of a hamburger leaping to its death through the holes in the Bar-B-Q grill.
- burleston - That peculiarly tuneless humming and whistling adopted by people who are extremely angry.
- burlingjobb - The seventeenth-century crime by which excrement is thrown into the street from a ground-floor window.
- burninate - Complete and utter destruction by fire.
- burritology - The science of eating burritos.
- burseldon - The bluebottle one is too tired to get up and swat, but not tired enough to sleep through.
- burslem - One who goes on talking at three o'clock in the morning after everyone else has gone to sleep. The principal habitat of burslems is Radio 2.
- Bursploot - To position one's thumb at the end of a garden hose to increase the pressure.
- burton coggles - A bunch of keys found in a drawer whose purpose has long been forgotten, and which can therefore now be used only for dropping down people's backs as a cure for nose-bleeds.
- burwash - The pleasurable cool sloosh of puddle water over the toes of your gumboots.
- Busblender - The device at the front of the bus that tosses your fare around for a while, then swallows it.
- bushism - 1) Malapropisms created by U.S. President George W. Bush. 2) Rhetoric characteristic of George W. Bush or his administration.
- buzkashi - Popular indigenous Afghani sport, being a violent form of polo played with goat corpses.
- b'weet - A lock of hair that sticks up uncontrollably.
- bwvography - A listing of the works of J. S. Bach, including their conventional reference numbers (either a full list or at least the list of works mentioned in an article)..
- bytelock - Slow communications speeds on the Internet.
- C?linish - 1. To sing with an abundance of emotion. 2. Pejorative. To sing with an overabundance of emotion.
- caarnduncan - The high-pitched and insistent cry of the young male human urging one of its peer group to do something dangerous on a cliff-edge or piece of toxic waste ground.
- Cabnicreep - The structural condition in which the closing of one kitchen cabinet causes another to open.
- cachet-to-cliche - The process in which a particular word or phrase initially gains wide currency, only to be followed by a vicious backlash. "If I hear the phrase Information Superhighway one more time, I'll eat my modem.
- cade - 1. Villages upon fields. 2. 'Golden' fields.
- cadomin - The ingredient in coffee creamer that rises to the surface as scum.
- caelophilia - Someone with an attraction to heavenly beings, such as angels. Such a person almost invariably plays too much Planescape.
- cafegymatorium - A combination cafeteria, gymnasium, and auditorium, usually found in elementary and middle schools and some small high schools
- Cafetorium - a place to eat something that someone else describes as "food".
- Caffidget - To break up a Styrofoam coffee cup into several hundred pieces after consuming its contents.
- cafu - The frustration of not being able to remember what an acronym stands for.
- cahors - The rushes of emotion triggered by overheard snatches of an old song.
- cairnpat - A large piece of dung found in mountainous terrain above the cowline which leads the experienced tracker to believe that hikers have recently passed.
- cairo - The noise of a spinning hub cap coming to rest.
- calculusator - A calculator, especially a graphing calculator used for calculus.
- calicut - Determined not to let someone see how much their inadvertent remark has hurt you.
- callee
- callimetry - The art of rating and ranking feminine beauty.
- camelleopard - A humped, long-necked, carnivorous feline mammal of the planet Dante (Lit IV), with a tawny coat covered with blood-red rosettes, sometimes domesticated as a steed and a source of meat.
- camer - A mis-tossed caber.
- cameraholic - 1) To be addicted to taking pictures. 2) To be in love with your camera. 3) To love taking videos.
- camion - A camion is a small truck or a van.
- canda - The distance (never the same in any two situations) which assures that a pair of outnumbered gunslingers (or anyone else, for that matter) cannot be killed in a single shot.
- cankle - The word used to describe when one has a calf to ankle ratio of 1:1; very large calves connected to chubby ankles.
- cannock chase - In any box of After Eight Mints, there is always a large number of empty envelopes and no more than four or five actual mints. The cannock chase is the process by which, no matter which part of the box you insert your fingers into, or how often, you will always extract most of the empty sachets before pinning down an actual mint, or 'cannock'. The cannock chase also occurs with people who put their dead matches back in the matchbox, and then embarass themselves at parties trying to light cigarettes with
three quarters of an inch of charcoal. The term is also used to describe futile attempts to pursue unscrupulous advertising agencies who nick your ideas to sell chocolates with.
- cantabilous - 1. Worthy of being sung. Surely His praises are cantabilous! 2. Smooth, lyrical, and flowing in style: CANTIBILE. -can-ta'bi-lous'ly. adv. -can-ta'bi-lous'ness. n.
- cantelope - A slender, long-horned ruminate of planet Dante (Lit IV), that moves swiftly but jerkily on triple-segmented hind legs (the ankle has evolved into a lower knee, with the foot increasing in length).
- cantophile - Person who loves slang, and uses it a lot.
- canudos - The desire of married couples to see their single friends pair off.
- Capataz - The manager of a farm or estate (in Spain).
- Carbonicles-the tiny drops of soda thrown into the air above your glass
- Carcreak - Those crackling, tinkling, creaky noises your car makes after you park and turn it off.
- cardboard gopher - A person who is fake, or acts one way but says another; a hypocrite.
- Careena - Any mangled or missing piece of highway guard rail.
- Carperpetuation - The act, when vacuuming, of running over a string at least a dozen times, reaching over and picking it up, examining it, then putting it back down to give the vacuum one more chance.
- castracize - To both castrate and ostracize at the same time. Most often said by females in response to unacceptable male behaviour.
- CAT scanning - Commercial Avoidance and Termination scanning. Channel surfing during TV commercial breaks.
- cataster - An unfortunate event of great magnitude. Something even worse than you think it is.
- Catastronaut - one who explores the furthest reaches of outer space disaster.
- Caterpallor - The color you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you're eating.
- cathart - 1 . To engage in catharsis, as by watching Greek tragedy. Examples: "I went to cathart at the theatre Saturday, and I've been feeling much better since." "Sophocles is best known for having catharted the Oedipus trilogy." 2. To pen a work of tragedy with the intent of causing catharsis For the audience.
- cathippogyne - 1. A woman who has just dismounted a horse. 2. A man who rides "sidesaddle".
- cauterse - To burn another person for any reason.
- celebrify - To make someone or something a celebrity.
- celephone - A cellular phone.
- celevore - A fast eater. Example: Jane is really a celevore. If you go out on a date with her, you'll have to pay the bill less than ten minutes after the dishes arrive.
- cellular interruptus - interrupting sexual intercourse to take a phone call on a cellphone.
- Cereoallocative - Describes the ability of a seasoned breakfast eater to establish a perfect cereal/banana ratio, assuring there will be at least one slice of banana left for the final spoonful of cereal.
- chadult - Someone's child who is also the parent of their grandchild.
- Chainsaw Consultant - An outside expert brought in to reduce the employee headcount, leaving the top brass with clean hands.
- chalantly - Carefully, with magnified care.
- chaling - Trying not to be driven up the wall by the opinions of someone whom circumstances will not allow you to argue with.
- chalkolate - Chocolate of poor quality with a particularly dry and crumbly texture.
- Chalktrauma - The body's reaction to someone running his fingernails down a chalkboard.
- charismatize - To increase one's charisma. Charismatizer: One who increases their charisma.
- Charp - The green, mutant potato chip found in every bag.
- chav - A young man wearing cheap gold jewellery and baseball caps and hanging around in shopping centres all over Britain.
- chavic - In poor taste, cheap. "Oh he was wearing some chavvic clothes.
- cheb - An embarrassing nickname by which a fourteen-year-old boy insists that he now wishes to be known.
- Cheedle - The residue left on one's fingertips after consuming a bag of Cheetos.
- Cheeriomagnetism - the quality of cereal that causes the last five Cheerios in the bowl to clump together.
- cheeseathon - A large amount in a fixed place. Example : "See that cheeseathon - it's yummy!
- cheesegoad - The pasteurisation of cheese.
- cheesen - To make simpler; to make less believable.
- cheeseworthy - Any cheese that deserves to be called so
- cheimatophile - A strange person who enjoys cold weather.
- chenies - The last few sprigs or tassels of last year's Christmas decorations you notice on the ceiling while lying on the sofa on an August afternoon.
- Cherical - Anything to do with Cher.
- chestaceous - Buxom. Example: "The girl I met today was really chestaceous.
- chica in charge - Opposite of "damsel in distress": a girl or woman who acts with inner strength, courage, and calm yet quick thought in a dangerous situation, and often leads her own rescue effort. Example: The Disney Channel cartoon "Kim Possible" is about the adventures of a chica in charge.
- chicago - The foul-smelling wind which precedes an underground train.
- chickenish - Overly simplistic to the point of being meaningless.
- chicklang-1. A conlang with one single little word. 2. A sketch of a conlang.
- chiefcheese - The cheese highest in the hierarchy of cheese.
- chillax - To calm down and relax.
- chimbote - A newly fashionable ethnic stew which, however much everyone raves about it, seems to you to have rather a lot of fish-heads in it.
- Chimera - A machine that takes most or all of the attributes or functions of two or more different machines unchanged; e.g. a digger-bulldozer as opposed to a hybrid which blends attributes or functions, such as a hybrid road-mountain bike which merely has tubing intermediate in diameter between that used in road-bikes and mountain bikes.
- chimerophilia - Attraction, especially sexual, to mythological or folkloric creatures, such as angels, elves, pixies, werewolves, vampires, or zombies. "Liv Tyler and Orlando Bloom's roles in 'The Lord of the Rings' are leading to a wave of rampant chimerophilia.
- chimkent - One whose life appears not to have moved on in any direction at all when you meet them again ten years later.
- Chinchili - a spicy dish made from beans, tomatoes and ground weasel.
- chioniphobia - The unreasonable fear of driving during a snowfall, no matter how little snow may actually be on the street.
- Chipfault - The stress point on a potato chip where it breaks off and stays behind in the dip.
- chipping ongar - The disgust and embarrassment (or 'ongar') felt by an observer in the presence of a person festooned with kirbies (q.v.), when they don't know them well enough to tell them to wipe it off. Invariably this 'ongar' is accompanied by an involuntary twitching of the leg (or 'chipping').
- Chips and Salsa - Chips = hardware, salsa = software. "Well, first we gotta figure out if the problem's in your chips or your salsa.
- chiromancy - Divination by means of writing by hand.
- chizzy - Awesome, fantastic: super.
- chocoholic - One who is strongly addicted to chocolate, and often enjoys nothing more than chocolate.
- chocoleche - Chocolate milk.
- Choconiverous - Biting off the head of the chocolate Easter bunny first.
- choder - A word that means basically about anything. Most any word can be replaced with choder.
- Chrismukkah - A secular observance of both Christmas and Hannukkah.
- Chrismukwanzaa - Generic politically correct holiday shortly after the winter solstice. "Happy Chrimukwanzaa everyone!
- chronism - The theory of time (sometimes used disparagingly).
- chronomanipulation - The act or practice of using temponavigation (see neologism temponavigation) to alter the course of events in history.
- chulp - To wolf down one's food in a hasty chewing and gulping process.
- chunktastic - Someone who is obese and fine with it.
- Chwads - The small, disgusting wads of chewed gum commonly found beneath table and counter tops.
- cicinoleate - To force someone to drink large quantities of castor oil.
- Cigadent - Any accident involving a cigarette - for instance when it sticks to your lips while your fingers slide off and get burned.
- cinemate - Experienced in the realm of films
- cinemetiquette - 1 ) The understood rules of conduct during movies, to which many people do not adhere. Example: The man on the cell phone has obviously never learned cinemetiquette. 2) The polite act of not disclosing the plot and/or end of a movie or television show to those who have not seen it yet.
- Cinemuck - The combination of popcorn, soda, and melted chocolate which covers the floors of movie theaters.
- cinemuck - The sticky substance consisting of spilled beverages and candy and popcorn covering the floors of movie theaters.
- cinephobe - A person who waits for a movie to be released on tape before seeing it in order to avoid paying too much to watch it at the cinema.
- Circamerite - A rock located near the ocean
- Circuloin Technique - The popular approach to steak dining in which one eats around the edges first, then works his way toward the middle.
- circumphage - One who eats all but one ingredient in a food: such as a child who picks the mushrooms off a pizza, or a person who doesn't touch or eat the water chestnuts in chop suey, leaving a leftover container half-full of water chestnuts and not much else.
- Circumpopulate - To finish off a Popsicle "laterally" because the "frontal" approach causes one to gag.
- circumvaculate - To vacuum in a circle seemingly endlessly, especially when testing new vacuums at a store.
- circumverbiate - In public speaking: To so completely avoid answering a question through the use of vague terms and convoluted logic so as to appear to be always driving at the answer while in fact skirting it completely by answering every other possible question than the one actually asked. Example: "Ari Flescher's circumverbial wizadry so confounded the reporter frorm the New York Times that he completely forgot not only what question he had originally asked, but why he had chosen to become a reporter in the first place.
- cisanserine - Of or pertaining to someone or something on the nearer side of a goose or geese; opp.
- civilizationalist - One who regards civilization, especially Western civilization
- clabby - A 'clabby' conversation is one struck up by a commissionaire or cleaning lady in order to avoid any further actual work. The opening gambit is usually designed to provoke the maximum confusion, and therefore the longest possible clabby conversations. It is
vitally important to learn the correct use of 'clixby' (q.v.), the response to a clabby gambit, and not to get trapped by a 'ditherington' (q.v.). For instance, in confronted by a clabby gambit such as 'Oh Mr Smith, I didn't know you'd had your leg off', the ditherington response is 'I haven't...' wheras the clixby is 'Good'.
- clackavoid - The technical term for a single page of script from an Australian soap opera.
- clackmannan - The sound made by knocking over an elephant's-foot umbrella-stand full of walking-sticks.
- clairstone - 1. A crystal ball or like device used in the contacting of spirits; any item related to the supernatural ("the clairstone reveals the future"). 2. Any item held in value for no apparent reason ("worthless clairstones"). 3. A clear and solid object like glass or crystal ("a claistone vase"). 4. A term for a roll of dice that determines the outcome of the bet ("rolling the clairstones").
- clamanoo - One who consistently types in all capital letters, giving the impression of being a less intelligent netizen than he is by constantly shouting.
- clathy - Nervously indecisive about how to dispose of a dud lightbulb.
- clenchwarton - One who assists an exorcist by squeezing whichever part of the possessed the exorcist deems useful.
- clevel - Someone who thinks they're clever, but who, in actuality, is not.
- climby - Allowing yourself to be persuaded to do something and pretending to be reluctant.
- climpy - Allowing yourself to be persuaded to do something and pretending to be reluctant.
- clingman's dome - The condition in which it becomes impossible to put on a tie correctly when in a hurry for an important meeting.
- clipidation - The feeling that something important was copied (on a computer) and now sits in the clipboard preventing further copying until it is pasted out and examined.
- clixby - Politely rude. Briskly vague. Firmly uninformative.
- cloates point - The precise instant at which scrambled eggs are ready.
- cloud-head - A person whose head is always in the clouds.
- clovis - One who actually looks forward to putting up the Christmas decorations in the office.
- clumid - Cloudy and humid.
- clun - A leg which has gone to sleep and has to be hauled around after you.
- clunes - People who just won't go.
- Clunes - People who just won't go.
- clusk - An adult female chicken.
- coblogsit - To maintain a regular blog with others in the absence of the blogowner.
- code pound - Where computer code is donated and adopted. Similar to an animal pound.
- codelang - 1. A form of communication through a system of systematically arranged signals, such as voice sounds, gestures, or written symbols, using a comprehensive collection of laws. 2. A constructed langauge that uses a code process to convert words from another language into a systematic form.
- cognatics - The study or occurrence of related words in two or more languages of common ancestry; the analysis or comparison of words which, because of a common root, bear resemblance to each other in meaning and appearance; the analysis or occurrence of correlative patterns of variant spelling or pronunciation between related words in two or more languages derived from a common root. "In cognatics, one learns that French words ending in '-tion' can often be translated into Italian simply by replacing the '-tion' with 'zione.'
- cognitive displaysia - The feeling that you are going to forget something important once you have left your house.
- cogniton - Theoretical particle of consciousness. Elementary non-fissible and typed particule of knowledge (cf theory of
- cognitor - A "thinking" computer. A computer that uses Quantum technology and has therefore become seemingly conscious. This is not true AI, but a close simulacra. A very clever computer.
- coitus interstellus - 1. Sexual intercourse in the weightlessness of outerspace. 2. Informal. A good lay: sex that was literally out of this world. He preferred to think of the elegant nogy of coitus interstellus to the clumsy logy of it.
- col - To slightly change the pronunciation of a word to make it rhyme, as by a rapper.
- Colinisation - 1. The practice of giving a child an ordinary first name and adopting a pretentious and unconventional pronunciation of that name. Example: Colin Powell's first name is pronounced something like "colun" rather than "co-lin". 2. Adopting a pretentious and unconventional pronunciation of one's own name.
- colunary - Thingamajig. Usage: If you want to use a word that you can't think of, just insert it and you'll sound as if you know what you're talking about.
- Combiloops - The two or three unsuccessful passes before finally opening a combination locker.
- combrogue - Someone from your home country or region, especially when recognised while abroad by their accent.
- commahadeen - A group of readers and/or linguists who preach zero tolerance for mistakes in punctuation and censure those who ignore it.
- Commandible - how amazing it is that anyone can have the patience to chew their food 25 times before swallowing.
- commuticate - To talk on the train on the way to work.
- computter - To waste time by puttering around on the computer, particularly by using the internet.
- Conagraphs - The raised relief squares on an ice cream cone.
- conalpha - Neography.
- concredent - (person) sharing the same belief(s) as another.
- conculture - An imaginary race, people or species invented as a diversion or as background for a work of fiction.
- condover - One who is employed to stand about all day browsing through the magazine rack in the newsagent.
- confugicate - To be confused when being taught, or when learning something.
- confusify - v. Confuse so greatly as to disorient one in an open field. adj. (confusified) The state of being confusified.
- confustion - Confusion, frustration fusion.
- confuzzled - 1 . To be romantically confused and puzzled about a person of the opposite sex: Sometimes he acts like he likes me, but sometimes he doesn't, which makes me confuzzled about him. 2. To be very confused or puzzled about something (not just romantically) 3 . Very confused and puzzled.
- cong - Strange-shaped metal utensil found at the back of the saucepan cupboard. Many authorities believe that congs provide conclusive proof of the existence of a now extinct form of yellow vegetable which the Victorians use to boil mercilessly.
- conjugete - To accidentally conjugate something incorrectly, particularly in a foreign language.
- conlang - An imaginary language invented as a diversion or as background for a work of fiction.
- conlangerati - Highly active member of the conlanging community, or somebody whose work has had a great effect.
- conlangorate - To make a collaborative conlang.
- conlex - A polysemous word whose meaning is only clear in context.
- conli - Conservative on issues that benefit others, and liberal on issues that benefit them.
- conmoralize - To confuse someone into believing that an action is moral or immoral, when that action is distinct from morals. "The government conmoralized the people with prohibition of all sorts of drugs.
- conquesor - To tempt with cheese.
- conscript - A writing system invented as a diversion or as background for a work of fiction.
- conscriptualize - To take a phonology or language and create a conscript tailored to representing that language's sound system.
- constroy - 1. To construct or build. 2. To reconstruct or rebuild
- contemporocentrism - Judging events, actions, behaviors, values of the past from the present point of view; pertaining to the present from the perspective of contemporary values.
- contracreasism - 1) The belief that increasing the capacity for something will decrease or maintain its use of it. Example: The Iowan contracreasists believe that if we raise the interstate speed limit to 75 mph , then people won't have the desire to speed anymore. 2) Contracrease: To increase the capacity for something with the goal of decreasing its use. Example: My mom keeps trying to contracrease how much cereal we eat; every week, we have bigger bowls in our cupboard!
- contubine - Twisting, winding, sinuous.
- conversate - To converse with another: We conversated about our plan, then decided to take the steamroller anyway.
- conworld - An imaginary world invented as a diversion or as background for a work of fiction.
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- coodardy - Astounded at what you just managed to get away with.
- copromythia - Superficially plausible, but ultimately fictitious stories, as most usually told by loudmouth "friends", drunks and bus drivers.
- copypaste - When using a computer, to highlight something, copy it, and then paste it somewhere else.
- Copyrighteous - Relating to a feeling of moral superiority based on one's responsible copyright views and actions.
- Corplaining - Griping, grousing, and otherwise complaining about the corporation you work for.
- corpsicle - A being, typically human, who has been cryogenically frozen for any of a wide variety of reasons.
- corride - 1. to laugh with somebody as opposed to at him or her. 2. to share a joke (with somebody or something).
- Corwallisation - To be forced into a cultural corner and starved into oblivion.
- cosmion - A small cosmos, especially one that is artificial.
- Cosmoceutical - A cosmetic with active pharmaceutical ingredients.
- Cosmocrat - A member of a supposed global ruling elite of cosmopolitan business people and administrators.
- cotterstock - A piece of wood used to stir paint and thereafter stored uselessly in the shed in perpetuity.
- counterlogical - That which goes against logic, using false analogies or faulty reasoning; persuasion used against scientific or ordered assessment.
- courinoblous - Super-human courageousness and nobility.
- craboon - To shout boisterously from a cliff.
- craporama - Spectacularly bad series of items. Example: "When you get a little older, you'll learn that Friday is just another day between NBC's 'Must See Thursday' and CBS' "Saturday Night Craporama.
- craptacular - Used to refer to something that was over-hyped and under-delivered. Usage: "Wow, the latest Harry Potter movie was craptacular.
- craptastic - 1. Good but bad. 2. Fantastically crappy.
- craptop - 1. An obsolete laptop computer. 2. A computer someone can use while sitting on the commode. 3. A laptop on the brink of not working, always broken.
- crapulent - crudely stupid
- craugh - To cry and laugh at the same time.
- Crayolla - The area on the refrigerator where kindergarten drawings are displayed.
- crazy - Extremely; very. Example: "Work is crazy busy.
- crediable - Both credible and reliable.
- Creedles - The colony of microscopic indentations on a golf ball.
- crescend - Music. 1. To rise in dynamic marking (volume) during a piece. 2. To undergo a crescendo.
- crilly - The odd mixture of crankiness or irritability and silliness at the same time, usually found in people who are severely sleep deprived, or those who suffer from chronic pain while taking perscription drugs.
- Crinks - Crevices and junctions where car wax gets in but doesn't get out.
- crispen - To crispen means to make crispy. Example: "He crispened the fries to perfection!
- criticable - The quality of being susceptible to critical hits in the tabletop RPG 'Dungeons and Dragons' or others.
- Critickle - The little nagging feeling that isn't quite an itch, but nevertheless reminds you of its presence in a most demanding fashion.
- croast - Any cooking process which results in inedible food.
- crockumentary - A documentary believed to be full of lies and propaganda.
- crocolach - To cry crocodile tears. -Informal. n. A hypocritical act. We know you don't give a damn, so quit with the crocolach already.
- crocolachrymation - An insincere showing of grief; the crying of crocodile tears.
- cromarty - The brittle sludge which clings to the top of ketchup bottles and plastic tomatoes in nasty caf?s.
- cromulate-1. (vt) To create many unusual neologisms. Example: "Internet chatters and online gamers have cromulated words such as leet, roxor, woot, and the result of this cromulation has caused confusion to many. However, to the cromulators, these cromulates are perfectly intelligible." 2. (n) Something that has been made so. Other forms: cromulation, cromulator
- cromulent - Fine; acceptable; legitimate but not really legitimate. Example: "I don't see why not, it's a perfectly cromulent word." Blackadder reference. In regards to how one felt, an exhuberance.
- crufter - The first and last slices of bread, with one side being all crust; usually the slice of last resort.
- Crummox - The amount of cereal leftover in the box that is too little to eat and too much to throw away
- crunk upon - To party and get drunk.
- cryovent - Wind that is so cold that it makes your lungs hurt.
- cryptofabulexploration - The act of doing, finding or making something intensely exciting, interesting or in some other way very remarkable, and then never telling anyone about it.
- cryptolectrology - The study of car keys, loose change and TV remotes.
- cryptopolisography - the study of locating lost cities i.e. Atlantis or El dorado
- CSL - An invented sign language. (As opposed to a naturally occurring sign language, like American Sign Language, or ASL.)
- cubbly - Both chubby and cuddly.
- Cube Farm - An office filled with cubicles.
- Cubelo - The one cube left by the person too lazy to refill the ice tray.
- cuggle - A hug mixed with a cuddle.
- cupboardy - Cupboard-like, in the manner of a cupboard.
- cuperate - To desire exceedingly. vi. To desire wealth exceedingly. -cu-pid'i-ty also -cu'pe-ra'tion. n.
- cupidate - To desire that someone is hit by Cupid's arrow and thereby falls in love with you. No, we never went out- I only cupidated her. -cu'pi-da'tion. n.
- Curryoke - Karaoke hosted in an Curry Restaurant or an open-air venue where copious amounts of curry dishes are served.
- cursived - adj. The quality of being written in cursive, esp. for decorative purposes. n. To write in cursive for decoration.
- Cushup - To sit down on a couch somehow causing the cushion next to you to rise.
- cutesipation - Covert denigration by trivializing and demeaning someone or something.
- cutiful - Cute and beautiful at the same time.
- cyanile - The state or quality of being blue.
- cyatus - The pause you experience when you are talking on the phone to someone who is using a computer, and their computer is doing something unexpected or undesirable.
- cyberbully - Someone who subjects others to hostile language using communications over the Internet (e.g., instant messages, e-mail, blog entries, comments, USENET posts).
- cyberchondria - A single- or multiple-symptom disorder that cannot be detected by any medical test, that doctors do not understand and cannot explain, that doctors cannot effectively relieve, treat or cure. Generally, after several years of consultations and tests (all to no avail), the patient searches for more useful information themselves in medical books or on the Internet.
- cyberplace - Any blog, site, group, channel, forum, mailing list, or chat room with a distinct presence on the Internet. Example: "People used to just post at the one forum, but in the last few months I've seen fans at all sorts of the cyberplaces.
- cyberteria - A place in which the customers use computers and pay the cashier on an hourly basis.
- dalderby - A letter to the editor made meaningless because it refers to a previous letter you didn't read.
- dalfibble - To spend large swathes of your life looking for car keys.
- dalmilling - Continually making small talk to someone who is trying to read a book.
- damer-1. A woman-chaser. 2. One who is constantly chatting with ladies. 3. A gigolo; a man who seeks financial gain from women. Example: He may talk like a damer, but he's no real player.
- dar - n . The ability to readily detect whether another belongs to any of a number of minority groups lacking immediately obvious distinguishing characteristics. You mean he is a Christian and he has autism? Wow, I don't have either of those dars. vt. dars, darring, darred. To readily detect whether another belongs to any of a number of minority groups lacking immediately obvious distinguishing characteristics. I darred him and, sorry, he's not gay.
- Darf - The least attractive side of a Christmas tree that ends up facing the wall.
- darvel - To hold out hope for a better invitation until the last minute.
- dead presidents - 1. Money in the form of paper bills. Example: "I dont want IOUs. Give me dead presidents!" 2. Heroin.
- deal - The gummy substance found between damp toes.
- deanimeficate - To take a character from anime and create an apparently 'real' photo of them (often digital).
- debunk - To forcibly eject someone from a bunk-bed or mortal bunker.
- Decaflon - The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
- decalfinate - 1) The act of culling a herd of beef cattle through the production of veal. 2) The act of letting one's legs go to hell. 3) The act of performing an abortion on a cow.
- decapimation - The state of not showing a character's face or head in a cartoon.
- defatification - The act of getting rid of one's excess fat by means of extreme physical duress
- deficacious - Possessing the quality of seeming to be effective, but not actually producing the effect intended. Example: "That's a deficacious law.
- deja entendu-1. Describing or involving an inexplicable sense of having heard a sound, phrase, or sentence prior to when it is actually being heard. 2. An experience that evokes such a sense.
- demention - The universe in which a person's hallucinations or grossly deluded perceptions can be said to truly be taking place; an alternate reality.
- demibonus - Good or beneficial only in small quantities.
- Demican - See Republicrat.
- demiceleb - A local, cult, or up-and-coming celebrity. A person with enough celebrity status to evoke awe in those who know him or her, yet not enough to be known by many people.
- demi-goth - A person who wears all black and listens to hard rock music but is different from a goth in that he/she does not often wear leather or bondage pants. [Originally goths didn't wear leather-bondage stuff and these are real goths! Plus goths listen to gothic rock not "hard" rock.]
- demillenium - 500 years.
- dendrophile - An environmental activist, a tree-hugger.
- dendrophiliac - 1. One who loves trees. 2. One who is sexually aroused by trees.
- dentocram - To ineffectively try to fit a year's worth of toothbrushing into a few minutes before leaving for the dentist's office.
- Deodorend - The last $1 / 2$ inch of stick deodorant that won't turn up out of the tube, and thus cannot be used without inducing lacerations.
- de-onionised - The removal of the smell of onion.
- derder - 1 . That springy thing with the rubber stopper screwed into the baseboard behind the doors in your house to keep the door from hitting the wall. 2. The cardboard tube that toilet paper or paper towels come on.
- derf - To feed someone well habitually.
- derivatize - Calculus. To take the derivative of [especially of an equation, variable, or expression]; to take the instantaneous rate of change of a function with respect to its variable, to find the slope of the tangent line to the graph of a function at a given point.
- derstand - To not comprehend, grasp or recognize. Frank often derstands foreign accents.
- descensate - To push or cause to fall down the stairs.
- deskitute - To be gainfully employed but without a working-space: sometimes temporary and part of a natural cycle - sometimes endemic to a corporation.
- Despisal - The act of despising; despisement. Examples: "My despisal for you knows no bounds!", "Your despisal means nothing to me.", "The book was an object of much despisal by students.
- destinesia - What happens when you go enter a room but can't remember what you went for in the first place.
- detonous - A potentially explosive situation.
- detribute - see above
- detroitus - Car parts lying alongside the highway.
- Detruncus - The embarrassing phenomenon of losing one's bathing shorts while diving into a swimming pool.
- Devil's Avocado - A very hot, spicy guacamole.
- Devil's delphinium - A telecom transmitter tower.
- devrani - The wife of one's younger brother. (Contrast jethani.)
- dewlish - Of the hands and feet.) Prune-like, after an overlong bath.
- dextrism - The belief that right-handedness accounts for differences in human character or ability and that right-handedness is superior to left-handedness.
- diacritical - Disliking orthographies that require diacritic marks. Example: He's too diacritical to ever be willing to learn Esperanto.
- dibbler - Someone who will and can sell anything at all very successfully.
- dictionary attack - The act of trying to break into someone's computer, network, or account by cycling through a dictionary and trying each lexeme as a password. order
- -diddly- - Indicative of overnicety and overfriendliness, its usage being meant to evoke a Ned Flanders-like person: Someone who is nice to a fault.
- die - To raise a number to the fourth power. Example: Two died is sixteen.
- dielle - To download. Example: "I'm dielling a song right now. Yesterday I dielled a movie.
- dight - An indeterminate point in time, referred to when speaking across several time zones. Example: "I just want to say 'Good dight' to everyone in the International Chat Room.
- digink - To scan a pencil sketch into a graphics application to use its tools to lay down the line-art or "ink".
- digiot - A person of limited or no technical ability; a technophobe. Used in contrast to "digerati" to describe someone with no technical savvy.
- Digitritus - Deposits found between the links of a watchband.
- dilemmatic - Creating a dilemma.
- Dillrelict - The last pickle in the jar that avoids all attempts to be captured.
- dinder - To nod thoughtfully while someone gives you a long and complex set of directions which you know you're never going to remember.
- dippinomic - Relating to a ready-made pizza with strips made to fit into the sauces that come with it.
- dipple - To try to remove a sticky something from one hand with the other, thus causing it to get stuck to the other hand and eventually to anything else you try to remove it with.
- Dipwavers - People who raise their hands when riding on roller coasters.
- dirndle - Informal. A young girl.
- disambiguist - A linguistic pedant who nit-picks layman's English (or other languages) to make it unambiguous but who makes themselves thoroughly boring at the same time.
- disasterone - 1. Pejorative term for "testosterone". 2. Aftermath of a testosterone-fueled event.
- disastronomy - 1. The study of stars and comets as harbingers of doom. 2. The study of disasters. -dis-a-stron'o-mer. n.
- disconcur - To not be in agreement. The opposite of concur. Example: "I disconcur with your assessment of the situation.
- discussive - Characterized by or given to discussion (as opposed to argument or debate).
- disgustalicious - Disgusting, but also delicious. Example: American fast food is greasy, unhealthy, and disgustalicious.
- disintegrity - 1. Lacking adherence to a code of especially moral or artistic values: Corruptibility. 2. An impaired condition: Unsoundness. 3. The quality or state of being incomplete or divided: Incompleteness.
- dismalizer - One who causes others to feel dismal. Example: "Stop bringing us bad news, you dismalizer!
- Disney rock - Fake rock made of sculpted or molded concrete
- divo - A man who behaves in the manner of a diva.
- dob - Birth date. Example: Although James' dob was on February 29th, he usually celebrates it on March 1st.
- dobie - Slang. 1. A racial slur indicating anyone not of the same exact ethnic mix as yourself- meant to be taken as offensive; e.g, as a seven-eighths-Kraut-and-one- eighthBohunk I can call Krauts, Bohunks, and basically anybody but my brother and sister a dobie. (I have other words for my brother and sister.)
- dobwalls - The now hard-boiled bits of nastiness which have to be prized off crockery by hand after it has been through a dishwasher.
- dogter - Female dog belonging to someone who does not have a daughter.
- d'oh - A word of surprise usually uttered when someone says or does something that was wildly stupid. An expression of recognition that one's own action(s) or statement(s) is considered totally wildy stupid, moronic, or buffoonish. Often times used upon the realization of making a mistake which can be considered wildy stupid, moronic, or buffoonish.
- dolumin - The sadness inherent in any joyful situation.
- dooced - Having lost one's job because of one's weblog.
- Doork - A person who always pushes on a door marked "pull" or vice versa.
- dootdidoo-1. lit. "Nothing is wrong," but usu. used to indicate that something is indeed wrong. Often indicates that the speaker is performing some action to which the listener would object. 2. Used as an attention-getting device; similar to a polite "ahem".
- dopeganger - A stupid person that looks just like you.
- Dopeler effect - The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
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- dorchester - Someone else's throaty cough which obscures the crucial part of the rather amusing remark you've just made.
- dord - Density.
- dorkify - 1. To cause something to become stupid or idiotic. 2. To cause something to look stupid or ugly.
- dormitable - The state a bed is in when it is "sleepable" eg. pillows are fluffed, sheets are aired out.
- Dostoevsky pessimality - The condition in which everyone is so badly off that it is not possible to make anyone worse off without making at least one person better off; the converse of Pareto optimality.
- double-surf - A form of web-surfing practiced when one is being supervised in which two browser windows are maintained: one that the supervisor approves of, and another that isn't permitted. This may be as simple as playing online games in one window and doing research for a paper in the other.
- draffan - An infuriating person who always manages to look much more dashing than anyone else by turning up unshaven and hungover at a formal party.
- dramastic - Extreme in dramatic effect or action; a rapidly or violently striking effect.
- dramaton - A subatomic particle. It has the effect of causing events in the space-time continuum to alter such that they occur at the right dramatic moment.
- dringle - The ring-shaped mark on a wooden table caused by the condensation left from your glass.
- drinkaholic - One who drinks a lot, but who is not addicted to alcohol.
- drit - 1. A racial slur to most Tahitians. 2. A comical racial slur.
- drizzmial - The melancholic feeling brought on by slightly cold, dark, damp or rainy weather.
- Droot - A Dorito with an unnatural fold in it.
- dub-dub-dub - The abbreviation "www" that precedes most web addresses.
- Dublin Core - An html browser language addition - resource description record that has come to be known as the Dublin Core Metadata element set, commonly abbreviated to Dublin Core.
- duddo - The most deformed potato in any given collection of potatoes.
- dufton - The last page of a document that you always leave face down in the photocopier and have to go and retrieve later.
- duh - A father who has lost all appearance of stamina, intelligence, and has gained weight due to the stress of raising children.
- duleek - Sudden realization, as you lie in bed waiting for the alarm to go off, that it should have gone off an hour ago.
- dumben - To become dumber.
- dumboyne - The realization that the train you have patiently watched pulling out of the station was the one you were meant to be on.
- Dumbularity - 1. The final result of the stupefaction of society or the end result of 'dumbing down'. In this state, society comes to resemble Europe of the Dark Ages. 2. The opposite of 'The Singularity' (sometimes known as the 'techno rapture') as suggested by Vernor Vinge in his writings.
- dunandunate - To overuse a word or phrase one has just added to his or her vocabulary.
- dunino - Someone who always wants to do whatever you want to do.
- dunster - A small child hired to bounce at dawn on the occupants of the spare bedroom in order to save on tea and alarm clocks.
- duntish - Mentally incapacitated by a severe hangover.
- duology - 1. A movie or book and its sequel. 2. A series of two movies or books, one being a continuation of the other's plot and/or involving the same characters as the other.
- dur - interj. 1. Used to indicate obviousness of last comment, usually by someone other than the one who made the comment. Example-- Tom: "The sky is blue." Jim: "Dur!" 2. Used when one does not want obvious expressions used in conversation. Example-- Tom: "The sky sure is blue today." Jim: "Dur! This is Arizona; it is every day!" 3. Used by oneself after realizing an obvious answer. Example: "What is two plus two...? Oh, dur! It's four." n. One who does dur-worthy things often. Example-- "Tom failed his math test; he is such a dur.
- dynasty - 1. Sovereignty; lordship; dominion. Johnson. 2. A race or succession of kings, of the same line or family; the continued lordship of a race of rulers. 3. A professional sports franchise that achieves many titles with different players. "There have only been three North American sports dynasties -- the Yankees, Canadiens, and Celtics." -
- eads - The sludgy bits in the bottom of a dustbin, underneath the actual bin liner.
- eakring - Wondering what to do next when you've just stormed out of something.
- Eale - 1. Ancient Roman beast of legend, written of by Pliny in his eighth. 2. Something which naturally defies certain rules of what it belongs to. 3. Having this attribute.
- earthsphere - The spheroid region with the Earth as the center, including the Moon and all the space stations, space settlements and other artifacts orbiting around the Earth, the Moon, and the Lagrangian points of the Earth-Moon system. The most populated region and the center of economy of the solar system.
- earwitness - A person who has heard someone or something and can bear witness to the fact. Example: "There's plenty of evidence that eyewitness (and earwitness) memories are often unreliable, but that's usually for instances in which there was only one encounter with the event that was witnessed, not thousands." - Suzette Haden Elgin
- east wittering - The same as West Wittering, only it's you they're trying to get away from.
- Easterover - A secular observance of both Easter and Passover.
- ecchabiliuous - Causing consternation and disgust by being vile.
- Eclarify - to make clearer by filling with cream and covering with chocolate frosting.
- eclect - To collect in an eclectic manner. Whether via an eclectic assortment of means, or from an eclectic variety of sources, or to collect a unified yet eclectic category of item. Example: "I eclected napkins from establishments all over the city, from restaurants, businesses, people's homes, hot dog stands, wherever I could find them.
- ecologize - To return an area to its natural state.
- ecophilos - Love of nature; taking environmentalism a step further than studying ecology.
- Eddihate - To turn off the stereo or television set when a Crazy Eddie commercial appears.
- eddress - E-mail address.
- ediotic - Describes a pointless or stupid piece of editing.
- edutain - To educate while entertaining. Example: "That documentary was very edutaining.
- Edward - Moving towards someone named Ed.
- eep - An exclamation. Example: "Eep! You scared me!
- Efforex - Substitute.
- Eg: "I told her not to wait up for me, but when I got home at 2:00am she ambitched me!
- egg - An individual of non-Asian heritage that imitates or adopts aspects of Asian culture(s). Often in reference to anime aficionados.
- egologue - A monologue spoken to oneself
- Egypt Bug - A problem in telecoms software (relating to the 22 April 2000 UK dial code changes) whereby new dialling codes may not be recognised, causing a system to dial international numbers, specifically in the example of 020 (London) being dialled as +20 (international dial code for Egypt).
- eh - This word has multiple meanings, e.g., "What does that mean?", "How about this?", "What are you going to do about it?", etc. It also can be used as an overt question marker.
- Eiffelites - Gangly people sitting in front of you at the movies who, no matter what direction you lean in, follow suit.
- einzelganger - A pseudonym or false identity used by a collective of individuals. Esp. several persons using a single internet account in order to keep their seperate identities secret.
- El Chico - A prolonged pattern of severe weather occuring between the El Niño and La Niña cycles
- e-lancer - A freelancer who serves clients from a distance using the Internet to communicate and collaborate.
- Elbonics - The actions of two people maneuvering for one armrest in a movie theater.
- elby - To hurt someone by nudging or poking with the elbow.
- electo - Unexplainably strange.
- elendity - n. Knowledge of the Russian phonetic system, especially regarding the process of palatalization: He knows his elendity. elenditious adj. Knowing palatalizationary effects, despite not speaking a first language with them, and nevertheless understanding and using the system perfectly: He is a very elenditious man.
- elflang - A fictional language that uses design principles of Quenya and/or Sindarin to a varying extent. Usually spoken by the author's fictional culture of elves.
- Elint - Psychic convergence facilitated by electronic means; to freely share information electronically. Example: The research paper quoted three elint sources. I am trying to elint information for the presentation.
- elitor - More elite or grand than something else; example: "I am elitor than you!
- Ellacelleration - The mistaken belief that repeatedly pressing the elevator button will make it go faster
- elliot - Dimwit, dumbass, slow, stupid
- Elmerdermis - The white sheath that surrounds the nozzle of a glue dispenser.
- eloquate - To speak or write forcefully, movingly, or fluently.
- elseplace - Another place or location. Eg: "Right now William is elseplace." syn. Elsewhere.
- Elvi - The plural of Elvis. Example: "Have you ever seen 10 Elvi parachute out of a plane above Las Vegas?
- ely - The first, tiniest inkling that something, somewhere, has gone terribly wrong.
- emale - 1. Someone of unknown gender found on the Internet. 2. One so obsessed with the Internet (or technology in general) that it's as if they don't have a gender anyway. 3. One who behaves somewhere between male and female.
- embiggen - To make bigger, to give confidence to. Example: "A noble spirit embiggens the smallest man.
- emotinit - A representation of a facial expression or emotion in e-communications consisting of an initial or set of initials in less-than-sign- and greater-than-sign-shaped brackets representing the expression, rather than an emoticon resembling the shape of the face, as <c>> for "crying", <g> for "grin": Jeremy's favorite emotinit, which he overused in chat forums to the annoyance of everybody else, was <XBG> for "extremely big grin".
- empossess - To facilitate someone's acquisition of property.
- emptophile - 1. a person who enjoys shopping. 2. a person who shops and/ or buys compulsively.
- Encroachet - to invade gradually with handmade hats, blankets, etc.
- encryptlish - Encrypted english. Correspondence from a non-native English speaker that, although well-intentioned, makes creative use of English grammar and spelling. "I am you thanking for help is give me and hoping happiness is on you now."
- enculture - To cultivate a culture that supports a particular behavior or skill.
- engelang - A conlang designed to achieve pragmatic rather than artistic goals.
- Englishish - English-like.
- Engrish - Words and phrases that originated in English and are adopted into Japanese with different, often comically different, meanings.
- engrishism - An
- entyomology - The study of words that bug you.
- epicurious - Interested in trying new types of food. Example: "George was epicurious. The man with the yellow hat looked appetizing.
- epifism - The belief that in social and psychological matters the outward appearance of things is what's real; that there are no conspiracies and few if any motives unknown to their posessor. By analogy with Occam's principle, in social and psychological matters the shallowest explanation is usually the best. Oscar Wilde: "Only the shallow refuse to judge by appearances. The secret of life is in the visible, not the invisible.
- equaintance - An acquaintance met on the Internet; one with whom one has only communicated elecronically.
- equipleasant - Equally pleasant or equally good (as something), implying lack of preference between two or more things.
- Erdu - The leftover accumulation of rubber particles after erasing a mistake on a test paper.
- erkay - 1. Expresses hesitation or unsure agreement. Example: "Wanna proofread my English assignment?" "Erkay...Why not?
- errful - Prone to disaster.
- erronym - A word which bears no definitive resemblance to the word at hand, however is frequently used incorrectly in its stead due to vague similarity in sound or meaning, or out of an attempt to use bigger words. Example: "Narcissistic is an erronym of stubborn, and organ is an erronym of organism.
- Esperantido - An international language derived from Esperanto. Example: "Ido and Intero are two IALs adapted from Esperanto.
- Essoasso - any person who drives through a corner gas station to avoid stopping at the intersection.
- et tu judas -1. A betrayal that has an unexpected or counterintuitive source. 2. A betrayal of mythic quality or proportion.
- ethnog - To conduct ethnographic research on a group of people.
- ethnophobia - 1. Irrational fear and hatred of one's own nation. 2. Hatred of any race or ethnicity different to one's own.
- etiam in libris - The logical fallacy of arguing that a law (or other policy) is ethical because other unjustifiable laws already exist: The antiabolitionist's argument that executing a runaway slave was justified because law held a slavemaster responsible for the misdeeds of his fugitive slaves was easily recognized by his opponents as pure etiam in libris. As an adjective; containing, using or being etiam in libris: The third paragraph of the columnist's essay on marijuana was just a lot of etiam in libris attacks.
- etymmortality - Immortalization of a person or group of people by the inclusion of their name in a constructed language.
- etymologyte - One who believes that a word's origins imbue it with the significance of those origins, even in cases where usage and time have changed the meaning of the word significantly or entirely.
- etymomaniac - Someone obsessed with showing off their knowledge of the origins of words, such as the father in the movie "My Big Fat Greek Wedding.
- etymusicology - The science that deals with the historical background and interrelatedness of musical elements.
- etymythology - An untrue but popular explanation of how a word developed. Example: It's an etymythology that posh came from a cruise ship that had the nice quarters located Port Out, Starboard Home.
- eucatastrophe - 1. (in a narrative) The event that shifts the balance in favor of the protagonist when all seems lost. 2. A happy ending.
- eu-etymology - A folk etymology that seems as if it should be the true etymology of a word but isn't. Saying the noun 'tip' is an acronym for 'TO INSURE PROMPTNESS' is a eu-etymology not a true etymology; 'tip' is actually derived from the old slang term meaning 'to give'.
- Eufirstics - Two people waiting on the phone for the other to hang up first.
- eugraphy - Beautiful or well-formed writing; calligraphy. "The teacher commented on the girl's first attempt at cursive writing, as it was particularly eugraphic.
- eupheme - To insult someone by using one or more euphemisms.
- euphonamalgia - When sounds (especially music) from different sources overlap in a pleasing manner. Example: "I was driving to my parents house last week when the radio station I was listening to started to drift into the next. One station was classical, the other hip hop, and for a brief thirty seconds or so there was really excellent euphonamalgia." Example: "The night bird's song provided the melody over the lighthouse foghorn's basso rumblings and the percussive crashing of the waves, providing a soporific euphonamalgia as I drifted off into dreams that were like visions of fairyland.
- euphonym - A name chosen or adopted because of its sound (secondary to or in spite of its meaning). Example: The Chevrolet Cobalt is just a euphonym; all the cars in the ads are red.
- e-upmanship - The act of showing up another person by claiming to receive more email messages per day than they do. "When Bitterman complained about receiving 50 emails a day, Codswallop, in a blatant act of e-upmanship, countered that he received at least 100 messages a day.
- euristocracy - 1. Rule by Europeans. Example: Colonialism spread euristocracy around the world. 2. Rule by people who wish they were Europeans. Example: When the candidate apparently knew more about Sartre than about baseball, he was branded a snooty euristocrat.
- Euroglyph - The unexplained symbols that appear on copiers, fax machines, automobile dashboards, and other products which are sold across nations with different languages. However, they always require the user to refer to the (usually) missing manual to dechipher. Example: "Oh, $\S$ is the passenger ejection seat button for the microwave; now I get it...
- eutopia - Any imaginary place conceived as a morally and politically ideal society.
- evalgia - 1. Masochistic glee. 2. Intense discomfort, such as caused by a punch in the mouth, that lets a man know he's a man.
- evanetniage -1) Pro-military propaganda, esp. during wartime. 2) Consumer products, marketing schemes, etc., developed to sustain a national disposition favorable to wartime.
- everydayality - The state at which a person lives their everyday life.
- evile - Both evil and vile.
- evisceraphobia - Fear of having your intestines ripped out with a knife.
- evitable - Not inevitable. Example: "The evitable triumph of good over evil may yet come to pass!
- evolang - Evolved language, in contrast to conlang, which is constructed language. Because all languages are made by people, it is actually incorrect to call languages like Esperanto "artificial languages", but natural languages are evolved, while all conlangs are, more or less, constructed by a sensible pattern. Example: Most evolangs on Earth have verbs, adjectives, and nouns.
- e-waste-1. Electronic appliances, such as old TV tubes or monitors, containing lead and other metals; e-waste cannot be left in the open without risk of poisoning. 2. The 32 toxic chemicals contained in such items.
- Exaspirin - Any bottle of pain reliever with an impossible-to-remove cotton wad at the top.
- excongruous - Previously congruent, but not anymore.
- Execuglide - To propel oneself about an office without getting up from the chair.
- exergaming - The union of physical exercise and video gaming. Company executives insist that "exergaming" or "exertainment" - the marriage of physical exercise and video gaming - is becoming a hot new niche, and the most bullish aficionados say it might even help reduce the nation's obesity epidemic. - MSNBC News
- exfeminard - Disparaging term for one who is without a girlfriend or wife.
- exgrammaticate - To eradicate some portion of the grammar of a language. Example: "Since few still use 'whom' in a manner considered correct in the traditional sense, some have called for its exgrammatication.
- exhance - To perform the opposite of enhancement. To make lesser in value or effectiveness. Example: "We had to exhance the program to keep it stable.
- exlope - To run off to get divorced.
- exonerd - A person who, although intellectually oriented, spends his or her energies on subjects and topics not covered in school, usually with a tendency also to neglect schoolwork and downplay grades (unlike the stereotypical nerd who devotes all his/her time to grinding in school subjects).
- exoplanet - A planet that orbits a star other than the Sun. Example: Between 1990 and 2004, about 40 exoplanets were discovered.
- expland - To fill in someone's knowledge of an event, person or otherwise by explaining various aspects of their current knowledge.
- explication - 1. Explanation. 2. Neologism. Argumentation intended to explain something, but leaving you even more confused than you were in the first place. Example: "The explication of the benefit of tax cuts to the rich discombobulated him.
- exply - To blatantly state something, to come right out with it.
- extercalate - To remove units from a calendar, especially with the intention to bring the calendar date in line with the solar (sidereal, etc.) year. Example: "Nations had to extercalate upwards of ten days from the calendar when switching from the Julian to the Gregorian calendars.
- exterdextrous - Being especially nimble with one's fingers, so as to affect what is on the back of the hand. For example: His car keys were just dangling off his little finger, and he flipped them into his palm by flicking them over the back of his hand. He's so exterdextrous.
- extramorally - To do something outside of accepted morals.
- extrasensory misperception - The ability to buy allegedly hit products right before those products are discontinued.
- exverbicate - 1 . To remove words, esp. to limit thought. "Big Brother exverbicated many concepts to control the masses." 2. To ban a book. 3. (Of a language) To lack certain words or concepts. "For years, English was limited by the exverbication of concepts such as energy.
- eyesdropping - Like eavesdropping, but with your eyes.
- fablinguist - [< Latin fabrict-, "to make" \& English linguist.]
- fabosity - Anything related to the utterly fabulous nature of something.
- fabulant - Something capable of speech.
- fabulicious - Fabulous and delicious.
- Facon - The fake bacon bits served at cheap salad bars
- Factitious - Describing a depiction of an event in which the facts are combined with fictitious elements for comic (or other) effect. I self-coined (see above) this existing word.
- fakement - An event or falsehood. Sometimes a combination of the two, like those Soviet parades with the fake wooden rockets.
- fake-up - The illusion that a long-term romantic relationship has ended between two people, when in fact amorous propensities continue.
- fall all over you or the floor
- Famamage - To eliminate any annoying engine noise by simply turning up the volume of the radio.
- fanboy - A boy who adores someone greatly. Example: "Britney Spears has more fanboys than Paris Hilton.
- fancraft - The creative works, including but not limited to fanfic, fan art, vids, filk, costumes and manips, created by members of a particular fandom. "Harry and the Potters is an example of fancraft gone horribly wrong.
- fangirl - A girl who adores something greatly. Example: "Sean Paul has many fangirls.
- fangly - Possessing fangs and/or sharp teeth. Used to describe anglerfish.
- fangorious - Gory, hideous, destructive, and featuring fangs (often used to describe gelatinous monsters that devour wee children).
- fanshaw - A word whose pronunciation deviates significantly from its spelling.
- fantabulous - Fabulous and fantastic.
- farnham - The feeling you get at about four o'clock in the afternoon when you haven't got enough done.
- fauxhawk - A mohawk hairstyle acquired without any permanent alterations to the hair; a temporary mohawk hairstyle.
- fauxhemian - An individual who adopts the superficial trappings of a conterculture.
- fauxlang - A language designed to be a learnable auxiliary language but one not seriously intended or promoted to be an auxiliary. Example: Kali-sise is just my effort at a fauxlang with an absolutely minimal phonology.
- faux-profit - Established or operated with the intention of making a profit, though recognizing that the likelihood of making a significant profit is small or nonexistent.
- fauxteur - A "talentless, pretentious hack", usually in reference to a film director, but occasionally applied to any sort of director or even producer.
- fave -1. To have something as a favorite. Example: "I fave vanilla." 2. To save a web page as an Internet Explorer Favorite (Netscape Bookmark). "I faved that cool site you sent me.
- fave - Favorite. Example: "This flavor of ice cream is my sister's fave.
- fedist - Discriminatory on the basis of religion.
- fedora - Out of fashion.
- fedorable - 1 . To look adorable while wearing a fedora. 2. To be breathtakingly adorable and worthy of adoration while living the American dream
- fedoralingo - An accent delineated by time rather than region, especially that fake halfBritish, half-American radio announcer's accent of the 1930's and 1940's.
- feetlips - One who habitually has his foot in his mouth, figuratively speaking. One who speaks without thinking first.
- Fellooney - A crazed obsession with art-cinema narratives, specifically European. Often has negative, pretentious connotations: "WHY does Mike always insist on calling Breathless A bout de souffle? What a Fellooney.
- felth - Sense of touch. Example: Tracy's felth is sharp and clear [means] that Tracy can quickly and skillfully tell whether what's under her fingertips is silk or wool or linen. Suzette Haden Elgin
- feminina - A young lady. E.g. "There were many femininas at the beach.
- Fenderberg - The large glacial deposits that form on the insides of car fenders during snowstorms.
- fenstroom - The eerie noise produced by wind passing through cracks in the window frame.
- ferfer - One who is very excited that they've had a better idea than the one you've just suggested.
- ferriver - 1 . The shiver you get when watching a scary movie. 2. Shiver from being very scared.
- Ferroles - The holes in the bottom of a steam iron.
- fervorous - Full of fervor.
- Fesnying - The term of venery for ferrets, as in "a fesnying of ferrets"; the collective noun for ferrets.
- Fetchplex - State of momentary confusion in a dog whose owner has faked throwing the ball and palmed it behind his back.
- fewl - To argue about paying for gas.
- Fictate - To inform a television or screen character of impending danger under the assumption they can hear you.
- fiddledip - A minor change, esp. an inversion.
- fika - The time when eating something light, or spending time at a caf?.
- finistude - The combined attitude and ability to implement a project. Example.:"They have the team finistude to complete the mission and goals.
- finition - The completion or ending of something. Example: "I didn't see the finition of that movie!
- Finnage - The act of watching your money swallowed up as your groceries ride the conveyor belt at the supermarket.
- finuge - In any division of foodstuffs equally between several people, to give yourself the extra slice left over.
- firmth - The firmness of something.
- fiscalia - fiscal paper, financial ephemera, monetary paper collectibles
- Fisking - A line-by-line rebuttal.
- fitch - A pejorative word used to curse women without having to slander female dogs. Example: "Shut up, you vitch!
- fittening - Liable to increase fitness quickly, e.g., due to participating in hard exercise. Example: Ultimate frisbee is highly fittening.
- fiunary - The safe place you put something and forget where it was.
- flabulous - Fabulous, extremely pleasing, successful, or delightful.
- fladderbister - That part of a raincoat which trails out of a car after you've closed the door on it.
- Flammabyte - That ever changing address in memory which always causes programs to blow up.
- Flannister - The plastic yoke that holds a six-pack of beer together.
- flaregrance - To be in a fiery state or fiery in nature. Example: "He had much flaregrance.
- Flarpswitch - The one light switch in every house with no function whatsoever.
- flastname - A word composed of the initial of one's first name followed by the full text of the last name; commonly used as a username on computer systems and as the first part of an e-mail address (e.g., flastname@example.com).
- flawcast - An erroneous prediction.
- Flen - (chemical symbol - Fl ) The black crusty residue that accumulates on the necks of old catsup bottles.
- fleshbelt - A line of flesh that shows when women wear low-waisted pants.
- flexitarian - One who is a vegetarian but eats meat on occasion.
- flibber - To flail about randomly, for example as the flight of a cranefly caught indoors.
- Flight Risk - Used to describe employees who are suspected of planning to leave a company or department soon.
- Flimps - People (usually observed in waiting rooms) who have advanced the Evelyn Wood technique to the point where they can flip through a magazine without ever looking down from the clock.
- Flintstep - To wind up one's feet before running away in fear. Common among cartoon characters.
- flip-it - A term for the reciprocal of something, especially something numerical. Usage example: The flip-it of $1 / 2$ is $2 / 1$.
- Floles - The extra (fourth and fifth) holes in notebook paper. Created in the hopes that one day mankind will perfect a "five ring binder".
- flooming - Very angry.
- floor - To lower an object to the floor from above, to make it more accessible. Usage Example: Imagine that you were building a tall tower from building blocks, and you started building it on a table. But it got so high you couldn't reach the top to place more blocks on the tower anymore, so you had to lower it to the floor so as to be able to reach the top.
- floordrobe - The layer of clothing often found coating the floor of a messy person's dwelling.
- Flopcorn - The unpopped kernels at the bottom of the cooker.
- Flosstitution - Using anything other than the waxed string product, i.e matchbook covers, etc. to clean between your teeth.
- Flotion - The tendency when sharing a waterbed to undulate for five minutes every time the other person moves.
- Flotta Factor - The proven scientific fact that at a self-service pump, the last ten cents take longer to reach the tank than the first twelve dollars' worth.
- flugiform - Looking as though it may be able to fly.
- flumpf - Falling down and into a spread-eagled position; falling forward while sitting down onto your desk or similar; falling down suddenly and quickly.
- Flurrant - The one leaf that always clings to the end of the rake.
- flustrated - A combination of frustrated and flustered.
- flysol - An aerosol spray (insect killer or otherwise) used to kill flying pests.
- Fods - Couples at amusement parks who wear identical T-shirts, presumably to keep from getting lost.
- foffarty - Unable to find the right moment to leave.
- fogner - To be at peace with oneself, similar to a grandfather fishing at a lake on a warm spring day.
- foindle - To queue-jump very discreetly by working one's way up the line without being spotted doing so.
- Fomshk - 1.To be annoying or mean to others 2. to have the ability to carry bad traits throughout the day
- fontography - The making of lettering or type.
- foo-1. Used as a non-permanent name for anything that needs a name, such as a variable in an example computer program. 2. Slang. Fool.
- foolite - Any stone or mineral which is erroneously thought to be valuable.
- football minute - A period of time of indeterminate length, equal to or longer than a minute, e.g., "When Mary said she would only be 5 minutes, I guess she meant football minutes.
- fooze - To demonstrate shameful, yet mostly harmless, ineptitude in the presence of others.
- forelast - Coming before (the) last: penultimate.
- foreploy - Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid (familiar to all men).
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- foreyester - The day before yesterday.
- forsinain - Archaic) The right of the lord of the manor to molest dwarfs on their birthdays.
- Foys - Missing pieces of a jigsaw puzzle that you later find stuck to the underside of your arm.
- fraddam - The small awkward-shaped piece of cheese which remains after grating a large regular-shaped piece of chesse, and which enables you to grate your fingers.
- framlingham - A kind of burglar alarm in common usage. It is cunningly designed so that it can ring at full volume in the street without apparently disturbing anyone. Other types of framlinghams are burglar alarms fitted to business premises in residential areas, which go off as a matter of regular routine at 5.31 p.m. on a Friday evening and do not get turned off till 9.20 a.m. on Monday morning.
- franconize - To adapt a foreign word or name into French phonology and orthography, usually for purposes of assimilation. Example: The name "Clark" franconized is "Clarques".
- franglais - A mix of French and English. Example: "I, like, parler en franglais.
- frankenlang - A constructed language consisting of parts from many different langages grafted together.
- Frankfluid - The liquid at the bottom of hot dog packages.
- franticity - the state of being frantic
- frating green - The shade of green which is supposed to make you feel comfortable in hospitals, industrious in schools and uneasy in police stations.
- Fraznit - Any string hanging from an article of clothing which when pulled causes the article to completely unravel.
- freat - The act of eating (of animals). Example: "animals freat and humans eat".
- freecycle - To give items away to others rather than throw them away, typically using an online network to coordinate the transfer.
- freeter - People who work temporary part-time jobs to finance certain non-career goals or dreams, or because they cannot find a permanent full-time job.
- fregetable - An edible part of a plant that is not clearly either a fruit or a vegetable.
- frell - 1. (intransitive) To engage in sexual intercourse: John and Aeryn were frelling in the cargo bay. 2. Used as an intensive: How can you be so frelling stupid? 3. (interj.) Used to express extreme displeasure. Frell! The spammers have found my addy again!
- fremantle - To steal things not worth the bother of stealing. One steals cars, money and silver. Book matches, airline eyepatches an individual pots of Trust House Forte apricot jam are merely fremantled.
- Frenchify - To make French in quality or character (used especially of potato strips).
- frenemy - One who pretends to be your friend, but turns out to be an enemy of yours.
- friend with benefits - An occasional sexual partner from a group of peers, with no pretense of emotional intimacy.
- friend-girl - A female friend.
- fring - The noise made by a lightbulb that has just shone its last.
- frings - A side order combining french fries and onion rings.
- fritham - A paragraph that you get stuck on in a book. The more you read it, the less it means to you.
- frolesworth - Measure. The minimum time it is necessary to spend frowning in deep concentration at each picture in an art gallery in order that everyone else doesn't think you're a complete moron.
- frosses - The lecherous looks exchanged beween sixteen-year-olds at a party given by someone's parents.
- frugging - Pretending to be conducting a survey when really trying to raise funds for a cause. Considered to be unethical behavior by professional market researchers.
- fruitolate - Fruit-flavored candy, as opposed to chocolate candy.
- Frust - The line of dust that accumulates when sweeping dust into a dust pan and frustratingly backs you up because you can never get it into the pan.
- Frustra - The special plastic used in the manufacture of fast-food ketchup packets.
- frustraction - Attraction for someone who is impossible to be with.
- Fu - 1. (suffix, -fu) Elite skill in a particular area. "Your Google-fu is unmatched, my friend." 2. Dominated by Chinese influence.
- fudgemonkey - An exclamation for use when upset; similar to darn, shoot, etc.
- Fuffle - To assume, when dining out, that you are making things easier on the waitress by using the phrase "when you get a chance...
- fugly - 1. To be uglier than ugly. 2. To be uglier than anything seen before. 3. To be uglier than anything possible.
- fugsi - Any item (usually an unsolicited gift) that is destined for sale at a garage, yard, or tag sale.
- fugueache-1. The pain an incapable composer experiences when trying to write a fugue. 2. The pain an audience experiences when listening to such a fugue.
- fulking - Pretending not to be in when the carol-singers come round.
- fumb - The big toe.
- Fumbelina - A large and not particularly graceful male athlete (particularly a football player).
- Furbling - Having to wander through a maze of ropes at an airport or bank even when you are the only person in line.
- Furbula - The designated chewing area on a dog's back.
- furgle - To feel in one's pocket or purse for a small object, as a key.
- Furterus Zone - The empty stretches of bun on either end of a hot dog.
- fwa - Used to express intense glee. Example: Jerry just gave me a pizza! Fwa!
- Fyophobia - The fear of long books.
- gaffney - Someone who deliberately misunderstands things for, he hopes, humorous effect.
- gainsborough - A region or section of a city or town which is opposed to some issue or development which the rest of the city or town supports.
- gak - To copy something from another person's blog without permission.
- galashiels - A form of particularly long sparse sideburns which are part of the mandatory turnout of British Rail guards.
- gallbladderectomy - Cholecystectomy: surgical removal of the gall bladder.
- gallipolli - Of the behavior of a bottom lip trying to spit out mouthwash after an injection at the dentist. Hence, loose, floppy, useless. 'She went all gallipoli in his arms' - Noel Coward
- game - To play games.
- gammersgill - Embarrassed stammer you emit when a voice answers the phone and you realize that you haven't the faintest recollection of whom it is you've just rung.
- gank - To have one's possessions stolen. To have something of worth stolen. To be deprived of recognition for a deed. A gaming term for loss of an in-game kill.
- Gapiana - The unclaimed strip of land between the "you are now leaving" and "welcome to" signs when crossing state lines.
- garrow - Narrow wiggly furrow left after pulling a hair off a painted surface.
- gartness - The ability to say 'No, there's absolutely nothing the matter, what could possibly be the matter? And anyway I don't want to discuss it,' without moving your lips.
- garvock - The action of putting your finger in your cheek and flicking it out with a 'pock' noise.
- gastard - Useful specially new-coined word for an illegitimate child
- Gate - The \# keyboard symbol.
- gaydar - The ability to discern whether or not someone is homosexual, without the aid of overt or explicit evidence.
- Gazinta - Mathematical symbol for division; also the sound uttered when dividing out loud. (Example - "Four gazinta eight twice.") (ed. note - this one came from Leigh in Australia. As a Canadian I would say "Gozinta)
- Gechist - 1. Fan of science fiction who insists that all science fiction TV shows, movies and entertainment should be free of contradictions and (especially) scientific implausibility. The gechist wrote a seven page essay whining about his favorite TV show's poor understanding of tachyons.
- geeklore - The vast body of irrelevent-to-the-real-world knowledge that a geek possesses on his favourite geek subject (e.g. on a sci-fi program, or on Dungeons and Dragons, etc.)
- geeze - To engage in an activity typical of an older or retired person, esp. with a certain amount of relish
- genarium - Place of birth.
- gendar - The ability to discern whether someone is male or female, without the aid of overt or explicit evidence. Usage Examples: Usual contexts where this word might pop up would be: (a) when person X is talking to person Y about person Z , e.g., X : "My teacher assigns a ton of homework", Y: "Does he?", X: "My teacher's a woman."; (b) when reading a paper by an author whose gender the reader doesn't know, e.g., X: "I've been looking over this Ponapean data compiled by Kie Zuraw, and, I have to tell you, I think he made some mistakes", Y: "You mean you think that she made some mistakes. And I happen to know that she didn't make any mistakes: Your analysis just isn't any good." Speaker X in the examples from (a) and (b) obviously has very poor gendar.
- genderfriend - A neutral term used when asking if someone has a boyfriend or a girlfriend. Used mostly when the sexual preference of the addressee is unknown. Example: "Do you have a genderfriend?" "Yes, I have a boyfriend.
- genderinity - Inclusive of all components of gender identity, IE "masculinity" and "femininity", as these definitions become less sharply segregated.
- Genderplex - The predicament of a person in a restaurant who is unable to determine his or her designated restroom .
- Generation Jones - The generation between the Baby Boomers and Gen X. Although such a generation can be said to exist worldwide, the term most often refers to the Joneser experience in the United States. Example: Marketers are now trying to woo the Generation Jones crowd with a disco nostalgia sofa entirely in vinyl. The excellent AvantGuide travel book series is an example of a business that caters to this group.
- Generation Y - The segment of the American population born from around the late 1970s to the mid 1990s. Often noted as having an "echo boom", as much of this generation was born to the Baby Boomer generation. (See also: .)
- genericized - To make something applicable to more uses. For example, when a sentence is changed by dropping the adjective "real estate," in the sentence "Does real estate management ensure that all personnel are trained," to "Does management ensure that all personnel are trained," the sentence has been genericized.
- generonym - A brand name that has become a generic name for its product category. See genericide.
- geniosity - Something that is ingenious; "the best geniosity since sliced bread".
- Genovese - Assertion(s) that one person regards as self-evidently true but another person regards as self-evidently false.
- genreblind - Relating to someone who has difficulty or impossibility to define the genre or classification of piece of music or art or simple objects.
- genuinity - The genuineness possessed by a person
- geothermogram - The record of the earth's recordbreaking heat.
- ger.: A living organism making said sound and falling over, e.g. "Come quickly! Darren is giwaring!
- Gertatious - Having the adolescent fear that hanging one's arm over the bed at night will mean being dragged under.
- gesbian - A person of homosexual orientation of either sex. (Also used as an adjective to describe such a person.) Example: "The Castro district is San Francisco's main gesbian area.
- ghei - 1. Uncool, lame. 2. Unfair. 3. Generally disagreeable.
- ghent - Descriptive of the mood indicated by cartoonists by drawing a character's mouth as a wavy line.
- Gibble - The sliding keyhole cover on a car trunk.
- gigaphobia - An abnormal fear of tall people.
- gignog - Someone who, through the injudicious application of alcohol, is now a great deal less funny than he thinks he is.
- gildersome - Descriptive of a joke someone tells you which starts well, but which becomes so embellished in the telling that you start to weary of it after scarcely half an hour.
- gilgit - Hidden sharply pointed object which stabs you in the cuticle when you reach into a small pot.
- gilling - The warm tingling you get in your feet when having a really good widdle.
- Gimplexus - Rear area of thighs, which must be peeled from car seat on hot summer days.
- ginormous - Bigger than enormous, more massive than gigantic.
- gipping - The fish-like opening and closing of the jaws seen amongst people who have recently been to the dentist and are puzzled as to whether their teeth have been put back the right way up.
- giraffiti - Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
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- giwar - v. To make the sound and do the action of a living organism falling over.
- Gizzledipplers - Those annoying waving hands seen on the back of Winnebagos (placed there by people too lazy to be friendly on their own).
- Glackett - The noisy ball inside a spray-paint can.
- Gladhandling - To attempt, with frustrating results, to find and separate the ends of a plastic sandwich or trash bag.
- glam - A magical illusion. Usage Note: Glams are "thrown", not cast (as one would a normal spell).
- Glamp - The telescopic device used to retrieve golf balls from ponds.
- glassable - anything that a parent tells a child not to go near because it can be broken
- Gleemites - Petrified deposits of toothpaste found in sinks.
- Gleemule - (a unit of measure) One unit of toothpaste, measured from bristle to bristle. (Not to be confused with GLEEMITES, which are petrified deposits of toothpaste found in sinks.)
- glibido - All talk and no action.
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- glitzfest - An expensive event where a large amount of money is lavished on cheap decoration rather than using good taste.
- glocal - Open to new ideas from around the globe while centered in one's own culture.
- glomp - To run up and pounce on somebody as an embrace: a cross between a tackle and a hug. Usually performed by a female or small child.
- gloopgleep - Any over-the-top comic relief characters, painfully obvious in their role as such. Usually a duo. They tend to be more creepy and ridiculous than humorous. As one character, it is a gloopgleep. Appearing as a duo, one is the gloop and the other is the gleep. Examples: The gnomes in "Willow". The alien pet from the "Lost in Space" movie. Some might include Neelix and Kes. And the king of all gloopgleeps is Jar Jar Binks.
- glottomania - The "technical insanity" (Eco's phrase) of inventing languages.
- glottopoietics - The creation of artificial languages.
- glug - To gulp/chug very quickly.
- goable - The condition of being able to go. Having the ability to do something. "Houston, are we goable?" "Roger that!" blast off!!!
- gobsmacked - Utterly shocked; more than flabbergasted; completely taken by surprise.
- go-dog-go - A wacky phrase that commands someone to do something (usually in the style of a See Jane Run sentence) by following the pattern: "See John. See John blank. Blank, John, blank!
- goile - Having fascinating or positive qualities.
- Going Postal - Euphemism for being totally stressed out, for losing it. Makes reference to the unfortunate track record of postal employees who have snapped and gone on shooting rampages.
- golant - Blank, sly and faintly embarrassed. Pertaining to the expression seen on the face of someone who has clearly forgotten your name.
- goldensprog - A young child whose numerous bad qualities are overlooked by its often idiotic parents. A goldensprog will very often grow up to be a spoiled brat.
- gollumize - In the workplace, for one person to take hold of a pet project to such an extent that it becomes essentially static.
- Gonia - An Indian carp Labeo gonius.
- gonnabarn - An afternoon wasted on watching an old movie on TV.
- gooder - Being extremely positive or markedly improved, especially when compared to another marked improvement.
- goofpot - A person behaving in a silly, nonsensical manner, especially with relation to everyday activities. Eg. When, after running late, the child forgets her backpack, too, her mother says, "You're a goofpot.
- google - To search for something using one of the search tools at the Google.com web site. "I googled until I could google no more." "I googled him.
- googleable - Has a possibility of being googled productively. Will produce results via Google.
- googlebluff - 1 . To threaten to create a web site about a business or organization with which one is involved in a dispute. 2. To impress, deter, or intimidate over the telephone by a false display of knowledge which you just looked up on Google.
- googlebomb - To post many links pairing a specific word with a specific web page in order to boost the Google ranking of that page when the word is entered as a search term. Example: "The candidate's name was googlebombed by his detractors with a link to his opponent's campaign site.
- google-fu - Skill using Google to find information.
- googlicious - 1. Anything which one has "googled for" (i.e., searched for online) and which, when found, proves utterly delightful. 2. Appearing at the top of Google's search results for your own name or keyword. 3. A site optimized to appeal to Google so that Google will rank it high for specific keywords.
- googolplexaire - Someone who is ridiculously rich.
- goole - The puddle on the bar into which the barman puts your change.
- goosh - To squish a bug. Example: Calvin said, "Here's a bug plodding resolutely across the dirt. Put a rock in his way, and he just goes around it. Flip him on his back, and he rights himself and continues on his way. He's focused, determined, and steadfast. If he's mocking me, I'm gonna goosh him." - Bill Watterson, 7/22 (year unknown)
- gosuness - The quality of being skillfully devised, crafted with wit, or having many levels of meaning.
- Governator - Arnold Schwarzenegger, governor of California.
- gownie - A native of a college town who more closely resembles in behaviour and interests one associated with the university.
- Grackles - The wrinkles that appear on the body after staying in water too long.
- grammatophobia - Irrational fear of one or more letters of an alphabet, or of words beginning with a specific letter. "The 'X Marks the Spot' sketch on Sesame Street, with its ominous music and negative examples, caused some children to develop grammatophobia.
- grammer slack - The tolerance exhibited by most Internet users for small spelling and grammar errors (such as spelling "grammar" as "grammer," an all-too frequent gaffe of people who do complain about other people's mistakes).
- grammomancy - Divination by means of writing letter by letter.
- Granfalloon - A proud and meaningless association of human beings.
- Grantnap - The extra five minutes of sleep you allow yourself that somehow makes all the difference in the world.
- grateless - Not grateful; not thankful for favors; making no returns, or making ill return for kindness, attention, etc.; ungrateful.
- grayvity -1. The weight of gravy. 2. The irresistible pull of gravy. 3. The way gravy draws all the other food on your plate together.
- grazgrang - A constructed language deliberately designed to sound "harsh" or "barbaric", but which ends up only sounding comical.
- greeley - Someone who continually annoys you by continually apologizing for annoying you.
- Greelite - The eerie glow that emanates from beneath escalator steps.
- greenwash - To portray something as environmentally-friendly when it is in fact not.
- gress - Rare) To stick to the point during a family argument.
- gribun - The person in a crisis who can always be relied on to make a good anecdote out of it.
- Grintiger - The numbered code on the back of a greeting card that, when deciphered, reveals the price.
- Gription - The sound of sneakers squeaking against the floor during basketball games.
- gription - The value of an object lost by friction.
- Grisknob - The end of a chicken drumstick which always gives the appearance of having more chicken on it.
- grismal - Gray and dismal weather.
- grok - 1. To understand something so fully that it is as if there was never a time that you did not understand. 2. To accept, dig or appreciate as well as to know something: I grok.
- Gromaxes - Inside area of knees used to grip steering wheel when holding a map.
- grood - Both good and great. Example: "I'm going to Europe for the summer." "That's grood.
- growsy - Simultaneously irked and tired. Example: "That teacher was sure growsy today.
- gruids - The only bits of an animal left after even the people who make sausage rolls have been at it.
- gruncy - A slightly outdated figure of speech which is now only heard in the context of a pun (e.g., "out of this world").
- gruntled - contented
- guerchismo - n. A foolhardy and dangerous sense of bravery. Example: "His guerchismo almost got him killed when he was in the army.
- gulberwick - The small particle that you always think you've got stuck at the back of your throat after you've been sick.
- Gummerator - The pointed rubber object on the end of some toothbrushes.
- gunnerstan - Thing whose function is indiscernible from observation.
- guppygoth - 1. Typically derogatory. Anyone who dresses to fit a particular subculture. 2. Someone new to the goth culture.
- Gurmlish - The red warning flag at the top of a club sandwich which prevents the person from biting into it and puncturing the roof of his mouth.
- guzel - Stuff that gets stuck to the bottom of a pan or a container of soup by the heat involved in the cooking process, which can be hard as all heck to get out.
- Gweek - A coat hanger recycled as a car aerial.
- gynecoscopy - The habit of looking around for attractive women and admiring their beauty.
- gynodolite - Technical or literary term for males who are submissive to women, do not judge or evaluate them or their behavior, and always agree with them.
- gynoporn - Media appealing to the prurient interest of women in particular, such as but not limited to bodice-ripper and romance novels and popular magazines such as Women's Own and Cosmo.
- Gyroped - A kid who cannot resist spinning around on a diner stool.
- Hacula - The last few inches of tape measure or lawn mower cord that refuses to rewind automatically.
- Haemosexuality - The sexual basis of the vampire relationship.
- haggis machine - Bagpipes.
- hagnaby - Someone who looked a lot more attractive in the disco than they do in your bed the next morning.
- Halloweening - Going out on Halloween, ringing doorbells, asking for candy (synonym of trick-or-treat).
- Hangle - A cluster of coat hangers.
- harbringer - Informal. One that provides advance notice of things to come. A harbringer of doom.
- harlosh - To redistribute the hot water in a bath.
- hasbian - A former lesbian who is now in a heterosexual relationship. Also known as a wasbian.
- hasbian - Former lesbian, who now dates men. Example: "Anne Heche is perhaps the most famous hasbian.
- hateration - The act of denigrating another because of jealousy or envy.
- headset jockey - A telephone call center worker at the other end of a toll-free number.
- headspam - Things you wish you didn't know.
- headwhine - A headline in a newspaper that conveys a complaint.
- heat-leech - 1. To bask in the heat of one's body, usually by clinging to one like a glomp/hug/cuddle by means of an appendage, or their whole body. 2. To bask in the heat of a non-biological/inorganic heat source, usually by means of preventing others from doing the exact same thing.
- hebonics - The addition of Yiddish words and phrases to English, especially by American Gentiles.
- hecticity - The state of being agitated and rushed. My phone has been ringing all day, and now I have to finish a report by lunch. My life is full of hecticity.
- heimat - 1. The land of origin of tribe, nation, language or culture or cultural phenomenon. 2. The original area where one is from.
- Heishi - Small tube beads in shell, precious metal or stone. Also called (when in silver) "liquid silver".
- Helicopterodactyl - a flying beast that cannot possibly have any idea how awesome it truly is.
- hemopotama - 1: A thick stream of blood, especially from a wound. Example: Hemopotamas around his body gave him the look of a zombie. 2: An extremely crude/bloody surgery. Example: That operation became a real hemopotamy after the surgeon accidentaly made a mistake with the scalpel.
- Hempennant - Any coattail, cuff, or dress hem dangling outside the door of a moving vehicle.
- hepple - To sculpt the contents of a sugar bowl.
- herefornow - The metaphysical state occupied by forgotten objects.
- herringish - Malodorous. Example: This cabbage smells herringish!
- herstmonceux - The correct name for the gold medallion worn by people in the habit of wearing their shirt open to the waist.
- heteroflexible - A heterosexual person who is open to relationships with persons of the same sex.
- heterosexist - Attitudes, conditions, or behaviors that promote stereotyping of social roles based on an assumption of heterosexual orientation.
- Heterospective - The suspicion that you may have been straight all along, but just never really realized it until now.
- hever - The panic caused by half-hearing the Tannoy in an airport.
- hexagonalism - the applied use of the hexagon shape in matters of vision or art..
- hierology -1. The study of hieroglyphics. 2. The "word of God", or a statement that is supposed to originate from a deity. 3. The study of sacredness in any or all faiths.
- hieronomy - A religious or holistic rule or guideline, such as the Ten Commandments, or the forbidding of alcohol in Islam, etc.
- high limerigg - The topmost tread of a staircase which disappears when you're climbing the stairs in darkness.
- hilbillian - Unrefined; lacking sophistication. Base; vulgar.
- hillbilly armor - The scrap metal, broken glass and other refuse used by American soldiers in the War in Iraq to strengthen their humvees against roadside bombs.
- hindthought - The thought(s) as the backmost part of one's mind, the least immediately relevant to one.
- hinky - Suspicious, strange, unusual; acting in a manner as if having something to hide, or seemingly crooked. Example: Cats can often be seen in a hinky posture with head turned to one side and eyes staring back in tightest possible arch while skipping sideways. Usage Note: I've heard this word used in TV police dramas to describe the behavior of criminals as well as the reaction cops have to the same behavior. -- Bruce O. Boston.
- hinx - An evil spell; a curse.
- hipatitis - Terminal coolness.
- hippocrite - A person of average weight (or below) who believes that they are overweight.
- hippopotomonstrosesquipedalian - Pertaining to very long words.
- hippycrite - 1 . One who embraced hippy ideals in their youth (e.g., free love, smoking pot, environmentalism, etc.), but who now, in their adult years, decries those same ideals. 2. A left-leaning person who claims to embrace environmental, socialist, anarchist or antiestablishment ideas, yet uses items or partakes in activities that are counter to these beliefs.
- hispanize - To adopt a foreign word or name to Spanish phonology and orthography, usually for purposes of assimilation. Example: The name of Harry Potter's school hispanized would be "Joguartes".
- hispanophone - 1. (adj) Spanish-speaking. 2. (n) person who speaks Spanish
- Hoaraxiomist - A Person who reasons about the meaning of programs.
- hobarris - Medical) A sperm which carries a high risk of becoming a bank manager.
- hobbit - 1. An imaginary being similar to a person but smaller and with hairy feet. 2. Home floresiensis. 3. Computer Science. High order bit. The most significant bit (of a byte). Also known as the meta bit or high bit.
- hoi-1) An informal greeting. 2) An affirmation, or a particle of assertion. 3) An expletive, as in "Oh Hoi! My hermit crab ran away again!" 4) A particle that is both an expletive and an affirmation, particuarly when new information has been received. "Hoi, you're right! I did put my socks on backwards!
- holleration - To insult or inveigh.
- Homer - A slang noun describing an accidental act of greatness, achieved usually through an act of great stupidity. Usage "I just pulled a Homer!
- homie - A term used to refer to each other (used mostly by gangsters, skaters, etc.). Example: "Yo, 'sup, homie?
- homochronous - distributed evenly through time.
- homoclastia - Belief that homosexuality is morally wrong without dislike or condemnation of gay or lesbian individuals: As soon as Janet heard the evangelist delivering the "Love the sinner, hate the sin" line, she knew his mind had been turned towards the trendy new homoclastia.
- homoheteros - Hetero men who may or may not be metrosexual but nevertheless avidly consume what Simpson calls 'gay porn for straight men' such as Guy Ritchie movies, Eminem lyrics and prison rape cable shows like OZ.
- homonausic - Capable of becoming physically sick upon seeing a homosexual.
- homophonophobia - Fear of words that sound the same.
- homosexist - Attitudes, conditions, or behaviors that promote stereotyping of social roles based on an assumption of homosexual orientation.
- hooklet - The small diacritical "v" placed over letters to indicate iotization or palatization.
- hoom - 1. Agreeing with someone in a passive way. 2. Expressing surprise at something being found.
- horizontical - The noun/verb/adjective/adverb/interjection form of 'horizontal'.
- Hormujedian - Art that is depressing and metaphorically dark, such as Poe's poetry.
- horrable - Capable of undergoing further decay of its pleasant qualities. Usage Note: The comment "It is horrable" denotes that additional damage can still be done to the beauty, quality or integrity of something - that it is still not as bad as the absolute worst case.
- hosmer - Of a TV newsreader) To continue to stare impassively into the camera when it should have already switched to the sports report.
- hotagen - The aggressiveness with which a shop assistant sells you any piece of high technology which they don't understand themselves.
- HotSex - Sex as a form of conspicuous consumption: recreational rather than reproductive.
- hove - Descriptive of the expression on the face of a person in the presence of another who clearly isn't going to stop talking for a very long time.
- how-manyeth - An interrogative adjective used to ask for the ordinal position of something. Example: "The how-manyeth state of the US is Louisiana?" "Louisiana was the 18th state admitted.
- howtotee - Those inane and annoying tee shirts with (usually) three panels on the front telling you "How to..." do something, usually stupid, in the most stupid manner possible.
- hoyle - The point at which a genius transcends reality to become a madman.
- Hozone - The place where one sock in every laundry load disappears to.
- Hubricate - to make oily by means of raising pride to dangerous levels.
- Hudnut - The leftover bolt or screw in any "some assembly required" project.
- huevos - Bravery or gall in a woman.
- hugemongous - Larger than large. The monster was hugemongous.
- huggle - 1. Obsolete. A hug. 2. A display of affection that that includes both elements of a hug and a cuddle. The relative amount of hugging to cuddling may vary. Good friends,
female or of opposite genders, lean more towards hugging. More intimate pairings lean more towards cuddling. 3. "Now, why do all the big men try to run a big ol' woman down / Must be the same ol' thing that makes a bulldog a huggling 'round." - Willie Dixon's "The Same Thing", as song by Muddy Waters
- Hugglies - A word to express care and appreciation. Example: "Hugglies! You got me a present!
- humorang - A marginally funny comment that amplifies its humor through sympathetic laughter, making the original speaker laugh harder.
- humuhnuh - Used to express utter amazement and shock.
- humvee tax break - A tax break allowing to write off big cars when filing an income tax return, often considered as a waste of taxpayers' dollars.
- huna - The result of coming to the wrong decision.
- hunkitude - The quality of being an attractive male: "I tried to chat up that girl, but my hunkitude was no match for the other dude.
- huperoffspring - The most politically correct name for a member of the species Homo sapiens.
- Hutber's Law - Hutber's Law is a mock scientific Law in the tradition of Parkinson's Law. It states: Improvement means Deterioration.
- Hydralation - Acclimating oneself to a cold swimming pool by bodily regions - toe-toknee, knee-to-waist, waist-to-elbow, elbow-to-neck.
- hyperbend - The action, either physical or diplomatic, which results in the hyperbender being placed out of oncoming danger, Matrix-style. Examples: (1) "After she found out she wasn't interested, Jim hyperbent out of the situation by suggesting that they go and meet this girlfriend of hers..." (2) "The cricket ball was shooting towards Andy's head, but he hyperbent out of the way and it smashed the second slip in the groin.
- hypercrite - One who constantly finds fault with others, often in an attempt to improve their sense of self-worth or to direct attention away from their own faults.
- hyperspaz - One who is extremely hyperactive, and is very incessant about things.
- hypersthetic - 1) Feeling of being overwhelmed, caused by having too many responsibilities to attend to; commonly experienced before a nervous breakdown. 2) An event or responsibility that causes one to become hypersthetic, i.e. the proverbial straw that breaks the camel's back
- hyperstitious - heavily superstitious, with the whole life ruled by magic thought.
- hyperthelic - Possessing an excessive need or desire to assert ones will.
- hyperthesis - A thesis or proposition which has been tested and, consequently, widely accepted.
- hyperventitillate - When you find yourself unable to breathe, but are oddly enjoying it.
- hyphenated relationship - An exclusive relationship between two parties that is detrimental to a third one.
- hypnophilia - The love of sleep; or just sleeping excessively.
- hypocaffeinaemia - Medical condition characterised by dangerously low level of caffeine in the bloodstream; can feel potentially lethal but rarely is.
- hypocracy - a government characterized by hypocrisy
- hypocrise - To do or say something hypocritical; to be a hypocrite.
- hypopexia - 1. A perfunctory or imperfect shave, usually when in a hurry. 2. An instance of running late.
- Hystioblogination - The act of trying to identify a gift by holding it to your ear and shaking it.
- ichappie - 1. The person commonly referred to as "the one that got away". 2. An often sublime and promising romantic prospect that was lost due to external circumstances and/or the hesitance of one or both potential partners. 3. The object of a missed romantic opportunity Example: Lana Lang was Superman's ichappie.
- Icision - Delicate operation performed on Neapolitan-flavored ice cream in which one entire flavor is precisely and systematically removed.
- Idea Hamsters - People who always seem to have their idea generators running.
- identic - 1 . The quality or condition of being the same; identical. 2. The identic of a number is the result of that number to the power of itself. For instance the smallest possible real number identic is:
- identic - The power of a number to itself. $(1 / \mathrm{e})^{\wedge}(1 / \mathrm{e})$ is the smallest real number identic.
- ideomania - Excessive pride and zeal in one's (apparently) clever ideas, leading to impetuous action and bad consequences.
- idiocrity - Ordinariness as a consequence of being average and unintelligent.
- Idiolocator n.- The symbol on a mall or amusement park map representing "You Are Here
- Idiot Box - The part of the envelope that tells a person where to place the stamp when they can't quite figure it out for themselves.
- ignoranus - A person who's both stupid and an arsehole.
- Ignoranus - A person who's both stupid and an asshole.
- Ignoranus: Stupid and well... you get the idea.
- igry - Igry" basically means "painfully embarrassed for or uncomfortable about someone else's behavior, or descriptive of such behavior". Like, say you're at a restaurant, and one of the people at your table summons the waiter by snapping their fingers. Watching this makes you die a little inside. You feel igry. (Or you might think, "What an igry thing to do.") Another usage example: "That was the igriest episode of Curb Your Enthusiasm yet. Some have argued that it feels wrong for the same adjective to apply to both the person feeling igry and the person doing something igry. To those people I point out the words "nauseous" (which means both "causing nausea" and "affected by nausea") and "suspicious".
- iksiant - A member of a minority group which is so poorly represented in America, the so-called Melting Pot of the world, that most people have never heard of it. (e.g. Sephardic) And when you explain to people about it, they give you a reaction like "What the heck?! There's no such thing as a Spanish Jew!!!
- Iloquent - Speaking ill of someone in a flowery or well-framed manner.
- imaginate - To instantiate into reality by pure will of imagination.
- imber - To lean from side to side while watching a car chase in the cinema.
- impalieria - The back side of one's knee. Example: "I have an itch on my impalieria!
- improvmanteau - A portmanteau that is thought of "on the spot" or ad hoc.
- in-a-gadda-da-meeting - Any meeting that could have been completed in half the time it actually took.
- inchpebble - A small milestone.
- inclouding - Adding something in to a conversation or document expressly to confuse people. The opposite of Occam's Razor.
- incorition - Intuition that is incorrect.
- indefacitable - Unmoving in one's principles.
- ineptard - One who displays ineptitude. A feckless bumbler.
- infinitply - To increase in number endlessly.
- infoganda - The act or acts of using public information networks such as newscasts or newspapers in a misleading, devious, or mischievous way, to disperse a hidden propagandic message that seems plausible to the population.
- infomania - Unquenchable thirst for knowledge.
- info-ration - That which is on a need-to-know basis.
- infreme - Of absolute lowest status, beyond inferior; opposite of supreme.
- inkblot - A way of forming synonyms deliberately designed to be more staight-forward, and made by native roots (an inkblot word for "bicycle" might be "wheelsaddle").
- Inkslick - A greasy spot on a piece of stationery or test paper.
- Inlatinus - A type of inrisus linguae in which a person makes an attempt to "speak Latin" by adding endings to English words, as in -us. Usually done to sound like one of the Latin poets, or when trying to give a "scientific" name to a made-up object. Example: "When he said, 'Like the ancient Latins said, 'No-us mannus hasus everus done-us thisus beforus' that was very Inlatinus.
- inlove - False, empty love that is often extremely ephemeral. Love of the type described in romantic comedies and Hallmark cards. "The two vapid but picturesque teenagers pronounced their inlove to one another."
- inloviduals - Lovers who maintain their independence and individuality. The writers Michael Holroyd and Margaret Drabble, who for the first 15 years of their marriage lived in separate houses, provide the archetype.
- inoculatte - To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
- inrisus linguae - A simplistic and often childish attempt to speak a foreign language by merely making arbitrary changes to native words using traits perceived to be particularly unique to or suggestive of that foreign language
- insandity - 1 . The state or condition of being frustrated at not being able to find a decent spot on the beach. 2. The madness associated with heatstroke. 3. Mental irritation from the immense presence of sand in or about one's possessions. 4. A irrational fear of sand, or beaches.
- instividual - An individual investor with financial resources similiar in magnitude to those of an institutional investor. Example: "State Street executives decided to broaden their client roster and aimed for 'instividual' customers, people so rich their portfolios would tend to match up with investment products the bank offered institutions." - State Street's lost shirt", Steven Syre, Boston Globe, October 14, 2004
- intanity - A combination of intellect and insanity, as commonly found in criminal masterminds.
- intaxication - Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
- Intaxication - Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
- integritous - 1. Possessing or characterized by integrity. 2. Having to do with or involving integrity
- intelligence czar - The one and only ruler of the intelligence community who has carte blanche over any local agencies; perceived as ironic or derogatory.
- interlie - Deliberate falsehood spread on Internet.
- interquel - A work of fiction that takes place simultaneously with another work of fiction, showing events from a different point of view: "Ender's Shadow is an interquel or parallel novel to Ender's Game." "Lion King $11 / 2$ is the new interquel to the original Lion King movie.
- intreptitude - Fearless incompetence.
- intrupid - An action or stunt that is very intrepid, yet stupid, such as rolling downhill sealed inside a portable bathroom or bungee jumping with the bungee cord fastened to your body piercings.
- intuition - The nagging feeling you won't be able to pay for your children's college.
- iology - the scientific study of poison.
- iPodsolation - The act of being isolated by use of an iPod.
- Irant - A seamless pistachio; a pistachio nut afraid to come out in public.
- irapusible - Rude, crude and uncalled for. "That was irapusible.
- ironoclast - One who uses wit to attack traditional or popular ideas or institutions.
- irrationale - The explanation of a particular irrational number appearing in a mathematical result.
- irregarding - Disregard; without regard to. "Irregarding that one game, his play has been excellent.
- Irritainment - Entertainment and media spectacles that are annoying, but you find yourself unable to stop watching them. e.g. Professional wresting.
- irritational - Irritating, infuriating.
- Iscador - A purported anti-cancer drug treatment derived from European Misletoe Viscum album. An aqueous extract is produced by the Institut Hiscia in Switzerland, under the trade name Iscador. [ ? trademark] The drug is also known under the names Viscumalbum, Plenosol, Helixor and Iscucin. Not scientifically recognised as a pharmaceutical.
- ish - 1.) To approximate a time of arrival or departure: "'Could you arrive at around four?' he ished." 2.) To arrive or depart at approximately the correct time: "He ishes all the time! He arrived at 5:15 when I told him to be there at 5 o'clock.
- ismize - To rally others around a cause, often using rhetoric and propaganda. [negative connotation] Example: Voters resented the candidate's obvious attempt to ismize them for the upcoming election.
- isopodomania - The compulsion to make the movement of the feet completely symmetrical by stepping with one foot in the exact position directly across from where the other foot has just stepped, therefore making the steps perfectly even.
- ist - Narrow minded; discriminatory. Example: "I re-worded it, because it sounded a little ist.
- IYKWIM - Abbreviation for "If you know what I mean.
- jake - To attempt to open a car door from the outside at the very moment someone is unlocking it from the inside, resulting in a still-locked door. Example: "You're too anxious to get into the car, John. You just jaked the handle.
- jamais vu - The bizarre sense that something very common is new and foreign. This can happen, for example, if one says a very common word like "what" or "must" over and over and over again.
- Jargonaut-1. Person obsessed with coining new Internet terms. 2. Person obsessed with using the latest business or technical jargon.
- jasonism - A severe mental condition in which a movie watcher becomes a movie freak, then gets sucked into horror films, discovers Friday the 13th, and falls into an elaborate conscious coma, rapidly and ignorantly regurgitating facts of the movie even though no one really cares about it.
- Javlovian - An automatic response that causes marketing types to come up with only cute, coffee-related names for Java-based products (e.g., Cafe, Roaster, Java Beans, Latte, ad nauseum).
- JB point- - The point at which the parent of a child within the midst of a pediquerey is pushed to shout "Just because!" or, "Because God made it that way!
- jednalous - Very uncertain.
- jeffers - Persons who honestly believe that a business lunch is going to achieve something.
- Jeffrey Henning Syndrome - The irresistible urge to extract and analyze constructed languages from works of fiction.
- Jerusalem Syndrome - A temporary disease where people, upon entering the Biblical city of Jerusalem, think they are Biblical figures reborn (e.g., Abraham, Moses, Adam). First reported in the weeks leading up to 2000.
- Jesture - A particular sort of practical joke, usually involving great forethought, and of which the punchline is not delivered for some time. Especially if the punchline is one which the target of the joke will appreciate themselves once discovered.
- jet - Totally or completely. Example: "That is jet stupid.
- jethani - The wife of one's older brother. (Contrast devrani.)
- jezz - 1. Rubbishy. Example: "That sofa looks really jezz." 2. Worthless. Example: "This CD player is just jezz.
- Jiffylust - The inability to be the first person to carve into a brand-new beautiful jar of peanut butter.
- jig-sawdust - The sawdust-like bits that fall off jig-saw puzzle pieces.
- jimberjaw - A protruding chin.
- jock - Used to express an extreme pleasure in someone or something, sometimes meaning a desire for said object. "You know I jock Sara!" "She jocks me, dude." "I jock the newest BMW. I jock it hard!
- joementum - 1. The lack of increasing support in a political campaign. 2. The tipping point from positive momentum to negative momentum.
- Joes of Arc - Tiny drops of Mr. Coffee that die on the burner after the pot is removed.
- jofane - In breach of the laws of joke telling, e.g. giving away the punch line in advance.
- jokelang - A language or (more often) language sketch created for purposes of amusement or parody rather than communication. Usually (although not always) unspeakable, unusable or unpronouncable. Example: Metalleus's "Moundsbar Languages" are some of the best known jokelangs.
- jollincholy - To be joyful and morose at the same time.
- Joltster - where the cowboy keeps his cattle prod.
- joyass - 1. To procrastinate, to be extremely lazy. "Stop joyassing and get your work done!" 2. One who procrastinates. "Andy, you're such a joyass!
- joyousness - Exclamation when very happy. Ex.: Joyousness! I got an A!
- Jukejitters - Fear that everyone thinks that you picked the awful tune emanating from the jukebox when it was actually the person before you.
- Julie Shoes - The least appropriate footwear for any particular place or occasion, for e.g. stilettos on a muddy football field, sandals on a ski slope, gumboots at a funeral.
- jumoing - I'm not sure what this means - but its fun to say. Take it to mean any fun, nebulous activity. 'I was just out jumoing around...'
- junkstaposition - The state of two or more vehicles parked very close to each other.
- justiphase - To attempt to explain a habit or lifestyle, especially of a teenager, by saying that it is "just a phase". Example: "Don't try to justiphase my being a lesbian!" the girl screamed at her parents.
- kabwum - The cutesy humming noise you make as you go to kiss someone on the cheek.
- kalami - The ancient Eastern art of being able to fold road maps properly.
- kanadark - The fifth season in the Arctic when the sun doesn't shine for months.
- Kanban - A manufacturing strategy in which parts are produced or delivered only as needed; just-in-time (JIT).
- kanjigate - To write in kanji.
- kankle - the absence of an ankle on one's leg, replaced instead by pasty globs of skin and fat which often fold over the edges of shoes Eg. "The old woman struggled to fit her feet in her shoes because her drooping kankles were a huge obstacle.
- kantapa-1. The best bite of a portion or serving of food, such as the tip of a slice of pizza. 2. A spoon/forkfull of a dish containing all the elements of that dish in perfect balance.
- Karmageddon - It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
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- kawaii-1. Cute. 2. Cool, hip.
- kawaii - Cute; especially in the sense of overly cute or sappy.
- Kawashock - Pulling into the last remaining parking spot only to discover a motorcycle there.
- Kedophobia - The fear of having one's sneakers eaten by the teeth on the escalator.
- keele - The horrible smell caused by washing ashtrays.
- kelemenopy - A sequential straight line through the middle of everything, leading nowhere. "Ted Kennedy's political career is a kelemenopy through 2oth-century American politics.
- kelling - The action of looking for something all over again in the places you've already looked.
- kent - Politely determined not to help despite a violent urge to the contrary. Kent expressions are seen on the faces of people who are good at something watching someone else who can't do it at all.
- kerfuffle - A commotion.
- Kernelkling - The shell of a kernel in a bowl or bag of popcorn that seems spot-welded to the roof of one's mouth, and cannot be removed without the making of cat-like hissing noises in an attemp to lessen the suction of said kernel
- kerplode - To explode or implode; used when the speaker is uncertain which one occurred.
- Kerryoca - A supporter of Senator John F. Kerry, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Presidency in 2004.
- kerschmachen - The sound made when one object is struck forcefully by another object (usually it describes a person being hit, and generally in the head).
- kettleness - The quality of not being able to pee while being watched.
- Keyfruit - The one apple, pear, or tomato in the stand that, when removed, causes all the others to tumble forward.
- khaki neighborhood - A nouveau-riche neighborhood marked by the use of a neighborhood covenant requiring the use of earth tones in architecture and the belief that khaki slacks are casual attire.
- khot - Extremely hot.
- kidult - A middle-aged person who continues to participate in and enjoy youth culture. adj. Relating to something, particularly a form of media, that appeals to both children and adults.
- kiggle - 1 . To repeatedly kiss someone all over to the point of giving them uncontrollable giggles. 2. To huggle and kiss at the same time.
- kikak - Vocal music without words (including beatbox, scat, wordless a cappella, etc.), esp. one which imitates a musical instrument.
- kinematophrenia - A psychological disorder in which one perceives life and all events as part of a movie: As he confronted them in the showdown, his kinematophrenia encouraged him to make what could be his last lines memorable, as if they were going to be captured on film.
- kinigitize - To pronounce a word as if it were spelled phonetically, when it is not.
- kirby - Small but repulsive piece of food prominently attached to a person's face or clothing.
- kispy - Drawing attention to oneself.
- kissess - To kiss and caress simultaneously.
- kitchen - To do things relating to, and usually in, the kitchen.
- klefting - The action of creating a cleft in the ground or any flat surface. Note the k instead of the c at the start of the word. Can also be used as an adjective.
- klepp - A person who is obsessed with maps or almanacs and memorizes roads, landmarks and facts. A walking, talking almanac.
- kleptoanalyst - Person who analyses thieves.
- klingage - A form of decolletage consisting of a high neckline, a large squarish shape cut in the bust area, and the bust dramatically lifted.
- klitschky - 1. Lacking strength, willpower, or dynamics: "Take the pasta out of the water, before they get too klitschky." 2. Tired, groggy, exhausted: "I was pretty klitschky last night, so I stayed at home in front of the TV." 3. Goofy, apparently inept: "Boy, this shirt really makes you look klitschky!
- kneebow - The back of the knee.
- knitpicker - A person who chooses your knitted sweaters. esp. in view of including them in the Christmas family photo ..
- knowbie - 1. One who is totally adapted to his or her social environment. 2. A learned person, in any field. Antonym: newbie.
- Knuck - Ice cream collected on the back of the hand when scraping the last portions from the box.
- kob - Measure of lexicon size: 1 kob is 100 words.
- kokororo-1. The heart of things; the gist; the pith. 2, Double hearts; implicitly means couple of lovers.
- kriegspotter - A person who hobbifies the following of war by memorising the names of generals, battles, campaigns among others. When a war is one tv, you cant pull this person away for anything.
- kriegspotter - A person who makes a hobby of following war by memorizing the names of generals, battles, campaigns, et al. Obsessively watches TV when a war is on
- Krogling - The nibbling of small items of fruit and produce at the supermarket, which the customer considers "free sampling" and the owner considers "shoplifting".
- Krogt - The metallic silver coating found on fast-food game cards.
- kroob-1. Idiot. "You kroob! 2. Also an Anglo-Slovak variation of the Franco-Nordic word 'Kubb'. "Fancy a game of Kroob today, squire?
- kuh - An interjection designed to threaten or intimidate, said with one's face very close to somebody.
- kumalafustone - A continuous annoying sound that gets on everyone's nerve after a while.
- kurh - 1. exclamation indicating a low i.q. 2. exclamation to mock a comment that would otherwise be made by someone with a low i.q. 3. exclamation signifying something obvious
- la police - 1)Expression of alarm. e.g.: "La police! you almost hit that dog!" or, "La police! the cops are coming!" 2)A threatening gesture, usually said while waving a fist in the air. 3)Expression of disappointment. e.g.: "La police! That's my third speeding ticket this month!" or, "La police, I am such a failure. Nobody will ever love me.
- Labiarinth - a winding path ending at the female genitalia.
- lachrym - 1. To cry excessively. 2. To cry crocodile tears: CROCOLACH.
- lachrymation - 1. An excessive weeping: LAMENTATION. 2. An insincere showing of grief: CROCOLACHRYMATION. -lachrymation and mastication. n. A weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- Lactomangulation - Manhandling the "open here" spout on a milk carton so badly that one has to resort to using the "illegal" side.
- laissez-faire communism - Centrally planned economic policy with high tolerance for capitalist experiments.
- lamer - Hacker slang. One who uses code or techniques without an understanding of their underlying concepts in order to effect meaningless and contrived results. Generally for the purpose of attaining a measure of personal fame or peer adulation solely.
- Laminites - Those strange people who show up in the photo section of brand-new wallets.
- lampeter - The fifth member of a foursome.
- langdropper - One who shows off how many languages they can speak.
- langtopia - An ideal place with an ideal language.
- languagizer - Anyone who creates new words.
- Larry - A cable repairman.
- lart - n. Anything which may be used to strike a luser hard enough to make them get the message, but soft enough so as not to cause long-term damage. v. To use a luser attitude re-adjustment tool on a user or group thereof for stress relief.
- Larva Therapy - The medical use of maggots as anti-bacterial wound dressing.
- lasterday - Any time before today.
- late - Goodbye.
- latida - A sing-song interjection used to express a carefree, yet slightly bored, mood when conversation is uneventful, especially on the Internet.
- laughtacious - 1. A person who has laughed, but shouldn't have, lest offense is taken by someone who hears said laughter. 2. A person who simply laughs when nervous or at completely inappropriate times, e.g. "Why are you laughing?" "I'm terribly sorry; that was completely laughtacious of me. Please continue." Or, "I nearly smacked him after I finished my story. I'll admit that what happened was unusual, but he turned completely laughtacious on me!" Or "Don't mind me: I'm clinically laughtacious.
- leakfast - The meal that is eaten upon waking up between noon and 3:00 p.m. that is both a (late) lunch and the first meal of the day. (In contrast with brunch, which somehow involves grapefruit.) Ex.: "On Saturday I rolled out of bed somewhere around 2:30 and had a hearty leakfast of Ramen noodles and cheddar cheese Combos.
- lecturne - 1. A student who studies and does little else. 2. An excessively wordy or pedantic piece of art or music.
- leet - Something that is superior to others; usually in reference to a machine or a particular skill. Usage Note: Often used ironically by real programmers.
- leetwise - Knowledgeable in netiquette, internet jargon, internet memes (or fads) and generally up to date on technologies that are pertaining to the internet.
- legitimake - 1. To make legitimate or legal. 2. (reflexive form) to make oneself legitimate or legal
- lemvig - A person who can be relied upon to be doing worse than you.
- lengen - Used to describe a joke that's hard to comprehend or easy to comprehend, but doesn't have anything worth laughing at. The verb form means to make the atmosphere feel dense and full of unfunniness. Example: John's lengen jokes left us all frozen with lengenity, and really lengenated the atmosphere.
- lesbosexual - A non-stylish gay man.
- lesterday - Two days ago.
- letrosexual - Having intimate relationships by snail or e-mail.
- Lexbian - a woman who prefers feminine nouns.
- lexicographer - 1. A scatymologist. 2. A person suffering from a mental illness marked by the irrational need to verbificate and to carefully document such verbifications: NEUROTIC. 3. Somebody who, for whatever reason, writes dictionaries. It may be a profession, it may be (as 2) a mental problem, it may be a hobby \&c. Well, we always knew Jeff wasn't quite right in the head, but - get this - the poor fellow's actually a lexicographer. I just hope he has a good psychologist. Did you know Julie's got a job as a lexicographer? 4. A maker of dictionaries; a harmless drudge. (Samuel Johnson)
- lexiconnoisseur - One who invents neologisms and then brags about it.
- lexpionage - The act of hunting for new words and phrases.
- lickquify - What your tongue does to an ice-pop.
- liff - A common object or experience for which no word yet exists.
- Limalope - The disgusting foreskin on a lima bean.
- limUV - A combination of a stretch limousine and an SUV. "He arrived at the club in a limUV.
- Linenee - The member of a two-person folding team at the laundromat who takes the sheet and completes the fold.
- lingoner - One who uses as many slang words or as much lingo as possible in a conversation, such as L337-5ph33k3rs (Leet Speakers).
- linguacentrism - 1. An unduly exclusive admiration or respect for one's own native language.
- linguanaut - An explorer of language, or one who adventures in linguistics.
- linguisticodex - Any volume, either printed or electronic, that outlines and explains the grammatical rules for a language.
- linguomaniac - A person who is obsessed with linguistics.
- liniclate - All stiff and achey in the morning and trying to remember why.
- linner - A late afternoon meal between lunch and dinner as a replacement to both meals.
- linuxist - Someone who greatly supports Linux and the open-source movement.
- lipnop - A sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole, as for murder.
- lipridge - One of the two raised lines leading from the top of the upper lip and the nose.
- liquory - An establishment where alcoholic beverages can be purchased in accordance with applicable laws governing their sale. "I needed some wine for today's dinner, so I got a bottle at the liquory when I went shopping.
- litch - A concept or emotion that one returns to incessantly. Example: The man has a litch for negativity.
- lither - To laugh with, not to laugh at.
- llama - n. Someone who is stupid or uneducated about a certain subject or ability, but tries it anyway and fails miserably. Example: "That newbie is a real llama". adj. Intensifier. Examples: "You are a llama idiot."; "He's a llama fool.
- lo-cal - Denoting a lack of substance or depth. "I can't stand smooth jazz--it's such lo-cal music.
- Loch Nessiah - the urban legend figure that is reported to walk on the surface of a certain Scottish lake.
- lockadoranoia - The obsessive-compulsive act of checking each car door over and over after the doors were all locked automatically.
- Lodgecombing - Final reconnaissance before vacating a motel room.
- Loggium - Water that drips from one's nose hours after swimming.
- logology - Literally the knowledge of knowledge; used after a specializing adjective to denote the extensive research of a topic. Example: "Tom is a literary logologist." (i.e., he studies literature extensively)
- logy - Marked by the slow sluggishness typical of movement in fields of low gravity, as on the moon. He preferred to think of the elegant nogy of coitus interstellus to the clumsy logy of it.
- lollify - To laugh out loud.
- loofproof - adj. Non-foolproof, complex; susceptible to human misuse, accident, error, or some other failure; example: Though useful, C is a tricky and loofproof programming language. v. To make loofproof.
- looksten - To look and listen at the same time with full concentration.
- lorestead - A generic term for any institution of higher learning (university, college, high school, etc.)
- Lorp - The part of the shoe that collapses when you try to pull it on without a shoehorn.
- Lotshock - The act of parking your car, walking away, and then watching it roll past you.
- Lub - The small deposit of spinach that lodges itself between one's teeth.
- Lucasize - The act of adding new canonical material to an existing body of work that detracts significantly from the original material. Examples include the new Star Wars movies and the Shadow Moon books (continuations of the movie Willow).
- ludicurious - Absurd, yet strangely fascinating.
- ludophile - A lover of games and play.
- lukecold - Warmer than cold, but colder than lukewarm.
- lulworth - Measure of conversation. A lulworth defines the amount of the length, loudness and embarrassment of a statement you make when everyone else in the room unaccountably stops talking at the same moment.
- lunimous - Radiating, or saturated in, moonlight.
- lunner - The meal that combines lunch and dinner.
- Luposlipaphobia - The fear of being pursued by timber wolves around a kitchen table while wearing socks on a newly waxed floor.
- luser - Any of a number of computer users possessing a seemingly impossible amount of stupidity.
- lycoid - Of, relating to, or like the wolf: LUPINE.
- lycomorphize - To ascribe lycoid characteristics to. The Northmen arctomorphize their heroes and lycomorphize their foes.
- lycomorphous - Having or suggesting lycoid shape and appearance.
- M?nnerbund - All-male comrade-in-armship. Usage Note: Used in academic papers; e.g., "Love and Death in the Mannerbund", Joseph Harris, Heroic Poetry in the AngloSaxon Period (Kalamazoo: Medieval Institute Publications).
- -ma- - The pragmatic function of this infix is either to: (a) Add syllables to a word, to make it sound like a word that someone who didn't know the word would say to sound more proper or sophisticated; (b) just be funny, and/or allude to The Simpsons; or (c) imply an otherwise serious topic isn't so serious after all.
- mackademic - Any male scholar or professor who, known for his charm and brilliance, develops a following among his young female students.
- macroy - An authoritative, confident opinion based on one you read in a newspaper.
- Macscrimination - Failing to ensure that software or web sites are fully compatible with the Macintosh operating system.
- Macxism - 1. The theory held by a small, dedicated fringe group that Apple computers are inherently superior to any other class of computer, especially PCs 2 . The state of mind of a follower of Macxism, characterized by a superiority complex toward PC users and an undying hatred for Microsoft 3. Macxist; a follower of Macxism.
- maggelity - 1. The state of being entirely unpredictable. 2. The state of being regularly unpredictable, such as to horribly confuse anyone unfamiliar with the language, lulling them into a full sense of security before pointing out, cartoon-character-style, that the ground no longer exists where they're standing. (Tristan McLeay and H. S. Teoh)
- Maggel's Paradox - Your radical ideas have already occurred to others.
- Maggit - Any of the hundreds of subscription cards that fall from the pages of a magazine. (pl. MAGGREGATE)
- Magnocartic - Any automobile that, when left unattended, attracts shopping carts.
- majig - Something difficult to classify or whose name has been forgotten or is not known.
- maldeist - The belief that God created the Universe and takes active malevolent delight in its evilness.
- maleagricide - The killing and eating of a turkey, especially on Thanksgiving.
- maleferous - something/someone that contains bad properties or brings unfortune to the world is maleferous
- malefit - To make worse.
- malenolent - Attempting to stop any harm or trouble from happening.
- malglisho - When language inhibits your thinking (i.e., effect of Sapir-Whorf hypothesis).
- Malibugaloo - A dance that affects barefoot beachgoers on hot summer days.
- malicky - Having the quality of constantly repeating in one's mind, generally used to describe a song. Example: "That song is so malicky. It's making me crazy, it's making me crazy, every time I look around.
- malideodefenestration - The act of getting rid of bad ideas as if by throwing something off the window.
- malk - Powdered milk.
- malneumangia - An allergy (or serious aversion) to food which is left too long, either prepared at home, or from a restaurant or take-away vendor. "Cold McDonald's fries gave me a serious malneumangic reaction.
- maloquence - The opposite of eloquence; the butchery of language, rampant malapropism, use of inappropriately unwieldy words and forms of words. Commonly found in online text-based social role-playing, such as the use of "oculars" for "eyes" in Furcadia descriptions or any of several brands of posting styles common to The Slave Pens.
- malpractical - Involving or likely to result in a malpractice suit.
- malsexual - Sexuality used in an inappropriate way.
- mamaboard - 1. Computer. 2. CPU. 3. Microchip.
- manchild - 1. A late adolescent male, particularly one who is attempting to act "manly" or like a grown-up. 2. A male baby or toddler.
- mangalogy - The study of the artform of manga and of its history, creation, characteristics, etc.
- manglage - An utterance so riddled with errors and misusage that it is barely comprehensible. Example: Be careful in Prof. Wolke's class. You might not understand his manglage.
- Manhattanville - The neighborhood quality of the Manhattan social and cultural scene.
- Manillium - The lifespan of the clasp on a manila envelope before it breaks off and dies.
- manipulatrix - An emotionally manipulative female.
- manualise, manualize - to subject a poster on a moderated newsgroup to having his or her posts edited or censored by the group's moderator for transgressing the group's charter instead of leaving the task to a moderbot.
- manudiction - A hortatory admonition of an insultingly elementary character. See the secondary meaning of 'manuduction' -- a preface or introduction.
- manudicture - 1. to complement spoken words with particularly frequent and/or extravagant hand gestures 2 . to express oneself only with hand gestures 3 . to express oneself with sign language
- manufabricate - make or create
- mapa - Informal term used interchangeably to address a mother or father.
- mapquest - To find out how to get somewhere using the directions feature of mapquest.com.
- Mariculture - Another world for aquaculture, fish farming
- Marp - The impossible-to-find beginning of a roll of cellophane tape.
- marvinize - 1. To replace a deceased pet with a similar live animal without the pet owner's knowing. 2. To replace a lost or defunct object with another without knowledge of the owner. Ex.: "When Jenny's fish died I tried to marvinize it, but I couldn't find an identical one before she found out.
- masculinism - 1. The belief that men should have the same rights and opportunities as women. 2. The advocacy of breaking heterosexual male stereotyping, of championing men's rights on the basis of the equality of the sexes.
- mast - 1. To teach a important lesson. 2. To teach like a master.
- Mastacambulistophile - Someone who walks while eating, as from the local coffee and donut stand back to his office.
- math - To solve mathematics equations. Example: "You math too much.
- mathism - The disparagement of math in general and of the benefits of math education in particular. "'What good is math? It's not like I'll ever have to take the derivative of a function during a job interview!' That statements such as this are accepted as true without question indicates a deep level of 'mathism' in our society. Few people understand that the true benefits of a solid mathematical background are the ability to think logically, the ability to approach any type of problem rigorously, and the ability to cast a critical eye on the daily onslaught of statistics and data.
- Matrimoney - currency that can only be spent on dowry payments or the purchase of rings.
- Mattrescotting - The pattern of gray and white lines on an institutional mattress.
- maurophobia - A phobia that makes people fear the black color, or any other thing that's related to darkness, shadow or death.
- mauven-1. to become mauve. 2. to make or cause to become mauve.
- may-may - A little girl exhibiting traditional little-girl qualities: pastels, pig-tails and dollies. In this era of gender-neutral children, such a prettiful child would be more positiviely indicative than in previous years. The opposite of a tom-boy.
- maynard - Slang. 1. A goatee. 2. Anyone stupid enough to wear a goatee. 3. Anyone stupid enough to wear anything stupid. Examples: "Pretty scary, Maynard!"; "Oh, yeah, Maynard!"; "Now you're talkin', Maynard.
- Maypop - A bald tire.
- McJob - A low-pay, low-prestige job requiring few skills, esp. one provided by a large corporation.
- meanderthal - An individual that walks slowly and aimlessly.
- meatarian - A person who eats only meat, due to their strong oposition against the 'brutal slaughter of our little green friends'. Usage Note: Used jocularly in reference to vegetarians, vegans, fruitarians, etc.
- meatspace - The opposite of cyberspace; where the pizza man comes from.
- Medieval - To get tough on someone.
- meep - A sign of surprise. Example: Meep! You scared me!
- megacity - "Mega" audacity. The current tendency for marketing types and pundits to attach the prefix "mega" to anything even remotely large. "With all this talk of 'megavitamins', 'megabucks', and 'mega-meals', it's clear the culture is suffering from a bad case of megacity.
- meh - (1) Used to indicate "so so" as an answer to questions such as "How's it going?". (2) Used when the answer is obvious in the context in which it is asked. "Does that paper cut hurt?" "Meh." (3) Used to confirm situational irony or an implied shared perceived quality.
- meism - 1. Colloquialism. Egoism. 2. Andralogical model of learning; needs-driven, lifecentered learning, which can be broken down into self esteem, recognition, quality of life, self actualisation and transformation.
- mental hairball - A word or phrase coughed up at random.
- messenge - To send a message, especially via instant-messenger software. Example: "Ever since my parents got Internet access, my dad's messenged me twelve times a day just to prove he can.
- messrosexual - A men's hairstyle common at the turn of the 21st century, consisting of short hair on the sides and back, and longer, usually unlayered hair on top, gelled and stuck up into crisscrossing, seemingly random spikes.
- metageek - A person who becomes excessively or obsessively interested in everything they take any interest in, in much the same way a "geek" takes an excessive or obsessive interest in a few traditionally marginalized areas of interest.
- meta-guilt - The peculiar sensation of not feeling guilty, but rather as if you ought to feel guilty.
- metahypocrisy - To accuse someone of hypocrisy while displaying hypocritical behaviour; the worst kind of hypocrisy.
- metametre - [Pseudophysics.] A standard unit of measurement for the blankspace or "metaspace" between remote objects, where the perception of these objects is said to be projected from a remote location. For example, in a 3 -dimensional chat room on the Internet, a user may be a set distance from another user in cyberspace (using, perhaps, pixels as a measurement). They may also be a set distance from the other user in wetspace (using, most likely, kilometers as a measurement). Also, the metameter can be used to measure the distance between (or dimensions of) our own bodies, assuming that our consciousness is being projected from a remote location. If we are to believe (? la Matrix) that we all lie in fetal pods on giant farms somewhere, it is plausible that subjects A and B could be perceived to be standing next to each other (perhaps, 1 m apart), while they are in fact lying in fetal pods kilometres apart in the "real world". Thus, they can be said to be both 1 m apart and, for example, $25 \mathrm{~km}^{\wedge}-1$ apart. The $\mathrm{m}^{\wedge}-1, \mathrm{~km}^{\wedge}-1, \mathrm{~mm}^{\wedge}-1$ etc notation
indicates that the measurement is not tangible in this world, but can only be measured in the reciprocal of this world, the so-called "real world".
- metaphormosis - The process of something turning into a metaphor for itself; e.g., a sly person turning into a fox.
- metaverse - An online representation of reality.
- Methylphobia - The fear that you are going to have to pay for the one cent you overpumped at the self-service station.
- metrocloset - A metrosexual who is in denial.
- metrosexmania - The media's insatiable craving for metrosexuals.
- metrosexual-1. A dandyish narcissist in love with not only himself, but also his urban lifestyle. Example: The only problem facing the metrosexual in an otherwise carefree existence is the inescapable effects of ageing. If 30 is 45 in gay years, then 26 is retirement age for the metrosexual - and no amount of biotechnological, rehydrating, whale sperm dermo-care can alter that. 2. An urban male with a strong aesthetic sense who spends a great deal of time and money on his appearance and lifestyle. 3. A male who wants to be gay, but is not; a gay wannabe.
- mexed - To be thoroughly confused about something, usually to a point that one cannot speak correctly.
- mezzo-1. A dynamic level in between mezzo forte and mezzo piano; the level at which casual speech and singing are carried out. 2. A singing part between alto and tenor; the level closest to which a tenor sings alto or an alto sings tenor.
- mickey - A quick and dirty fix, usually intended to be just until one comes up with something better. Often permanent because nobody could be bothered to come up with a more permanent solution, or there is no more permanent solution.
- Microtrek - Any nervous trip to the microwave oven to make sure the food hasn't incinerated.
- Microts - The two thumbnail-sized pieces you end up with when trying to remove a paper towel in a public washroom.
- midgificant - Used to describe something as insignificant in comparison to something greater. Example: AltaVista is midgificant to Google.
- midworth - The age when something has low value because it's too old to be new and not old enough to evoke nostalgia. For many things, this period ranges from 5 to 15 years. Example of usage: "L.A. Law is in its midworth now. People will be interested in seeing it again around 2007.
- millennial purist - A person who insists that the next millennium begins on January 1, 2001 and, therefore, that the New Year's Eve leading up to January 1, 2000 is meaningless.
- millinocket - The thing that rattles around inside an aerosol can.
- mimbridge - That which two very boring people have in common which enables you to get away from them.
- mimimi - A self-centered person, concerned only for themselves.
- Mimoids - People addicted to the smell of newly mimeographed test papers.
- min - To sell.
- minihawk - A hairstyle popular at the turn of the 21st century, similar to a mohawk but shorter and less dramatic than the 1970s version.
- minted - Rich.
- mintellectual - A person who dabbles on cerebral pursuits for refreshment.
- minty - Disgustingly rich and/or selfish person. Example: "You are such a minty!
- minusculaneous - Used to describe those little bits of clutter (literally or figuratively speaking), of indeterminate origin, that one accumulates over time. "My life is cluttered by the minusculaneous stuff.
- mip - To post on an Internet forum using multiple screennames, each with its own identity, personality and biographical details: We discovered that the person on our forum
was mipping when the sysop announced that "NYCJasonW182" and "sWeEtAnGELGurl97" were posting from the same IP address. As a noun, capitalized to refer to a participant in an Internet forum who posts under multiple identities: Leila used to enjoy Usenet, but now it's become so taken over by spammers, trolls, MIPs and other garbage that she doesn't want to go there anymore.
- misbeat - To abuse, either physically or psychologically.
- misonym - A pseudonym created accidentally. Example: "The high school year ran his article under the misonymous byline, Feff Henning.
- misottawy - 1. The antipathy that Canadians, especially those furthest to the east and west, feel toward their federal government. Also called "Western/Eastern/Northern alienation." 2. (By extension) Distrust of a government, particularly a government at a great geographical distance from its subjects.
- mis-sodomist - A person who dislikes homosexuals without necessarily fearing them. (Cf. The word homophobe implies fear.)
- misunderestimate - To be excessively underestimated to the point of being ignored or ridiculed. See also: Bushism.
- Mittsquinter - A ballplayer who looks into his glove after missing the ball, as if, somehow, the cause of the error lies there.
- mixaphor - An incompatible combination of two or more metaphors. Example: Me an' the old lady are gonna pick up the pieces and retie the knot, mixaphorically speaking.
- miximum - An extreme value, which could be either a maximum or a minimum. Usage Note: Used when describing an extreme value and it is not known whether that value is a maximum or a minimum. Example: "The graph contained a local miximum at ( 3,15 ).
- mlik - Watery store-bought milk, as opposed to whole milk from a real cow.
- mnemorize - To memorize through the use of mnemonic devices.
- Mocha Italiano - The language used on the menus of coffee bars.
- Mockintosh - Objects and designs inspired by the works of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, especially when tawdry and debased.
- mockumentary - A fictional film done in the style of a documentary. Example: "This Is Spinal Tap", "The Rutles".
- model language - An imaginary language invented as a diversion or as background for a work of fiction.
- modsmacked - To be chastised by the moderators of a chat room, mailing list, bulletin board or other Internet communications forum. Example: "This is an all-ages channel; if you don't tone down your language, you'll get modsmacked.
- mod-wannabe - One who tries to be a moderator, even though they aren't. Usage Note: Derogatory form of QnF'er, used sometimes in jest; mostly in anger against said QnF'er.
- mollywhop - Midwestern slang. 1. Sucker-punched and knocked down. 2. Hit hard enough to be knocked out. 3. To beat a sexual partner the face with one's penis after oral sex.
- Monday morning idea - A fuzzy, incomplete idea that is clearly the product of a mind not quite yet in synch with the workaday world. "I think Bill needs to rethink that 'Corporate retreat/triathlon' concept. That must have been a Monday morning idea.
- mondegribble - A friendly disagreement over the interpretation of song lyrics.
- monentera-1. A linguistic structure in which one of the two items joined as a couple is actually a subset of the other, such as "drugs and alcohol": Kerry's editor advised her to change the monentera "meat and poultry" to either "poultry and red meat" or simply "meat". 2. The use of such a structure.
- monkey-craft - In a workplace, meaningless drudgery that takes little or no mental ability, but a great amount of time to carry out; usually created by underworked bosses to make their departments look productive.
- mono-gloved - Wearing a single glove rather than two.
- monotype - Something that is one of a kind.
- moo - A mother who is overweight, stupefied, and has lost stamina solely because the care of children has destroyed her.
- moof-1. The call of the legendry dogcow from Apple's Cairo font and Laserwriter Printer Setup dialogs. Also used to mark untested parts of things on the Mac: "Development Platforms (Moof!)", "Tools \& Apps (Moof!)". 2. To be suddenly removed from an Internet chat room or instant-messaging conversation without warning, either from a system crash or loss of Internet connection. Example: "Sorry, back. I got moofed.
- moogie - Mother, especially the speaker's own. An affectionate term, comparable to the Aramaic abba for "father, daddy".
- Mopeeps - People compelled to look through the curtain opening of your motel room as they pass by.
- Mophenes - The semi-truck headlights that invade your motel room at three in the morning.
- moppy - 1. Bad, ugly. Example: "Eww, you look so moppy wearing that shirt with those pants!". 2. Very dirty. Example: "The air is so polluted, it's moppy.
- moralgasm - An ecstatic fit of self-righteous preaching. Example: "Overhearing two older men on the bus whispering quietly about how it was a mistake to grant women the right to vote brought Julia to moralgasm.
- morgenphilos - The phenomenon that exists (usually after a late night, or a session of heavy boozing) only in the morning, when, for a split-second, one feels as though it is possible to speak the meaning of life. This attempt is invariably hindered by the god-awful taste in one's mouth.
- mort - 1. A neutral colloquial term for a woman or girl, with no derogatory or sexual overtones. 2. The feminine equivalent of 'bloke' or 'guy'. 3. The note sounded on a hunting horn to announce the death of a deer. 4. A great number or quantity.
- mortalitist - Prejudiced based on one's mortality or immortality.
- mortequinoflagellation - A pointless action repeated without chance of achieving the desired results - beating a dead horse
- motspur - The fourth wheel of a supermarket trolley which looks identical to the other three but renders the trolley completely uncontrollable.
- Motspur - The pesky fourth wheel on a shopping cart that refuses to cooperate with the other three.
- mouse - To use a computer mouse to manipulate a mouse pointer on a computer screen. Though Ben wrote exclusively with his left hand, he always used his right hand to mouse.
- Mouse Potato - The online, wired generation's answer to the couch potato.
- mousewrite - To write, as in a computer program like MS Paint, by clicking and dragging the mouse.
- movel - A movie novelization.
- Mowmuffins - The dried accumulation of grass on the underside of lawn mowers.
- Mozzalastics - Large deposits of cheese that stick to the top of the pizza box.
- Mrr. - Title used to mean the husband of, when the wife is significant and the man is not -- just as Mrs. denigrates the woman. Example: "I met Mrr. Margaret Thatcher.
- mu - Mu (?) is a Japanese word meaning "null", "nothing", "emptiness", "vaccum", "void". It is used as a response to certain koans and other philosophical questions in Zen Buddhism, with the meaning, "Your question is inherently nonsensical and irrelevant.
- mucklehat - Worker with many different unrelated duties; Jack-of-all-trades; polymath.
- muffintop - The overhanging flab produced (predominantly in women) by a pair of tootight jeans and a too-small top.
- mugeary - Medical) The substance from which the unpleasant little yellow globules in the corners of a sleepy person's eyes are made.
- muggle - 1. Someone without magical ability. 2. Something without magical ability. "In CityDesk, make sure to change any muggle names to magic names.
- multidude - The collective noun for a group of surfers.
- multimed - A multimedia computer system.
- Multipochoholes - Wounds left in the test papers from overerasing.
- multiversational - Carrying on multiple conversations, each with a different person, at the same time, esp. using Internet Messaging.
- multiverse - The set of possible universes.
- mumlang - Mother language. Usage: affectionate form.
- Mummabolic chorus - When three or more people are singing along to a tune and suddenly discover they are all faking their way through the unintelligible lyrics.
- mummyandaddy - Parents considered as a single unit, especially when referred to as a financial resource. "Mummyandaddy is putting Junior through school.
- Mumphreys - (a useless sniglet) Those strange extra digits you find on push-button phones.
- mune - To be vulnerable, susceptible. Demur.
- museum head - A state of mental exhaustion, often after a full day at the museum.
- musical-lyrical accordance - The quality or state of the number of syllables and rhythm in a line of lyrics being synchronized or falling in step with the musical melody and beat to which the lyrics are to be sung. Example: "Adding a word or two to a line of lyrics disrupts the musical-lyrical accordance of the song.
- Musquirt - The water that comes out of the initial squirts of a squeeze mustard bottle.
- Mustgo - Any item of food that has been sitting in the refrigerator so long it has become a science project.
- mwahug - A hug combined with a kiss.
- mydare - An interjection after a surprising, shocking or staggering event. Example: "Gee! Two long-haul vehicles smashed a chopper - mydare!
- $\quad$. The generic sound a living organism makes when it falls over, e.g. "I/my cow/my mouse/my iguana will giwar in a moment.
- nad - Measure defined as the distance between a driver's out-stretched fingertips and the ticket machine in an automatic car-park. $1 \mathrm{nad}=18.4 \mathrm{~cm}$.
- Nadsat - 1. A teenage male. 2. A Russian teenager. 3. A violent or destructive teenager (esp. male). 4. The conlang used in A Clockwork Orange.
- nagative - Constantly nagging and generally unpleasant.
- naggart - One who nags.
- nake - 1. Taking off your clothes. 2. Taking off someone else's clothes.
- namber - To hang around the table being too shy to sit next to the person you really want to.
- name rackognition - The process of racking your brain in an attempt to recall the name of a person whose name you used to know but have since forgotten.
- namesister - A girl around your age with your last name, but who is not actually related to you.
- nametwin - Someone else with your first name.
- nanoaudience - The intended small audience of a niche publication, such as a weblog or online journal.
- nantucket - The secret pocket which eats your train ticket.
- Nanu-Nanu - A comedic greeting.
- nany - not any
- Napression Marks - Those indentation lines on your face created by your bedding when you when you wake up.
- Napsterbate - Using a file sharing program to satisfy the instinctual urges to build a collection of digital music.
- NAR - An undefined purpose. Example: "I hit him for NAR.
- narc - 1. Slang. A law enforcement officer who deals with narcotics violations. 2. Pejorative. Someone who is known for telling secrets to authority figures. "Jim told my
parents that I had been smoking cigarettes. He's a total narc." "Last week Jeff totally narc'd my trading card business to the principal." "That guy acts like such a narc.
- Narcolepulacy - The contagious action of yawning, causing everyone in sight to also yawn.
- narfistic - An idea or concept that works fine when you think about it - but is very difficult to express to someone else.
- narkie - Anarchist; more generally, anyone who rejects civilized standards of comportment and hygiene.
- nasivil - Equivalent to phrase: "No, it is not possible; it's silly.
- naugatuck - A plastic sachet containing shampoo, polyfilla, etc., which it is impossible to open except by biting off the corners.
- nauseouselation - n. 1. a. A sense of disgust (esp. self-directed) that arises in the midst of giddy joy. b. A feeling equal parts nausea and elation, esp. caused by the realization of an overwhelming desire. v. 1. To cause nauseouselation. 2. [Usage problem] To be the subject of nauseouselation.
- neath - An unseaworthy, poorly constructed or unstable raft.
- Nebilim - 1. Something cruel, evil, and terrifying beyond measure, esp. of a grandiose, otherworldly, and/or perverted nature. 2. Something extremely evil and terrifying, esp. of a perverted or otherworldly nature.
- NEET - Unemployed and unschooled youths.
- Negatile - An area of the bathroom floor where, somehow, the scale registers you five pounds lighter.
- nemo-pisces - Someone who doesn't eat fish. Example: "You see that guy; he's a nemopisces!
- nenglish - New English; the data on this site.
- neocentric - Being focused on new things or the future.
- neogenerational fiction - 1. Fiction that involves characters of a generation following that of the characters in a previously written and/or published work of fiction. 2. A work of fiction in which the main characters are the descendants of the main characters in a previous work of fiction.
- Neoice - Any ice cube removed before its time that upon close examination, resembles a carpenter's level.
- Neologasm - The euphoric climax associated with winning a word games contest.
- neologiphobia - The fear of new words.
- neologist - 1. A person who regularly neologizes by making new words, either as a hobby or out of habit. 2. A person who believes that new words should replace old ones (e.g., "Never mind 'invent', we should be 'imagineering'!").
- neologize - To create a new word.
- neo-neologism - A brand new neologism.
- neo-retrosexual - A person who returns to their moral roots of monogamy within marriage.
- nepot - The beneficiary of nepotism. Example: "The summer interns are all children of company vice-presidents. They are nepots.
- Nerb - a noun used as a verb. For example - They didn't language the proclamation very well. nerb, nerbing, nerbed v . the act of using nouns as verbs in a sentence.
- nerdly - Nerdy, but in a cool, hip, "Hackers"/"Matrix" sort of way. Similar in meaning to geek chic.
- nescient - adj. To be incapable of understanding a certain topic. v. to render someone incapable of comprehension via diversion. n. Agnostic.
- nestor - 1. A wise but humble person. Example: I've seen many knowbies around but not one single nestor, ya?
- net setter - A web junkie who surfs popular web sites or posts to trendy newsgroups.
- netaholic - One who has a compulsive need to browse the web, post to newsgroups, create personal web sites, submit entries to other people's sites, and spend 15 or more hours in the net, etc.
- netanoia - A feeling of fear regarding use of the internet, generally caused by exposure to spamware, spyware, and popups, although other causes are possible. Example: "I tried to tell Bob about that cool site, but he's totally netanoid, he won't surf anything new since he spent twelve hours scouring spamware from his hard drive last month.
- netcissism - n. The act or habit of browsing the Web, looking for traces you left and how others responded to your activities. Example: "My netcissism takes the form of checking how many entries I have on Langmaker's neologism page." adj. Excessive interest in references to oneself on the Internet.
- netizen - Someone who resides in an Internet community.
- netlife - A virtual existence on the Net, in contrast to the physical life. A netlife may have an identity similar to that in the other life, or have a very different alter-identity. A person may have multiple netlives, each having its own friends and community. "To a netaholic, a netlife is sometimes truer than the physical life.
- Netois - Net patois. The unique language language and vernacular found on the Internet.
- netonality - The aspects and facets of your personality that come out, in pure or altered form, in your online persona. "You aren't in love with her, man. You've just fallen for her netonality.
- netonym - Online identity. "Handle", "SN" (screen name), "nick" (short for nickname, obviously).
- netonymity - The partial anonymity of Internet communication and relationships.
- netoquence - The particular ability to communicate smoothly via online mediums, regardless of one's social ineptitude in person or on the phone.
- Netsec - A Unit of time used in indicating work time lost due to reading net.jokes
- netula - A loose congoleration of web sites belonging to one company, but usually run by different people. Immense unlabled cross-linking makes navigating a netula effectively nigh impossible.
- Network - A group of nerds, as in "a flock of birds, a network of nerds". Keeping in mind that the actual physical proximity of the nerds is unimportant as long as their cyberpresences are in like vicinity.
- Neural transmiter - a hat worn by upper-level members of the Catholic church, purportedly to speed their thought processes.
- Neutron Peas - Tiny green objects in TV dinners that remain frozen even when the rest of the food has been microwaved beyond recognition.
- Nevitts - The sandpaper-like deposits on a cat's tongue.
- New Naff - Contemporary compulsory - and very, very conventional - 'good taste' and 'style'.
- newbie - Criteria for being considered a newbie vary wildly; a person can be called a newbie in one newsgroup while remaining a respected regular in another. The label newbie is sometimes applied as a serious insult to a person who has been around Usenet for a long time but who carefully hides all evidence of having a clue. This generally counts for gaming as well.
- nibbidies - To have 'the nibbidies' is to behave like a character from the computer game 'The Sims' when they experience a fire; i.e., a mix between panic, anxiety and acting wildly.
- nibling - Nieces and nephews. "My brother has three kids, so I have three niblings".
- Nicometer - A cigarette that exits though a car's front window and reenters through the back.
- niecew - A niece or nephew.
- Nifleck - The unmarked domino in the set.
- nightgast - A dream so pleasant or enjoyable that on waking one is profoundly dissapointed to discover that it is not real. Example: "I had a nightgast last night that I'd won the lottery, but then I woke up.
- nightmare - to have a nightmare
- Nigroids - Trade mark name for a throat sweet containing liquorice block juice. Manufacturer: Ernest Jackson, Crediton, Devon
- nihilaphor - A word or image that signifies nothing outside itself.
- nihilosophy - The everyday philosophy that seeks to clarify unwritten rules and customs, such as "When is it okay to call 'shotgun?' " and figuring out the rules of dating. Nihilosophy was very common on the television show Seinfeld.
- nin - n. A Nintendo video game system. v. To play a Nintendo video game system. Example: "I'm going upstairs to nin.
- nindigully - One who constantly needs to be re-persuaded of something they've already agreed to.
- niner - interj. Used to indicate that whoever was previously speaking was awkwardly flubbing their speech and failing to get their point across. It is literally meant to be a continuation of the previous speaker's words. An instance of such ineloquent speech. "So he said that he, I mean me, I mean I, was going, had went, um, had gone too...um, far. "Niner."
- ningy - The feeling you get in your nose when you think you're about to sneeze, but don't.
- ninjesque - Exceedingly graceful and sudden, as of a movement. Ninja-like.
- ninjular - 1. To be agile, like a ninja. 2. To have ninja-like movements.
- ñisasáma - Primitive.
- Niz - An annoying hair at the top of a movie screen.
- Nizzlebrill - The "night-day" switch on a rearview mirror.
- noak hoak - A driver who indicated left and turns right.
- Noble Cause Corruption - Notion held by police officers that it is justifiable to fabricate or artificially improve evidence to secure the conviction of a known criminal.
- Nocturnuggets - Deposits found in one's eye upon awakening in the morning, also called - GOZZAGAREENA, OPTIGOOK, EYEHOCKEY, etc.
- nogy - Marked by the easy, lazy movement of weightlessness: an unbidden eloquence or a casual elegance. He preferred to think of the elegant nogy of coitus interstellus to the clumsy logy of it.
- nonalphonemic - A writing system supposedly based on an alphabetic or phonemic principal but failing to fufill this principal. eg. "English spelling is so nonalphonemic.
- nonanonapause - The action whereby a software puts up a progress bar graph to hang mysteriously at $99 \%$. "There, it's almost done - no, wait, it's nonanonapausing.
- Nortonize - To demolish or destroy, usually with extremely excessive force, especially with a sledgehammer or fire. Example: "You shouldn't overclock it that much! You'll Nortonize it!
- Norwegia - Norway.
- nosthedonia - The pleasure derived from things, persons
- nother - Additional. Example: "I jumped for joy when my boss gave me a whole nother week off.
- nounification - The process by which the English language is becoming dominated by nouns; for instance, "She states" in standard active voice is less common, while "She makes a statement" dominates speech and writing. Excess nounification appears in phrases like "the usage of" (vs. "the use of").
- nowee - A label in clothes. (My son used to like twiddling these round and round on his finger. As he hadn't got a word for them, he came up with this.)
- nowhence - (Coming) from nowhere, from no place; as in "coming nowhence, going nowhither".
- nowhither - To no place, to nowhere.
- nubbock - The kind of person who has to leave before a party can relax and enjoy itself.
- nuclear option - The proposal of a constitutional amendment by Republicans in December 2004 to insert a clause allowing a simple majority to end a filibuster rather than 60 votes as required today.
- nucrowave - To heat something in a microwave oven.
- nudenda - A nudist's unhidden agenda.
- nug - a) a cat's nose. All feline animals have nugs, including lions and tigers. b) metaphorically, a catlike personality or spirit (see 'bose-nug dichotomy'.) c) a cat. d) a catlike person.
- Nugloo - Single continuous eyebrow that covers the entire forehead. Also known as a Unibrow.
- nupend - The amount of small change found in the lining of an old jacket which just saves your bacon.
- ny - To become night; to darken because of nightfall.
- ObConlang - Obligatory conlang-related content, appended to a posting to the CONLANG mailing list that is otherwise mostly off-topic, in a token effort to get the posting back on topic. Citations.
- obstropulous - pretending to be helpful, while making no improvement in the situation
- occidocentrism - 1. the quality of being dominated by or focused on the culture(s) of Western Europe and North America 2. the quality of preferring or admiring the culture(s) of Western Europe and North America; 3. the belief that the shared culture of Western Europe and North America is a superior culture
- Octothorpe - Octothorpe is one of a number of names used for the \# symbol on telephones and keyboards. Also called "number sign", "hash mark" "sharp sign", "scratch" or "gate". In the USA only, it is referred to as the "pound sign" referring to weight, as in "a 6\# bag of sprouts", but also sometimes referring to pounds sterling (because the "œ" symbol did not often appear on USA typewriter keyboards). A large number of variant names for the \# sign have been attested: Official usage: number sign; pound; pound sign; hash; sharp; gate; square. Unofficial, slang, nickname usage: grid; crunch; crosshatch; mesh; flash; square, pig-pen; tictactoe; scratchmark; thud; thump; splat; hex, grate, reticule. Variant spellings: octothorp, oktothorpe
- odeg - The correct orientation of an object in a given situation. Example: Some of the boxes are upside-down and some of the boxes are upside-up. I want them all odeg.
- odorwhelmed - To be overcome by an appalling smell. Example: A veterinarian investigating a strong stench coming from an abandoned cottage in southwest Sweden was odorwhelmed. He was hospitalized for three days with hydrogen sulphide poisoning, after inhaling the fumes of the feces of two dozen cats trapped inside the cottage.
- oh my goth - Used when surprised by a goth or goths in any way. Examples: (a) Oh my goth, Lillith! You snuck up on me! (b) Oh my goth! Look at all of those goths standing on the bridge!
- oikophobia - A fear or intense dislike of staying at home.
- okapo - To render a piece of guitar music easier to play through the use of a capo.
- olfactocybe - A creature oriented largely by the sense of smell, for whom smell is the predominant sense. Example: Dogs are largely olfactocybic.
- oligoanalytic - (Of a language): using a small set of morphemes combined analytically.
- oligosynthetic - (Of a language.) Using a small set of morphemes combined synthetically. "Whorf proposed that Nahuatl was oligosynthetic, a claim that was later disproved but is now being re-examined.
- Ombudsman - Midman between citizens and comercial actors as a presentive of official authorities.
- ominosity - Sense of foreboding doom intrinsic within something. Example: "The words 'ghost' and 'dreary' increase the ominosity of the poem's beginning.
- omiyage - The custom of bringing gifts home to family and friends when returning from a trip.
- Omnibiblious - Indifferent to type of drink. "Oh, you can get me anything. I'm omnibiblious.
- omnigeek - A person academically intrigued by all topics usually considered areas of "geek" interest; a person who could be classed in all typical subsets of "geeks" simultaneously.
- omnivert - A person who shows preference for neither solitude nor companionship, as opposed to an introvert or an extrovert.
- omniwishscience - A desire one feels when watching a movie, reading a book, or observing the habits of friends, when one wishes that characters in the plot could be omniscient to avoid misunderstanding and argument. Example: "When the couple in the movie broke up over a misunderstanding, I was omniwishscient.
- onionate - To overhwelm a person with bad breath, especially after dinner..
- onlone - The state of being in a chat room or logged into a messenger program when few or no other people are online.
- onomacognatics - The study or occurrence of various yet inter-equivalent forms of a root proper name in different languages derived from a common ancestor.
- Ononist - self abuser in denial.
- ool - interj: The noise someone makes (or should make) when they sit, unwittingly, in jelly. Ususally involves several tonal changes throughout. noun: food.
- oops - A pregnancy that is supposedly accidental, but is actually the intended result by the woman involved in the situation (usually by sabotaging condoms intended for use by an unsuspecting male, or by lying about her own use of "the pill"). This is commonly done by women in certain situations: The woman's relationship is in trouble, and she has no other way of keeping him. The woman has tired of the current state of their relationship, so she believes a child will "bring new life" to it. The woman fears that, if ever divorced, she will be unable to support herself financially. The woman has a fairytale idea of what child-rearing is about, but the man does not. Desiring a child anyway, the woman causes an oops, believing that once the man learns of the pregnancy, he too will be enchanted by the news.
- Oopzama - Sudden scratching of scalp or face upon realization that the person you were waving at isn't who you thought it was.
- Opling - The act, when feeding a baby, of opening and closing one's mouth, smacking one's lips and making "yummy" noises, in the hope that baby will do the same.
- opposhite - An item in sharp contrasting to another, higher quality item.
- optane - The state of terminal velocity reached by a falling object.
- Optortionist - The kid in school who can turn his eyelids inside out.
- optotoxical - Of or relating to poisonous looks that could kill, esp. when coming from your spouse.
- orapody - Speaking blunder, the act of "putting one's foot in one's mouth
- orchidopody -1. The act of kicking someone in the testicles. 2. An extraordinarily severe reprimand, usually involving physical contact; a lambasting.
- ord - A combination of "and" and "or" for those of us who are quite tired of writing "and/or.
- Oreosis - The practice of eating the cream center of an Oreo before eating the cookie outsides.
- Orogami - The miraculous folding process that allows Kleenexes to methodically emerge from the box one ate a time.
- Orosuctuous - Being able to hold a glass to one's face by sheer lung power.
- ortholocution - Speaking correctly (i.e. I will not abide by your ridiculous standards of ortholocution)
- orthopracter - A person whose job is to correct improperly aligned beliefs and practices. Eg. " We're don't know who the Bush Administration's new orthopracter is.
- oryctolagusphobia - Fear of bunnies.
- Ostensible Markup Language - Fake markup tags intended to be interpreted by humans rather than by a computer, as in the use of <sarcasm> ... </sarcasm> around text in which the sarcasm is considered not to be sufficiently obvious. See also emotinit.
- osteopornosis - A degenerate disease.
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- otaku - Essentially someone obsessed with anime and with a limited understanding of Japanese culture (frequently claims anime is more popular than regular TV in Japan). Strangely enough many otaku self-identify themselves as such.
- Otisosis - The inability to meet anyone else's eyes in an elevator.
- OTOH - On The Other Hand. Example: "Bill seems to be depressed at work and has spoken of several family problems lately. Otoh, he has a hot colleague and makes more than all of us combined.
- ouce cream - ice cream
- oughterby - Someone you don't want to invite to a party but whom you know you have to as a matter of duty.
- ousiolatry - The obsessive regard for one's own property, verging on worship.
- outopia - Any imaginary place conceived for pure esthetic pleasure.
- overbese - Excessively fat.
- overbose - Unnecessarily wordy; given to bloviation.
- overneath - Over; above.
- overprenoelization - The practice, by merchants, of trying to stimulate early and frequent Christmas shopping by putting up yuletide decorations ridiculously early.
- overstand - 1. To intepret too much. Example: Don't overstand me; I only mean what I said. 2. To obtain a higher level of understanding.
- overworking class - A segment of society in which the chief characteristic is the desire or need to work long hours. "Before too long, the idea of the 'working class' will vanish and society will split into two camps: the overworking class ?people with too much on their plate?and the underworking class?people with not enough to keep them busy.
- ozark - One who offers to help after all the work has been done.
- Ozmirage - A desired goal not reachable by the chosen path.
- p2p-ing - 1) The act of using a peer-to-peer network to trade music, video, and other files. Example: "Billy can't come out now; he's busy p2p-ing on Kazaa." 2) To pay to play, most often used in reference to paying for online gaming services.
- pagitt - An area where many kinds of non-native trees are close together, esp. a town like that.
- pajamahadeen - Political or otherwise militant bloggers.
- Pajangle - Condition of waking up with your pajamas turned 180 degrees.
- Palatinisation - Conversion of the main typeface of a (document, webpage, etc.) to an elegant serif typeface (not that horrible Times New Roman).
- paleoculinary - 1) The preparation of re-animated flesh for the purposes of consumption. 2) a paleontologist on a spit 3) a really really old chef
- pandamerous - The state of being cute or harmless-looking, but in fact being very, very dangerous. Example: "That panda kicked the tourist's ass. It's positively pandamerous.
- pandoric - When curiosity has ruinous consequences.
- panmortic - A situation that would result in the deaths of millions, or the entire world.
- papabile - A cardinal candidate for the Papacy.
- papername - One's name as it appears on official documents, as opposed to the name one uses on one's creative output.
- papple - To do what babies do to soup with their spoons.
- Parakrousis - The striking of a slightly wrong note in an otherwise tuneful harmony.
- pard - A partially domesticated camelleopard ridden as a steed and used as a source of a meat.
- parenthesize - To put parentheses around.
- parrotise - A haven for exotic birds, notably green ones..
- patheticism - Something that is extremely pathetic.
- patry - Native land; homeland.
- paunceps - The muscle of the belly when very large.
- Paxilite - A person whose emotional stability is dependent on Paxil (Seroxat in the UK) or a similar drug.
- Pdia - Software for your PDA.
- peat - To do something the first time, unlike repeat, which is to do something again.
- Pedexpression - The helpless look on the face of one's pet, that is being played with by rowdy children, as if to say "help!
- Pediddel - A car with only one working headlight.
- Pediquerey - The continuation of one's child to ask "why?" no matter what the answer to the last "why?", commonly asked about a subject that does not matter.
- peed-upon - n. lowest or most inconsequential and oftened humiliated person in a work organization. "Are you kidding me? Joel got that promotion? I thought management considered him a peed-upon!
- peevert - One who frequently peeves others.
- pelutho - A South American ball game. The balls are whacked against a brick wall with a stout wooden bat until the prisoner confesses.
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- Penciventilation - The act of blowing on the tip of a pencil after sharpening it.
- Penguin Slide - The act of sliding on a smooth and/or slippery surface head first on one's stomach, much like a penguin.
- Pepperlonely...the piece of pepperoni left on the cardboard when you pick up a piece of pizza.
- Percussive Maintenance - The fine art of whacking the crap out of an electronic device to get it to work again.
- perfery - The perforated strips separated from the sides of fanfold computer paper.
- periphescence - The first fever of human-pair bonding. Citation: "It causes giddiness, elation, a tickling on the chest wall, the urge to climb a balcony on the rope of the beloved's hair. Periphescence denotes the initial drugged and happy bedtime where you sniff your lover like a scented poppy for hours running." -Middlesex
- peristasis - The uncomfortable state of paralysis induced by the knowledge that to reteat would would bring embarrassment or disgrace, but to advance would result in certain defeat.
- Perkuburp - the burb that a percolator (now archaic) makes when it's finished.
- permalink - A web hyperlink to an archived copy of a transient news item (often one entry in a page of blog entries).
- Permapression - The discovery that there is no real difference in the various cycles of your washing machine.
- perranzabuloe - One of those spray things used to wet ironing with.
- pessimal - Maximally bad, opposite of optimal. "This is a pessimal situation.
- Peter Parker syndrome - The belief held by a vigilante or superhero that he or she must sacrifice a relationship (often romantic) with a loved one in order to keep that loved one safe from the perils and/or hardships of involvement in his or her lifestyle; the angst that results from holding and acting on such a belief. Example: "It was largely because of Peter Parker syndrome that Bruce Wayne never allowed himself to have a serious relationship with a woman.
- peterculter - Someone you don't want to be friends with who rings you up at eightmonthly intervals and suggests you get together soon.
- Petonic - One who is embarrassed to undress in front of a household pet.
- petrasexual - Cohort of double-income-no-kids couples who substitute pets, usually dogs, for children. These pets are subsequently overindulged, pampered and spoilt and given very little obedience training. Owners expect friends to treat these animals as if they were indeed offspring. Visiting petrasexuals will expect their pets to be invited to sit on the furniture, sleep in the family beds, be present throughout meal times and toileted on request--frequently. Holiday and social activities will be limited by the preferences of the pets.
- Petribar - Any sun-bleached prehistoric candy that has been sitting in the window of a vending machine too long.
- petronoia - An excessive fear or worry over the future price of oil. "The latest OPEC meeting was preceded by a rash of petronoia, causing gas prices to jump sharply.
- Petrool - The slow, seemingly endless strand of motor oil at the end of the can.
- Petrosexual - 1. A person (usually male) who exhibits an intense or extreme interest in automobiles, automobile engines or motorsports--used disparigingly. "All he could talk about all night was how he was going to modify his engine. He's a complete petrosexual! 2. A person (usualy female) who extends beyond the normal definition of sexy. "She's hotter than hot! She's petrosexual!
- Pewtone - (chemical symbol - Pu) A major atmospheric component of towns with paper mills.
- ph34r - Fear. Usage: In games such as Quake or Unreal Tournament, etc. Example: "ph34r my 4wsom3 might! 1 crush joo!" (See 1337 for more information.)
- phantom lap - The residual warm hollow left by someone or something after vacating a seat, which suggests the warmth and comfort of an actual lap.
- phantom twin - Someone who shares the same birthday as you. (Has a stronger connotation when they also share the same birth hospital.)
- phasma apparati-1. Something left over in a system, process, or institution that is no longer necessary, but has not been eliminated. 2. Such a thing that causes repeated and unexplained mistakes.
- philion - One who is romantically attracted to people unlike them.
- phillion - An indefinitely large amount. E.g. "A phillion years
- Philopologist - A specialist who loads people onto amusement rides.
- phish - To send counterfeit e-mail directing readers to a replica of an existing web page, designed to fool users into submitting personal, financial, or password information.
- phisiliphoose - The act of speaking on the topic of nothing in particular for an unspecified amount of time for no other reason than to pass that unspecified amount of time.
- Phistel - The brake pedal on the passenger side of the car that you wish existed when you're riding with a lunatic.
- phobograph - 1. A photo of someone who looks afraid of the camera. Where's that family phobograph where your old Aunt Mavis looks as if the camera contains a Tomahawk missile. That phobograph contains about $85 \%$ pure fear per square cm . 2. Any record of one's fears.
- phonabet - A writing system comprised of 31 characters and 2 accents, each representing a unique sound that can be formed by the majority of Indo-European languages.
- phonabet - An alphabetic writing system structured to have its symbols show the phonetic features of its sounds.
- phoneck - The long-term curvature of the neck (typically towards one side) that results from extended holding of a telephone handset by means of cradling it between the neck and shoulder, so as to free up both hands.
- phonecrastinate - To avoid answering the phone until it stops ringing and the caller's number is displayed.
- phonemone - 1.That unexplained "something" that acts to attract members of the opposite sex over the telephone; (Jill's phonemones must have been working overtime ~ this was the fourth time that day the gentleman had called for computer support and he
didn't own a computer.); increasingly important in today's world of long-distance relationships and internet dating
- Phonesia - The affliction of dialing a phone number and forgetting whom you were calling just as they answer.
- phonographic - 1. Possessing, maintaining, and/or characterized by a perfect or nearly perfect correlation between phonetics and spelling. "Spanish is an extremely phonographic language, whereas English spelling is riddled with phonetic ambiguities. 2. possessing or involving a system of spelling which has few or no phonetic ambiguities.
- phono-semantic matching - Camouflaged borrowing in which a foreign word is matched with a phonetically and semantically similar pre-existent native word/root. Phono-semantic matching, a.k.a. PSM, may alternatively be defined as the entry of a multisourced neologism that preserves both the meaning and the approximate sound of the parallel expression in the source language, using pre-existent words/roots of the target language.
- Phosflink - To flick a bulb on and off when it burns out .
- photogeneric - The quality of a picture containing a stupid pose, fake smiles, and possibly red-eye.
- Photoyokel - A person who presses the wrong button on a film camera causing it to dismantle.
- Phozzle - The buildup of dust on a record needle.
- Picklettulance - The ability to remember the entire family's order at a fast-food restaurant.
- picnicity - The state or quality of being of, pertaining to or actually being a picnic.
- pie - To hit someone in the face with a pie, as in slapstick comedy.
- Pielibrium - The point at which the crust on a wedge of pie outweighs the filling and tips it over. -Rick Bamford
- Piepushers - Attendants at fast-food restaurants who, no matter what you order, try to unload apple or cherry turnovers on you.
- Pietrisycamollaviadelrechiotemexity - The state of not having the faintest clue what in the world is going on. Example: Ian asked Chris about electron shells, and Chris replied, with pietrisycamollaviadelrechiotemexity, "Isn't that chemistry?
- Piewagon - The small vehicle that carries games pieces around a Trivial Pursuit board.
- Pifflesquit - The wire net surrounding the cork of a champagne bottle.
- pifoneol-1. Completely made up from a fixed set of letters, usually near the end of a game of Scrabble; "the word 'kwyjibo' is obviously pifoneol." 2. Having a circular definition, as in the following: pifoneol - of or about pifony; pifony - the act of pifoning; pifone - to engage in pifony.
- pig - Pregnant.
- Pigslice - The last unclaimed piece of pizza that everyone is secretly dying for.
- piki - Private wiki, that is a wiki that is not publicly editable. Public being a term relative to the environment of said wiki.
- Pillsburglar - Person able to sample the icing on a new cake without leaving a fingerprint.
- pillsip - The minimum amount of liquid required to swallow a pill (or a few pills). Example: Can I have a pillsip of your water? I need to take my allergy medication.
- ping - An elusive quality which makes any work of art, music, movie, or text resonant to the observer.
- pixel-junkie - Someone with an obsessive addiction to pixels (as in computer graphics, especially games). The most common symptoms are the addict's arrogant rejecting of any game that does not have enough mega-pixels per second, and the addict's unfathomable desire for more pixels. Other notable symptoms include drooling over screenshots, and the obsessive discussion of and desire for better games and graphics cards. The addict is usually in denial and completely unable to realize her/his condition.
- PIYAN - (acronym - "Plus If You Act Now") Any miscellaneous item thrown in on a late night television ad.
- pizmotality - Pizmotality described words of such secrecy that they could only be spoken to the one you loved. - Vernon Green, StraightDope.com
- pizze - Two or more pizzas.
- planewash - When a plane goes through a rain cloud and comes out slightly wet.
- plap - 1. To bounce slightly off a solid surface before coming to rest on it. 2. To make something do such an action. Examople: "He plapped a chunk of meat on the table and said that he was going to buy it today at the butcher's.
- playword - 1. An innovative user of language, as an experimental poet or playwright. Those immortal playwords Joyce and cummings. 2. Someone who revels in words and plays with them. 3. A player of word games.
- plom - To feel sorry for oneself.
- plonk - 1. To filter someone out of one's email by automation, usually in response to flame attacks or (on email lists or electronic bulletin boards) generally pointless postings. 2.(Uncommon) To drop someone from one's social circle.
- plumgarths - The corrugations on the ankles caused by wearing tight socks.
- pluot - A hybrid of plums and apricots, resembling a plum with yellow and red striped flesh. Comprised of $2 / 3$ plum \& $1 / 3$ apricot. Another plum and apricot hybrid is the Aprium, comprised of $1 / 3$ plum and $2 / 3$ apricot.
- plymouth - To relate an amusing story to someone without remembering that it was they who told it to you in the first place.
- pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis - Pneumoconiosis; a lung disease caused by the inhalation of very fine silica dust, mostly found in volcanos.
- pob - To drop food down your shirtfront.
- pocke - Pack, bag, sack. Example: He put all the books in his pocke.
- podcast - A weblog that combines written with audio postings by using RSS feed and automated MP3 audio downloading so as to enable listeners to receive only the updates to the threads they have subscribed to.
- Podpolian - An emotionally detached, suspicious, self-defeating, and socially-avoidant personality.
- poges - The lumps of dry powder that remain after cooking a packet of soup.
- Polarind - The peeling on a polaroid snapshot.
- polilicking - Kissing up to a politician.
- polinym - A name of a person or thing that is eponymous to a city
- politainment - A form of public entertainment in which current events and issues are presented in a simplified, distorted, or often polarized manner for purposes of passive consumption. (Examples of politainers: Rush Limbaugh, Bill O'Reilly, Michael Moore, etc.)
- polkadodge - The mock-dance when two people try to pass each other, each going in the same direction.
- polycosm - A group of related cosmoses.
- polyglut-1. A person who knows a little about a lot of languages and may be multilingual to the point of incoherence (mixing one's languages up). 2. A person who can easily handle information overload (esp. from multiple sources)
- polyIMorous - Having too many instant-message windows open.
- polyphant - The mythical beast -- part bird, part snake, part jam stain -- which invariably wins children's painting competitions in the 5-7 age group.
- polypoxian - 1. One who has been afflicted many times by various types of pox, or measles throughout his or her life. 2. One who has suffered multiples times from a single type of pox or measles.
- polypromise - n. A promise one intends to keep only as long as it remains convenient or advantageous to do so. v. To make a promise one intends to keep only as long as it remains convenient or advantageous to do so.
- pomoracial - Avoiding terms for race; believing that race is an obsolete concept.
- pompatus - A term I coined to mean a secret paper-doll fantasy figure [thus puppet], who would be my everything and bear my children. - Vernon Green, StraightDope.com
- pomptious - Describing someone as both pompous and bumptious.
- ponderati-1. The social class of thinkers. 2. An elite group of thinkers.
- pooter - Computer.
- popemobile - See etymology. Also other public secured vehicles.
- popula medictumus - An idiotic pop song that you can't exactly figure out the lyrics of, yet it becomes stuck in your head.
- porcellicly - In the manner of a suckling pig.
- Pornithology - the study of hot naked birds.
- Postalports - The annoying windows in envelopes that never line up with the address.
- potarch - The eldest male in a soap opera family.
- pound-of-cure mode - Troubleshooting a problem that would have been less severe if you had taken steps to prevent it (i.e., if you'd been in ounce-of-prevention mode).
- pour content - Integrate text with HTML templates to create finished web pages.
- povertarian - (Humorous) Pauper.
- Powerfun - An item that is fun beacuse it is powerful. Like a jackhammer.
- pragnostic - One who believes in God when it is convenient.
- precuperate - To anticipate the the possibility of getting ill.
- pregent - An individual who acts as though (s)he has already received political power before being appointed
- pregnancy bingo - What you are playing when you are trying neither to have, nor to avoid having, children.
- pregreening - The tendency to sneek forward at a crossroads while waiting for the green light.
- pregret - Feeling of concern about decisions and their impact on the future.
- pregret - The feeling of anticipated loss or sadness in the future. Example: Parent to child, "I'm going to miss the way you were as a baby.
- preguntative - Relating to the asking of questions.
- Prema-cheerio or Toodle-oops - The uncomfortable silence shared by two people after they've said good-bye to each other and continue to walk together out of necessity.
- Premail - Mail that is placed behind the visor in the car and left for several months before it is finally sent.
- premastication - The act of chewing food, biologically or mechanically, often in order for it to be devoured by another. Example: "he premasticated the food so his girlfriend could eat it. How gross is that?
- premercial - A web advertisement that appears before the site's real home page is displayed. Example: "I hate that The Onion now has a premercial, but I've been reading the site for free for years; I guess even humorists have to pay the rent.
- prenamorative friendship - A friendship between a male and a female destined to turn romantic; a male/female friendship in which hints of a forthcoming or developing romance can be perceived; a friendship that precedes a romance. Example: Some of the best romantic relationships are rooted in a prenamorative friendship.
- prenotate - to make a reservation (such as for dinner at a restaurant, etc.)
- presenteeism - Presence at work when sick. Example: "Surveying 375,0oo workers, the authors found that presenteeism cost employers $\$ 255$ per annum.
- preslumptious - When someone is leaning against a wall and is about to slide down, onto the floor.
- presque vu - The sense of grasping the exact meaning of a previously obscure concept for a brief shining moment, only to have that understanding washed away by incomprehension the next moment.
- Prestofrigeration - The peculiar habit, when searching for a snack, of constantly returning to the refrigerator in hopes that something new will have materialized.
- prestush - The indentation in the back of the neck at the base of the skull, especially when pressed upon by a small child's thumb.
- prettiful - Cute in a very girly way.
- prettyful - 1. To be beautiful and/or pretty at the same time. 2. To be prettier than "pretty" but less beautiful than "beautiful".
- Pretzaline - The salt deposit at the bottom of a bag of pretzels.
- prime colation - A large or elaborate breakfast; a gourmet breakfast.
- primo don-1. n. A man who acts in the manner of a prima donna. 2. adj. In the manner of a primo don.
- Primpo - A person who passes a mirror then has to step back, presumably to reassure himself he still exists.
- prochristinator - One who constantly postpones attending Church.
- proconbate - A debate or a meeting discussing the pros and cons about a subject. Example: "We decided to proconbate about whether or not to continue this construction.
- procrastidate - To avoid a date by repeatedly putting it off.
- procrasturbate - 1 . To delay simply because it feels good. 2. To use masturbation as a device for procrastination.
- pro-detail - Euphemism used to put a more positive spin on those people who would otherwise be described as fastidious and anal.
- Producticrastinate - 1. Person who procrastinates on unpleasant tasks by doing something productive (or at least constructive) but less neccessary. Example: I producticrastinated on my homework by inventing a new model language.
- profilically - Relative to any set of data often in graphic form portraying the significant features of something in the form of a Profile.
- pron - Pornography.
- pronk - 1. To jump straight up with all four legs, similarly to stotting. 2. To jump or jerk against a restraint in a sudden and energetic manner; example: "The young dog pronked excitedly against her leash.
- Pro-nuptial - foolhardy agreement to marry your lawyer.
- propagandic - Characterized by containing propaganda. Example: That propagandic film tries to set a propagenda.
- prop-agenda - Not the control of what we think, but the control of what we think about.
- prophetic irony - 1a. A statement, situation, fact, or circumstance that is ironic or coincidental when one considers known future events or situations. 1b. A statement that makes an unintended and unknown contradiction of future circumstances often known only to an external audience or single participant. 1c. A statement with a usually unintended and hidden meaning that refers to future events or circumstances. 2. A circumstance or event that bears a highly coincidental resemblance or reflection of future circumstances or events known only to an external audience or single participant. Example: In yet another example of blatant prophetic irony in the television show "Smallville", a teenage Clark Kent falls victim to a traditional high school prank, the "scarecrow", in which the football team forcibly strips a schoolmate down to his boxers, ties him to a stake in the middle of a cornfield, and paints a big $S$ on his chest.
- propping - The act of creating theatrical props.
- prosher - Processed cheese.
- protoclassic - A current TV show, movie, or other element of popular culture that, in future decades, will come to be a part of entertainment history and will be representative of its time period; it will come to be regarded in much the same way as such historical
shows and movies as I Love Lucy, Casablanca, I Dream of Jeannie, Breakfast at Tiffany's, All in the Family, or Grease are currently regarded. Example: "Among today's protoclassics are Frasier and Friends.
- proximavert - A person who prefers the company of a few close friends or family members to either being alone or being in the company of acquaintances, strangers, or large groups; a person somewhere between an extrovert and an introvert.
- pseudoku - An imitation number puzzle, designed to resemble Sudoku but with slightly different rules.
- pseudologism - A made-up word with no definition, as opposed to a neologism which does have a definition.
- pseudomicrosoftophobia - The pretended hatred of all things Microsoft, due only to a belief that it is fashionable.
- pseudopoke - To go through the motions of touching something, yet to stop before actually making contact.
- pseudotheist - An agnostic or atheist who dissembles his disbelief, whether from fear of opprobrium or because he thinks religion is socially useful.
- pseushi - Low-grade sushi from a convenience store or a supermarket; often made from undefined "fish" and crab. Examples: I'm Jonesing for sushi, but all I can afford is pseushi. This pseushi lists "fish" as an ingredient: what kind of fish?
- psiborg - A partly organic robot capable of using psychic energies.
- pskychic - Someone who cannot be said to be psychic, but whose guesses are accurate too often to be mere coincidence (almost psychic, but not quite).
- P-spot - The area directly above the urinal in public restrooms that men stare at, knowing a glance in any other direction would arouse suspicion.
- psycho-fact - A false belief taken as real when - by its constant repetition - it becomes widely believed and changes the way the world is perceived.
- psychotron - Particle of energy emited by the mind.
- Pterodaquiri - a frozen drink made with fruit, rum and flying dinosaurs.
- puggle - 1. A puggle is an iron bar with a flat blade at one end; it is used to puggle or loosen slabs of rock. 2. To clean one's ears. 3. A pug/beagle mixed-breed dog.
- puggle - To pounce and hug or huggle someone.
- pulchirpis - To be so ugly, it appears to be cute. Example: Bob's "new" car from the junkyard is very pulchirpis!
- pulchritudo innocentiae - An often subtle form of beauty, physical or otherwise, that is rooted in at least the appearance if not the actual presence of an almost childish innocence, optimism, and playfulness, especially when accompanied by adult experience and/or intellect.
- Pulpid - A kid who enjoys the carton more than the item that came in it.
- Punchtuate: terminate a rant
- Puntificate - To try to predict in what direction a football will bounce.
- pupkus - The moist residue left on a window after a dog presses its nose to it.
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- Purpitation - To take something off the grocery shelf, decide you don't want it, and then put it in another section.
- putzmonkey - A person who causes a delay by dawdling or not performing a task as quickly as s/he should, e.g., "The putzmonkey in the car in front of me needs to keep up with traffic!
- pwn - To own; to completely defeat an opponent.
- pythonesque - Bizarre, absurd, grotesque, illogical; leaving you baffled or amused. Surrealist or absurdist behaviour.
- QnF'er - One who frequently visits the "Questions and Feedback" area of a Message Board system, to (usually) help other users.
- quackmire - Muddy edges of a duck pond.
- qualtity - That balance of perfection so desired by managers obsessed by statistical targets.
- quarterlife crisis - A sense of disorientation arising from one's inability to fit into adult society or find a job, especially in one's mid-twenties.
- queer-eyed - 1. Having received and acted on fashion advice from homosexuals. 2. Having received and acted on fashion advice from anyone. Example: "Before his big date, my brother was queer eyed by my boyfriend.
- Queery - A question to ascertain one's sexual orientation.
- quenby - A stubborn spot on a window which you spend twenty minutes trying to clean off before discovering it's on the other side of the glass.
- querynesia - The affliction of forgetting all but the last query in a sequence of questions.
- quinceaxera - 1. An elaborate celebration of a Mexican girl's fifteenth birthday, beginning with a Catholic mass and ending with a party. 2. The girl being so celebrated.
- quinquennian - A person living during and typical of the decade of the 1950s; or a person living today who looks as if s/he stepped out of the 1950s: Some of Dan's friends suggested he get a "businessman" haircut, but he objected that it would make him look like a WASPy quinquennian. As an adjective: from or appearing to be from the 1950s.
- Quisle - To betray one's country .
- quone - To sedate. Example: "In a hospital, if a patient gets difficult, you quone him." -Kramer
- rantage - A collection of rants (especially a collection of web posts written in an angry or violent manner).
- rapismo - Hip-hop gender politics.
- Raries - the astrological sign given to people born on February 29.
- Rathergate - A political scandal involving the top CBS news anchor for supporting the authenticity of the 'Killian Documents' reporting Bush's alleged misdemeanours when he served in the Texas National Guard, but such authenticity was later disputed by most experts, prompting Rather to retire a year early.
- ravenna - Poetic term for the cleavage in a workman's bottom that peeks above the top of his trousers.
- really - An interjection used to decry something's existence. To show amazement, disgust, shock at an event, object, person or place.
- recervissify - 1 . To buy another round. 2. To furnish the table or one's friends with more beer.
- rechtness - The quality of always having correct facts and opinions, especially when motivated by a fear of criticism.
- refreezerate - To re-freeze after thawing, causing a change from the initial frozen state. "When ice cream is crystallized and kept from being thawed and frozen, it is refreezerated.
- refreezerator - One of those fridge/freezer combos that is a vertical blend of freezer on one side and fridge on the other.
- refriction -1. A restriction set down with extreme objection. 2. A very harsh restriction.
- regiferous - Of or pertaining to a queen, empress, \&c. during primigravida.
- registrate - To make somebody the object of a registration, especially at the office of a registrar.
- reintarnation - Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
- Reled - To reset all the digital clocks in the household following a power failure.
- relex - A language that is primarily a code for another language, just using different words. Tev'Meckian is just a relex of English, with the articles (a, an, the) dropped from texts, with the pronouns collapsed and with verbs simplified to not indicate tense.
- rement - n . A lie one tells to buttress a previous lie. v. To lie in order to buttress a previous lie.
- reminauseate -1. To reflect back upon old times that were sickening. 2. To make one disgusted with nostalgic tripe (esp. when the old days were actually awful).
- renoberation - An economic trend of unknown and comical import. Example: The leading economic indicators show a sustained renoberation. - Bloom County. The widget renoberation program of department A wins cost-saver designation only if it is responsible for cost-reductions in some department B. - repronormative - Enforcing the heterosexual reproductive lifestyle.
- Republicrat-1) A nominal or moderate member of either the Republican or Democratic party who strays from party ideals. 2) A member of the single ruling party in America made up of both the Democratic and Republican parties.
- repunctuate - To interrupt, stop, or accent sharply a second time. Example: Before the last peal had completely died away, another clap of thunder repunctuated the night.
- residrool - That little puddle of saliva on your pillow (or school desk) after having slept for some time with your mouth open.
- respectacle - Looking respectable because one is wearing spectacles and isn't expected to do anything surprising or amusing.
- resupplify - To supplify something that has lost its previous suppleness.
- retroambulist - One who walks backwards.
- Retrocarbonic - Any drink machine that dispenses the soda before the cup.
- retrofuturism - Nostalgia for past visions of the future, especially visions from the 1890s to 1950s. Example: Let's call it retro-futurism... Between them, No Towers and Sky Captain map two very different responses to the technological and social changes Americans faced in the first half of the twentieth century - one full of laughter, the other full of hope. - Henry Jenkins, "The Tomorrow that Never Was", 10/1/04, Technology Review
- retroracism - Racism against a certain race as a result of previous racist action against another.
- retrosexual - 1. A man who refuses to pluck his eyebrows or use hair products. 2. Straight, married, monogamous, faithful parents. 3. [Coined by Hilary Price in Rhymes with Orange 3/18/2004.] A woman who will stay at home, fix dinner, clean the house and take care of the kids. 4. A neo-retrosexual. 5. One who prefers or is nostalgic about the idealized sexual culture of a previous era or decade.
- retrospectorative - Nostalgia for music produced by Sixties record producer Phil Spector (wall of sound, "The Ronettes" etc.). Nostalgia TV show devoted to the same
- retrotort - The delayed riposte, the apt remark that is produced too late to rejoin the conversation; in french: esprit de l'escalier ('stairwit').
- revenant - The sight of someone or something that brings up disturbing memories from the distant past.
- rhumic - Of, involving, caused by, characteristic of, or otherwise having to do with the common cold or cold virus.
- rhymangster - 1. A rhyming gangster. 2. A person careless about linguistic or social conventions. 3. A poet or writer who shocks the world with his ideas or style - An enfant terrible of poetry.
- rhymney - That part of a song lyric which you suddenly discover you've been mishearing for years.
- ridonkulous - 1. Extremely ridiculous, beyond ridiculous. 2. Someone silly and absurd to the point of making an ass of themself.
- Rignition - The embarrassing action of trying to start one's car with the engine already running.
- rimbey - The particularly impressive throw of a Frisbee that causes it to be lost.
- ringing - On a message board, to post on a topic that has been already posted. Note: Now considered rude to use, and allusions to it are often used, like "do I hear a bell?".
- risplith - The burst of applause which greets the sound of a plate smashing in a canteen.
- roadmate - A companion for over-the-road travel, such as by car, bus or truck.
- robodominacist - A person who is utterly and irreversibly convinced that robots will someday take over the planet.
- rochester - One who is able to gain occupation of the armrests on both sides of their cinema or aircraft seat.
- rockumentary - The genre of documentaries about music or other aspects of pop culture, such as the documentaries shown on the television channel VH1.
- Rocturnal: Having a propensity to play loud, raucous music late at night.
- Roebinks - Those mysterious chimes you always hear in department stores.
- romanalinguaphile - One who enjoys, has great interest in, or has an impressive knowledge of several Romance languages.
- romanophone - Able to speak one or more Romance languages; of, involving, or characteristic of people who speak Romance languages; (n.) speaker of one or more Romance languages
- romantech - One who daydreams or preaches about how in the future, all devices will be connected in a beautifully intricate network. (Works such as The Minority Report and 1984 are usually favorites.)
- roseability - Able to rose.
- rosettable - adj. (Referring to a language) Decipherable by one with no prior understanding of that language. n . The quality of being rosettable.
- Rovalert - The system whereby one dog can quickly establish an entire neighborhood network of barking.
- royston - The man behind you in church who sings with terrific gusto almost threequarters of a tone off the note.
- roze - 1. Excrement. 2. Something that smells really awful. Example: "Man, you've got a roze.
- rubbyconch - Used to describe an individual who is prone to taking the casual comments and criticisms of others too personally; one who is soft-shelled or oversensitive. Example: "He takes offence for nothing, he's way too rubbyconch!
- rudge - An unjust criticism of your ex-girlfriend's new boyfriend.
- rupt - Broke. Without money. Short for "bankrupt". E.g. "His addiction had left him almost completely rupt.
- sabottical - A vacation spent drinking.
- sacrosanctimonious - The attitude that one is unassailably beyond all criticism, and that such criticism is not only stupid, but is motivated by utter malice. Example: I'm tired of the President's sacrosanctimonious insistence that "if you're not with us, you're against us".
- sadelqum - To be both scared and happy.
- saffronista - A person usually wearing a bright orange suit, often considered eccentric or funny.
- sahmoo-1. A stay-at-home mother. 2. A single mother. 3. An obnoxious single mother usually the victim of an oops gone wrong.
- Salary Crap - The highest amount of money you are paid when working for a not-forprofit association, especially when you compare it to others in a for-profit job with the same responsibilities.
- salsonic - Pertaining to salsa (the music genre).
- salween - A faint taste of washing-up liquid in a cup of tea.
- San Francrisco - Patron Saint of drag queens.
- sapiosexuality - Sexual attraction towards intelligent people.
- sarchasm - The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
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- Sark - The marks left on one's ankle after wearing tube socks all day.
- Sassitude - A combination of sass and attitude. "I didn't care much for Vicky's sassitude today.
- satiscraptory - A poor, but adequate standard.
- satterthwaite - To spray the person you are talking to with half-chewed breadcrumbs or small pieces of whitebait.
- saucillo - A joke told by someone who completely misjudges the temperament of the person to whom it is told.
- savant idiot - A person who is only competent at one particular thing, and uses it to spoil everything else. Example: "My roommate's a savant idiot. When I asked her to review a poem, she marked out all the grammatical mistakes I made on purpose.
- scanxious - Anxious prior to a scan (CAT, MRI, CT, etc.) for some kind of disease or malignancy.
- Scarmerch - Anything associated with the book or movie Scarface.
- scethtrog - One of those peculiar beards without moustaches worn by American scientists and religious Belgians which help them to look like trolls.
- schlub - A fool, an idiot, one who has just done something amazingly stupid; "Oh boy, I feel like a schlub.
- schm?gel - The action of answering your own question. For example, "What day is it? Oh, it's Wednesday.
- schmadope - An extremely clumsy person who always does foolish things that embarrass themselves. "Oh, I feel like such a schmadope!
- schmiglet - A very small unquantified measurement unit.
- schmoozathon - Non-stop courting.
- schnikies - interj. Used to express surprise, anger, or extreme displeasure.
- schnitzelcracker - Used to express surprise, mild annoyance or disappointment.
- schnoodle - A dog breed mixed between a schnauser and poodle.
- schnoodle - n. 1. One's true love. 2. A trickster or sneaky person. v. 1. To cuddle. 2. To trick or fool, usually playfully.
- schwack - A large quantity.
- sconser - A person who looks around them when talking to you, to see if there's anyone more interesting about.
- scosthrop - To make vague opening or cutting movements with the hands when wandering about looking for a tin opener, scissors, etc., in the hope that this will help in some way.
- scranchipy - Marked by an atmosphere of being run down; in tatters; pathetic, puny or pitiable in appearance. Applicable primarily to inanimate objects, plants or animals, but not people.
- scraptoft - The absurd flap of hair a vain and balding man grows long above one ear to comb it plastered over the top of his head to the other ear.
- scraunchy - Having both extremely thin limbs and a potbelly
- scrax - The coating to be scratched off an instant lottery ticket.
- Scribblics - Warm-up exercises designed to get the ink in a pen flowing.
- Scribline - The blank area on the back of credit cards where one's signature goes.
- scribokleptomaniac - Someone obsessed with stealing pencils and pens.
- scribulate - To write down before you forget. "Hold on, Mom! I need to scribulate my story so far before we go!
- Scroggle - Use of Scrabble tiles to play a Boggle-like game.
- scronkey - Something that hits the window as a result of a violent sneeze.
- scrumtrillescent - Excellent, marvellous. "Greater than words can describe.
- scubagism - A pronounceable word created from an acronym when you scubafy it. Example: "That scubagism sounds cool".
- scunch - To break beneath one's foot a fallen leaf. "Matilda, much given to the delights of scunching, frolicked giddy as a foal amid the fallen leaves, stamping heavily her dainty feet - echoed through the woods scunch after scunch after scunch....
- scuvney - A word or phrase given frequently as an example of how weird a language is.
- sdrawkcab - Something written or spoken backwards. Examples: "Hey, are you talking sdrawkcab or are you drunk?"; "The most famous sdrawkcab in English is 'redrum'.
- Seagull Manager - A manager who flies in, makes a lot of noise, shits on everything and then leaves.
- seck - Very dry, usually in its metaphorical sense. Example: "dry humour".
- See-Jane-Run - A very simple, stupid sounding sentence often used when teaching another language. Example: "'The man and the woman are eating lunch' is a very See-Jane-Run sentence.
- self-coin - To coin an already existing word that you didn't know about.
- semitophilia - 1. An admiration for the Semitic peoples, cultures, and/or religion, esp. Jewish. 2. A love of, affinity for, or attraction to those of Semitic background, esp. Jewish.
- senior moment - The sudden forgetting of a thought that was intended to become a statement.
- senseful - Making a lot of sense, sensible; example: Mark fixed the brakes of his car because it was a very senseful thing to do.
- serendropity - The snow or slush that accumulates in a car or truck Wheel well and then falls in large mass onto the road.
- serenic - An outdoor setting that is both grand and peaceful.
- serionic - Something both simultaneously serious and earnest, yet also ironic or unexpectedly humorous; something comically ironic that is or is meant to be taken seriously.
- Seroxite - UK only: somebody whose life is governed by Seroxat (Paxil in the US, see Paxilite) or similar.
- Sestium - Sestium - tradename of a web domain.
- sex up - To hype or fabricate something in order to make one's (political) point more compelling or convincing. Synonyms: hype, exaggerate, fabricate.
- sexiful - Highly attractive; can refer to either gender. Example: "Gackt is often refered to as beautiful, cute, and sexiful.
- sexpert - A self-proclaimed expert on intercourse. Example: The aspiring sexpert said she would draw from her own experiences to compose solid, reliable sex-advice columns. - The Onion
- shad - Indicates an action will occur in the future or an action that needs to be completed. Usage Note: Can be used interchangeably signifying either should or shall; often used when one is uncertain about which to use.
- shanghaIM - To Instant-Message somebody who is IM-ing somebody else, causing them to inadvertedly send their message to you.
- Shaniaish - To sing with "fun" in your voice.
- shatterwrack - Small roughly cubic chunks produced by the smashing of reinforced or 'safety' glass, especially as produced by the smashing of a car windshield. Example: "The cars were hauled away, leaving no evidence of the collision save for the glittering shatterwrack littered across the road.
- Shazbot - A comedic expletive.
- sheeple - A political term, generally used in reference to the American people, referring to those who follow the flock rather than take the time to think for themselves in any capacity.
- sheepy magna - One who emerges unexpectedly from the wrong bedroom in the morning.
- shemoth - A female wooly mammoth. "That's what mammoths are supposed to do. Find a shemoth and have little babies." - Sid in Ice Age.
- shibby - Slang. Cool, awesome, neat or sweet.
- Shiftless - Describes a person who types entirely in lowercase letters. Describes a piece of writing in which only lowercase letters are used. "I got yet another shiftless e-mail from Biff. Is he too lazy to reach all the way over to the Shift key or what?"
- shim - A neutral third-person subject pronoun. Especially to be used when you wish to avoid being accused of being a heterosexist.
- shim - Objective 3rd Person Feminine Pronoun (to replace "her" which is also used as a possessive).
- shimpling - Lying about the state of your life in order to cheer up your parents.
- shirmers - Tall young men who stand around smiling at weddings as if to suggest that they know the bride rather well.
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- shiznic - adj. Extremely cool. v. To make extremely cool. n. The quality of being extremely cool.
- shizzledizz - 1. In any way pleasing. 2. Great.
- shizzlenizzit - Used to express surprise, anger, or extreme displeasure.
- shmekle gekle - A word you say when you have made a mistake.
- SHMIDDLE - The hole in the center of a bagel. "The cream cheese was oozing out from the shmiddle.
- Shocklet - The seldom-used third hole on an electrical outlet.
- Shoeburyness - The uncomfortable feeling when you sit in a chair already warmed by another.
- Shoefly - The aeronautical terminology for a football player who misses the punt and launches his shoe instead.
- shopaholic - A person who is addicted to shopping and fun.
- showmance - A romantic entanglement that occurs on a reality show. Love for show. Romance for romance's sake.
- Shuzma - The portion of window cleaner that the spray tube can no longer reach.
- shwi-1. Excellent, awesome. Example: "Check out my hat." "Shwi!" 2. Laid back, relaxed. Example: "How are you?" "I'm shwi.
- shwinxed - To be tricked, or let down. Ex.: Sue: "Come on over; we're having spaghetti." Jack: "Okay." Jack walks over to Sue's house but she doesn't have spaghetti, so they have sloppy joes instead. Jack: "Sloppy-joes!? I hate sloppy joes! I've been shwinxed!
- Siberialism - The practice of colonizing scarcely populated neighboring areas and treating them like overseas territories.
- sidcup - A hat made from tying knots in the corners of a handkerchief.
- sigglesthorne - Anything used in lieu of a toothpick.
- Signaway - Informal term used by "carpetbaggers" to define a clause used by mutual building societies to compel new account holders to sign over future windfall payments to charity.
- signother - The current love of your life.
- silloth - Something that was sticky, and is now furry, found on the carpet under the sofa on the morning after a party.
- simotist - A person with a snub-nose.
- simplication - To simplify something, especially via the process of removing elements from it.
- simptiffult - Simple but not quite as simple as was first thought/
- simular - alike by design; equivalent but not an exact copy
- Sinfandel - a wine made from the grapes of wrath, envy, sloth, lust, etc.
- SINK SCUM, - Single, Independent, No Kids: the Self-Centered Urban Male. Used to describe the growing number of heterosexual men who have little or no interest in marriage and children.
- sinspire - To force one to be creatively wicked.
- Sirlines - The lines on a grilled steak.
- sisband - Sister's husband or groom.
- sithlian - Snake-like, slithery, reptilian.
- situational believability - the quality in fiction writing, acting or thought processes, of being plausible and/or believable even if the context is fantastic.
- sixteen school - 1. n. An American university, such as Harvard or William \& Mary, founded during the 1600s. 2. v. To be educated at such a school.
- skagway - Sudden outbreak of cones on a motorway.
- skankily - In the manner of someone who is filthy or sexually promiscuous. Because some students had been dressing skankily, the principal instituted a dress code.
- skeezy - 1. To propose or suggest sexual activity in a crude or vulger manner. 2. To engage in sexual activity in a crude, surreptitious, and/or promiscuous manner.
- skibbereen - The noise made by a sunburned thigh leaving a plastic chair.
- skullmonger - Literally, one who spreads skeletons and skulls about. Hence, someone who causes death on such a massive scale - through war, massacre, or genocide - that no other word will describe him. The god of death was never better fed than by the three skullmongers: Stalin and Hitler and Pol Pot. May he take a long time chewing them.
- slackademic - A perpetual student who prefers the safety and comfort of academic life over the trials and tribulations of the real world.
- Slackjam - The condition of being trapped in one's own trousers while trying to pull them on without first removing shoes.
- slanguage - 1. A usually constructed language consisting almost entirely of slang words, such as Nadsat. 2. The collected slang terminology used with a certain natural language; "the English slanguage".
- slanguage - A collection of opaque jargon, esp. one created and used exclusively by a particular subculture, e.g. l33tspeak or military jargon.
- slawm - The action of applying something liberally and haphazardly. Examples: "He just slawmed the paint on the walls. "Hannah always slawms her marmalade on her toast. "The physio took some heat cream and slawmed it all over my back... It felt good.
- slickery - Wet and icy at the same time.
- slinguistics - The scientific study of slangs.
- slitzer - A rascal; a troublemaker.
- slopaholic - 1. Someone addicted to slope soaring. 2. Someone who is always sloppy.
- Slopweaver - Someone who has mastered the art of repositioning the food on his plate to give the appearance of having consumed a good portion of it.
- Slottery and Vendication - A public misdemeanor in which a person gambles on a vending machine, loses, and tries to exact revenge by kicking it.
- slubbery - The gooey drips of wax that dribble down the sides of a candle.
- slumbay - The cigarette end someone discovers in the mouthful of lager they have just swigged from a can at the end of a party.
- slumburb - 1. A post-World War II boom suburb that has since lost its tax base and subsequently its ability to maintain its infrastructure, usually due to "white flight". 2.The apathetic approach to existence favoured by suburbanites due to the insular tendencies reinforced by fences, television, big-box shopping districts, freeways, etc.
- Slurch - The combination "ouch" and slurping noise one makes when eyeing someone else's bad sunburn.
- slurk - 1. The sound made when drinking through a straw with the container almost empty. By extension, one can slurk up the last drops of a drink (verbal usage), and can make a slurking sound doing so (adjectival usage). 2. The actual last residue of liquid in the container. 3. To slack off; to shirk one's duties.
- Slurm - The slime that accumulates on the underside of a soap bar when it sits in the dish too long.
- slurve - A specialty pitch, somewhere between a slider and a curve.
- slush turtle - The snow that collects on your mud flap.
- smacktard - Someone acting stupidly because he or she is high on drugs.
- smarterang - To become smarter by exposure to intelligent people.
- smaze - Smoky haze.
- smeg off - 1.) Leave me alone! Example: "Smeg off, you hoser!" 2.) Stop it! Example: "Smeg off! Your constant whinging is going on my nerves.
- smicker - To look at amorously or wantonly.
- smidge - To move a small amount. "The worm smidged across the sidewalk
- smober - Abstinent from smoking tobacco or marijuana.
- smushables - The groceries one must pack at the top of the bag or separately to protect them from mangling by the time you get home.
- snacketizer - A light snack that can serve both or either of the purposes of a snack or an appetizer.
- Snackmosphere - The empty but explosive layer of air at the top of a potato chip bag.
- Snacktrek - The peculiar habit, when searching for a snack, of constantly returning to the refrigerator in hopes that something new will have materialized.
- snailspam - paper junk mail
- Snargle - To lessen the visual impact of a horror movie by filtering it through one's fingers.
- sneakpasting - To pass someone without their knowledge, go "Sam Fisher on their ass." Example: "Each of those ninjas has been extensively trained in sneakpasting.
- sneakretive - Having or marked by an inclination to cleverly hide oneself; not open, forthright, or frank.
- sneem - Particular kind of frozen smile bestowed on a small child by a parent in mixed company when question, 'Mummy, what's this?' appear to require the answer, 'Er... it's a rubber, Johnny, darling.'
- snerk - v. 1. To emit a brief sound in the intention of snickering, only to have it come out come out sounding more like a snort. 2. To act like a know-it-all. Example usage: When you brag "I know something you don't know", you're said in some communities to be snerking.n. A half smile, half smirk.
- snibble - 1. Small pieces of paper, material, threads or the like left over from cutting. 2. Small fragments that need to cleared away from a working surface or the floor. 3. A little knoblet.
- snibble - A small portion of food, especially when fed to a toy poodle.
- snibble - A time when you just had to be there to get how funny it was. Example: after telling a story you thought was funny but no one else did say, "ah, snibble".
- snibble - Snibble is a feeling of intense affection, given freely and without restriction: used as a term of endearment. A deep, tender, ineffable feeling of affection and solicitude toward a person, such as that arising from kinship, recognition of attractive qualities, or a sense of underlying oneness. A feeling of intense desire and attraction toward a person with whom one is disposed to make a pair; the emotion of sex and romance.
- sniglet - A word that doesn't appear in the dictionary but should.
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- Snigletologists-people who have nothing better to do than sit around
- snirt - Dirty snow.
- snizzle - Snow changing to drizzle.
- snookpost - To fail at sneakpasting, to be discovered while in the act of sneakpasting. Example: "I tried to sneakpast the guy, but ended up snookposting.
- snoot - To be without the sense of smell. Example: "Can't you smell that? You must be snoot as a stone!
- snooze - A period of time equal to 9 minutes. "I was supposed to get up to walk the dog, but I hunkered down under the covers for a couple of snoozes, instead.
- snowbird - 1. A bird common to snowy regions, such as the junco or artic finch. 2. A person who winters in a warm climate to escape a cold climate. 3. A person who ordinarily drives to work but takes public transportation when it snows. 4. A basketball player who hangs back when all the other players go to the other net.
- snowoptimist - A person who loves snow, and always believes it will fall (especially to give a White Christmas).
- snuftench - Any smell which assaults the senses in such a manner as to cause someone life-threatening nauseousness, especially if said odor was a product of human carelessness, and/or if that someone really should have known better before exposing themselves to it. Example 1: "When you leave a bag of groceries in your car on a hot summer day, with the windows up, and forget about them; and then you open the door and get hit with that first foul blast of noisome odor: that's snuftench." Example 2: "If your parents make some pina-colada mix in a tupperware bowl, seal it, and then leave it on the back patio for a week while you're on vacation; and then you stick your nose right up to it and open it: that's snuftench." Example 3: "When you find that thermos you had back in grade school and crack it open without realizing that you never washed the milk out of it before putting it in the attic: that also, is snuftench.
- Snuggage - The act of retying both shoestrings when only one needed it.
- snutter - To nearly fall (worse than a trip or a stumble, but not as bad as an actual fall).
- sobornicity - A theory of communal unity and consensus, in which the whole acts through individuals.
- sock puppet - An additional online identity used in a covert manner where the identities of one person interact with each other.
- socrucide - 1a. the act of killing the mother of one?s spouse. b. archaic the act of killing the father of one?s spouse. 2. a person who kills the mother of his or her spouse.
- $\mathbf{s o g}$ - To make soggy.
- soller - To break something in two while testing if you glued it together properly.
- Somnambapologist - Person too polite to admit he was sleeping even when awakened at three in the morning.
- somnia - The ability to fall asleep.
- sompting - The practice of dribbling involuntarily into one's own pillow.
- sophon - A wise person, a sage; a learned man.
- soulmark - The briefly visible representation of one's breath left on a window or other glass surface.
- soupodermis - 1. The skin that forms on soup when it is left out too long. 2. Anything that forms on food with age; mold.
- space nugget - Also called "Blue ice", frozen lavatory waste which falls from a plane in the stratosphere.
- Spagellum - The loose strand on each forkful of spaghetti that beats one about the chin and whiskers.
- Spagmumps - Any of the millions of Styrofoam wads that accompany mail-order items.
- spamhead - A person with a head full of disconnected trivia; a durr-brain.
- spampreneur - Internet parasite that contributes to the tragedy of the commons by polluting e-mail with spam.
- Spanglish - 1. A dialect (possibly creole) of Spanish spoken mostly in California, Arizona, New Mexico with a slightly simplified grammar modeled on English and with some English borrowings altered to conform to the Spanish sound system ("truck", troca, instead of cami?n; "car", carro, instead of coche). 2. The use of Spanish and English interchangeably (code switching), as in the sentence "He told me he was going a la piscina antes la pelicula, so we met him there.
- spatulate - Remove cake batter or other substances from the side of a mixer with a spatula.
- Speclums - The miniscule bumps on a strawberry.
- Speraws - The pinched marks on the ends of hot dogs.
- spewer - In chess, a pin and skewer.
- sphygmomanomification - The act of having a sphygmomanometer (medical device used to measure blood pressure) used on yourself. E.g. "I went through sphygmomanomification at the hospital" means "I had my blood pressure measured at the hospital using a sphygmomanometer".
- spilatter - 1. The splatter of saliva that ends up on the tip of the nose, or elsewhere on the face, of the spitter after spitting. 2. The splatter of saliva that gets on someone near the spitter. Usually, but not always, the receiver of the splatter is not the one being purposely spit on. 3. The saliva that comes out of the mouth of a speaker and lands on the listener.
- spim - Unsolicited instant messages, typically of a commercial nature.
- spinglish - Intransitive verb - to speak English. Example: "Mikko can Spinglish like a native.
- spinter - A mix between winter and spring, esp. when things drown in a slush mixture.
- Spirobits - The frayed bits of left-behind paper in a spiral notebook.
- Spirtle - The fine stream from a grapefruit that always lands right in your eye.
- spleach - spots on fabric by bleach
- spontaneous program combustion - When an application, which has been running normally for hours and in the absence of any other unusual phenomena, suddenly crashes.
- spontinuity - A continual ability to be spontaneous.
- Spood - Flat wooden "spoon" that accompanies ice cream cups.
- spoonghast - To be scared or aghast as if by a ghost to such extent that a person behaves like a fool, loses the ability of sane judgment or common sense.
- sporfle - 1. To make snorting noises in an attempt not to laugh. 2. To spew a drink while trying not to laugh. Example: "I shouldn't have watched that web cartoon at work. It was so funny I sporfled coffee all over my computer.
- sportify - To make a competition out of something.
- spreakley - Irritatingly cheerful in the morning.
- sprog - A child.
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- sprog - To go faster than a jog but slower than a sprint.
- Sprout Lines - Visible lines at the bottom of trouser legs where the hems have been let down.
- sprue - The trees of plastic to which are attached the components of a plastic construction kit. Once the kit is assembled these may be discarded or kept to create items of scenery: fences, telegraph poles, etc.
- sprummer - A moment when it is uncertain whether spring or summer is going to be next-characterized by a rapid alternation of hot and cold.
- Spudrubble - Unclaimed french fries at the bottom of a fastfood bag.
- spurger - One who in answer to the question 'How are you?' actually tells you.
- spuroneous - A mistake due to reliance on false information. In medicine, when laboratory values are spuriously high, occasionally someone will make the error of treating those falsely high numbers, creating a spuroneous event.
- spylang - A constructed language with no roots in natural languages, so that it can be used for secret communication in espionage.
- Squaffles - The individual squares comprising a waffle.
- Squalkeenus - The shock syndrome that comes from biting into a popsicle with one's front teeth.
- Squanderprint - Directions that try to make you use up a product faster than you normally would. (Ex. - Apply shampoo. Lather. Rinse. Repeat.)
- squarular - 1. Of, relating to, or shaped like a square. 2. Exceedingly square-like. Example: "That car is very squarular.
- Squatcho - (another useless sniglet) The button at the top of a baseball cap.
- Squatic Diversion - Any pretended activity that commands a dog owner's attention while the dog relieves itself on a neighbor's lawn.
- squee - An expression of joy
- squeeggle - To giggle with extreme joy, such as upon receiving excellent news or seeing a baby.
- Squigger - A cherry tomato that explodes upon contact with a fork.
- squinch - To squeeze something into a narrow space.
- squirrel gardening - The accidental "gardening" that occurs when squirrels transfer seeds and bulbs from one one part of a garden to another, or even between gardens.
- Squirt the Bird - To transmit a signal to a satellite.
- squoze - Past tense of squeeze.
- stach - To eat pistachios.
- stalkerazzi - Paparazzi who are willing to engage in stalking, high-speed chases or otherwise aggressive and harassing behavior to get pictures of Hollywood pop or movie stars. This behavior seems to have arisen as newspapers try to avoid the increasingly exorbitant royalties required by pop and movie stars to be photographed.
- Starter Marriage - A short-lived first marriage that ends in divorce with no kids, no property and no regrets.
- starter wife - A first wife in a marriage that lasted only a few years and did not produce any children. Example: "You always have to upgrade from your starter wife. It's how Hollywood works." - Ill Bill
- status belli - A phrase that has lost all meaning, used by people to fake that they know Latin, such as in the TV show Seinfeld, when Elaine kept saying "status belli!
- stealth-geek - One that hides nerdy interests while maintaining a normal outward appearance.
- steatocapitalia - fatheadedness
- steelbrain - 1) In a multiplayer computer game, a player controlled by the computer. 2) An opponent lacking in creativity. 3) In business, a manager who is ruthlessly efficient but cold and short-sighted.
- steppage - The number of steps one has taken. Example: "Now that you have a pedometer, you can keep track of your stepppage and increase it.
- stepth - The steepness of a surface.
- stereotypification - An object that is typified into a stereotypical viewpoint.
- stibbard - The invisible brake pedal on the passenger's side of the car.
- stifflinacious - Something that is beyond funny.
- stingle - The odd sensation of tingling stinging produced, for example, by a rather exuberant clap of the hands.
- stinkpad - A faulty IBM Thinkpad laptop.
- stody - A small drink which someone nurses for hours so they can stay in the pub.
- stoke poges - The tapping movements of an index finger on glass made by a person futilely attempting to communicate with either a tropical fish or a Post Office clerk.
- stop-afoot - A denial of permission. I just assumed the boss would give me the go-ahead, but my project got the stop-afoot.
- storiented - Sacrifices facts in the name of drama; rearranges nonfiction for a better story.
- stoupenir - A souvenir with a saying somewhat like: "My friend went to Somewhere and all I got was this stupid stoupenir".
- stowting - Feeling a pregnant woman's tummy.
- straw victim - A person or persons claimed to be a victim for political or rhetorical purposes.
- strelley - Long strip of paper or tape which has got tangled round the wheel of something.
- Stress Puppy - A person who seems to thrive on being stressed out and whiny.
- stribography - An orthography created by proceeding logically from apparently reasonable design principles to utterly nonsensical results.
- strongholt - A forest stronghold of the elves, usually with many of the trees being alfwalds.
- Stroodle - The annoying strand of cheese stretching from a slice of hot pizza to one's mouth.
- stuck pig syndrome - The tendency to use the same metaphor inappropriately in other situations. For example, taking the common metaphor "bleeding like a stuck pig" and saying "I'm sweating like a stuck pig" or "That thing is leaking like a stuck pig.
- stuckify - 1 . On a web forum, to make a topic sticky: to keep the topic at the top of the forum lists. 2. To temporary paralyze in movement or thought.
- stumblesome - tricky to pronounce; giving trouble to one's ability to articulate, as a tongue-twister might
- stupidency - One's ability or capacity for being stupid. Example: Many people think that President Bush exhibits a high level of stupidency. He is highly stupident.
- sturry - A token run. Pedestrians who have chosen to cross a road immediately in front of an approaching vehicle generally give a little wave and break into a sturry. This gives the impression of hurrying without having any practical effect on their speed whatsoever.
- Stusis - Office expletive used to denote frustration with a malfunctioning computer system.
- stutton - Tiny melted plastic nodule which fails to help fasten a duvet cover.
- stylokleptomaniac - Habitual thief of pencils and pens.
- subinfandomation - When a fandom begins to break up into small sub-fandoms devoted to a particular character, actor, fan, theory, idea or belief to the point where the sub-fandoms cease to interact at all. Example: "During the long wait for the new season, severe subinfandomation took place among the show's devotees.
- sublimative - Grammatical aspect marking the concept of "almost" or "just one step short of" that could be used to convert a word meaning "burn" to "smolder" or "believe" to "suspect" (This word stands for the experimental aspect that Rick Harrison defined on p. 10 of "Verb Aspect" in Invisible Lighthouse.)
- subliminable - Noticeable, but appearing to be intended to be subliminal.
- Subnougate - To eat the bottom caramels in a candy box and carefully replace the top level, hoping no one will notice.
- subridation - The act of smiling.
- suckley knowl - A plumber's assistant who never knows where the actual plumber is.
- sugging - Pretending to be conducting a survey when really trying to sell a product. Considered to be unethical behavior by professional market researchers.
- sup - 'What is up?' Like saying 'How are you?' and 'What is going on?'.
- supergreat - 1. Terrible (said sarcastically). 2. Being of insurmountable excellence.
- superluminal - Travelling faster than the speed of light. Example: "No [matterantimatter] engine is likely to generate superluminal speeds; the laws of physics prevent us from doing that, but we will be able to go many times faster than our current propulsion methods allow." - How Stuff Works
- supernegate - To falsely deny something so readily and/or with such exaggerated emphasis or vehemence that the truth becomes obvious; to protest or deny something in such a way that brings to mind the proverb "methinks thou dost protest too much".
- suppland and demy - Compare with supply and demand, where funds tend to travel in the opposite direction to the goods purchased. Suppland and demy is when this does not occur, and commodities and funds travel in similar, if not identical, directions. A fine example of this is the stock exchange.
- supplify - To make supple.
- surby - Insolently polite, as of policemen who have stopped a motorist.
- surminus - The opposite of surplus; deficit.
- sutton and cheam - Sutton and Cheam are the two kinds of dirt into which all dirt is divided. 'Sutton' is the dark sort that always gets on to light-colored things, and 'cheam' the light-coloured sort that always clings on to dark items. Anyone who has ever found Marmite stains on a dress-shirt, or seagull goo on a dinner jacket a) knows all about sutton and cheam, and $b$ ) is going to some very curious dinner parties.
- swabble - To both sway and wobble.
- swaffham bulbeck - An entire picnic lunchtime spent fighting off wasps.
- Swanhilda - A sexy girl or woman.
- Swaznia - The thin, disgusting membrane that connects the bottom of the tongue to the top of the jaw, presumably to hold it in place.
- Swiped Out - An ATM or credit card that has been rendered useless because the magnetic strip is worn away from extensive use.
- swiped-out - Of a credit card or other card with a magnetic strip: overused, leading to the information on the strip becoming illegible.
- swirth - Oath.
- Swoosh-ball - Swoosh-ball - a form of circular logotype, a kind of dot, spiral or swoosh.
- sympathic - Likeable. Example: "She was very sympathic.
- synchicity - Precise synchronization between elements. Smooth playback of streaming media without interruptions, stuttering or other delays.
- systemism - The belief that one computer operating system is better than another, e.g. Apples/Macintosh vs. PCs/Windows.
- Table Snorkeling - Frantic gesticulations when one bites into hot food and has to take in air to cool it off.
- tajo - A person romantically unattainable and desired from afar.
- take-thee-Rachel - A Freudian slip at a critical point in a relationship, revealing feelings for another person.
- tardovore - A slow eater. Example: Gosh, you're really a tardovore--you've spent 3 hours on lunch!
- tarimin -1) The feeling of extraordinary joy that one has on seeing the summer sun shining through thick green leaves. 2) The urge to create new languages that comes from this joy.
- tawxtop - Derogatory term for an unintelligent, counterproductive or just plain useless technical-support person.
- technosexual - 1. One who is neither heterosexual, nor homosexual, nor bisexual, nor asexual, but only attracted to modern technology. 2. A well-groomed, stylish, urban person with tech savvyness and an interest in the latest electronic technology. Example: 1. The hot girl attempted to flirt with him, but the technosexual did not look up from his obsessed programming. 2. Michael is handsome, well dressed, and, he's such a technosexual with all of those gadgets he buys.
- teef - A change from one shape into another: "Here's a drawing of a werewolf teef." Also used as a verb: "See, the werewolf is teefing into his wolf form.
- teenish - Humans that are older than children, but younger than teenagers. Generally considered ages eleven and twelve. Used to fill the small age gap between child and teenager.
- teenlang - Any form of communication used by teenagers which an adult does not understand.
- teh - 1. Definite article. 2. Extremely; in a high degree. Example: I'm teh cool", "I'm very cool".
- telecommander - A TV remote control.
- Telecrastination - The act of always letting the phone ring at least twice before you pick it up, even when you're only six inches away.
- telefoop - When you try to get to the phone but you didn't make it. "Oh man I just telefooped!" "I hate telefooping!
- telepathetic - adj. When extrasensory communication is inaccurate. $n$. The ability to be pathetic over great distances.
- Telepression - The deep-seated guilt which stems from knowing that you did not try hard enough to "look up the number on your own" and instead put the burden on the directory assistant.
- Telletiquette - The polite distance kept by one person behind another at an automatic teller machine (so as not to be suspected of trying to glimpse that person's secret code).
- temponavigation - Time travel; the act or practice of traveling through time.
- tentropy - The random and accidental exchange of one's belongings with that of other campers in the same tent, typically occuring with socks.
- teratonym - A very large word; a sesquipedalian word.
- terracentrism - The assumption in most science fiction novels that Earth will play an important role in interplanetary affairs, or that the human race will exhibit qualities that are far superior to alien races. Example: "Almost every science fiction and fantasy book I've read lately has rampant terracentrism.
- tessage - A text message that is sent primarily over the phone (SMS).
- tesseract - In math, to raise a number to the fourth power. Example: Two tesseracted equals sixteen.
- Testlice - Those tiny bugs that invade your hair when you're taking an exam.
- texter - A person who texts messages.
- texticident - A collision involving one or more people who are too busy text messaging to notice where they are walking.
- thanatophile - One who loves death, whether the deaths of others or their own, or is fixated on death as a solution to problems.
- thatonet - 1. Occupying more than the space allocated. "The file is too thatonet to fit on one disk" 2. Occupying more space than expected. "Wow, that armoire is thoroughly thatonet!
- The Cranial Stomp - A somewhat primitive dance performed by youngsters trying to step on the heads of their shadows.
- themself - Himself or herself.
- theoamour - 1. Love of God. 2. Love of a friend or sibling.
- Thermalophobia - The fear when showering that someone will sneak in, flush the toilet, and scald you to death.
- thinking up sniglets
- thirty-second surfer - A person who channel surfs during a TV commercial.
- thoo - He or she (when gender is unknown).
- thousandaire - One whose wealth is counted by thousands of francs, dollars, or pounds; a person worth a thousand dollars or more.
- threadjack - To move a thread away from the original topic by bringing up another, which may or may not have any relation or bearing to the original. Example: "The thread was about apples, and you begin talking about oranges. Soon everyone else begins talking about oranges. You threadjacked this.
- Thrickle - The itch in the back of the throat which can't be scratched without making disgusting barnyard-type noises.
- thrift - To shop in a thrifty way, esp. at thrift stores.
- Throth - The three of you. Example: "Are you throth coming to the party to-night?" "Yes, me, John and James will be coming.
- throw snow - To utter threats or make a threatening move with no intention of following through. Example: "Oh, don't worry about him. He's just throwing snow.
- thugh - n . The sound a book makes when it falls to the floor. Example: "Holy crap, that thugh was my outside reading book! v . The act of the book falling to the floor. Example: "I lost my place when my book thughed for the fourth time.
- thunk - Past participle of "to think".
- thwap - Onomatopoeic verb meaning "to whack" or "to slap". E.g. "He thwapped his head as he realized the mistake he made.
- thwobble - The sound you hear when you slam your open hand on something slimy.
- Tickle Me Elmomentum - The inexplicable buzz and "gotta-have-it" mania that descends upon one or two consumer products each Christmas season.
- Tidnab - The opposite of a bandit; one who surreptitiously leaves items, as a neighbor who leaves some of his bumper crop of summer squash on your doorstep.
- tidpit - The corner of a toenail from which satisfying little black spots may be sprung.
- tildefy - $\mathbf{1}$. To add a tilde ( $\sim$ ) above a letter. 2. To add a Y-consonant sound after the pronunciation of another consonant. 3. To unnecessarily add accents and other diacritical marks (usually to letters that never use such marks).
- Tilecomet - the piece of tolietpaper that clings to your foot after you've left a public restroom
- timble - Of small nasty children) To fall over very gently, look around to see who's about, and then yell blue murder.
- timesick - Pining for an earlier time in one's life; in a nostalgic condition.
- tivout - To become lost in a spiritual or ecstatic dance.
- to scoffoble - To deride someone's nonsense.
- to-don't list - A list of tasks which never seem to get done.
- Tofgash - An expression of contempt towards something or someone.
- togethering - [< together + -ing.] Coined by YPB\&R.
- Tolkienish - A word used to describe something that obviously has strong influences from any of the works of J.R.R. Tolkien. Usually refering to a film or book, can also refer to any form of media or behaviour. Usage: "The latest Lost Realms novel was very Tolkienish." | "That movie was very Tolkienesque." | "Your outfit is totally Tolkiened.
- Tolkish - Creative, especially in reference to the construction of languages.
- tomorning - The early part of the subsequent day.
- tonypandy - The voice used by presenters on children's television programs.
- tootie - Very cute, more than cute, extremely cute. It's said for a child or a little animal.
- tooting bec - A car behind which one draws up at the traffic lights and hoots at when the lights go green before realizing that the car is parked and there is no one inside.
- topoffgraphy - Photography of topless women: Breasts are a more unusual phenomenon for me, but I'm generally all in favor of them: I enjoy them when they turn up on BBC costume dramas and when you're driving through France enjoying the topography and they pop up on billboards so you can enjoy the topoffgraphy. - Mark Steyn
- torgination - The condition of physical features which are unusually and awkwardly large, especially in regards to knees.
- totoiletarian - One who adheres to and insists upon a system of strict rules over how the toilet is used (e.g., insisting the toilet seat should be down after each usage).
- Tourists - People who take training classes just to get a vacation from their jobs. "We had three serious students in the class; the rest were just tourists.
- toyetic - An object or device -- especially one featured in a cartoon or movie -- that could easily become a mass-produced toy. "How toyetic can you get?
- Traficulous - the condition that exists while driving, when you are trying to pull out through an intersection where it is clear to the right but not to the left, then it is clear to the left but not the right then the same over and over again.
- tragesty-1. All the news that's fit to whine about. 2. A situation having elements of both tragedy and absurdity. 3. A comedy of misfortune.
- Tragicity - The audacity to be tragic. As in, "I can't believe Bill would have the tragicity to rob a gas station.
- transanserine - Of or pertaining to someone or something on the farther side of a goose or geese; opp.
- Transcendology - Transcendology - a study of Transcendentalism Today. A tenet of spiritual transcendence that asserts that truthfulness and rationality in religions are truths that can be substantiated by science or those that can not be proven to be incorrect. It dictates that spiritual interaction is only possible between the Spirit of God and the spirit of man; claims of supernatural acts performed by physical or spiritual beings in the physical universe are not prudent.
- transcentennial - Literally "across centuries"; bridging two different centuries in human history. Of, involving, having to do with, or characterized by the interaction of people or elements from different centuries of human history; transversing one or more centuries; traveling through the centuries. Synonym: intercentennial. Example: The movie Kate and Leopold told the story of a transcentennial romance.
- transgenderate - n . A transgendered individual. Adj. Of or relating to transgendered individuals.
- transgenerational - Beyond one generation. Example: The novel A Catcher in the Rye has transgenerational appeal.
- translation relay - A linguistic game in which a text is translated from one language into another, with each subsequent translation relying only on the most recently completed translation. The result is amusingly linguistic and semantic drift. Note: You can join new relays as they are announced on the relay mailing list.
- transmorph - To undergo transmorphation.
- transmorphation - 1. a. The process of change in both pronounciation and meaning that a word or morpheme undergoes over time. The transmorphation of Old English 'geselig' (blessed) to Modern English 'silly' (stupid) illustrates the high opinion common man holds for the devout. b. A construction resulting from such transmorphation.
- trapalt - to snatch
- treant - A creature that resembles a tree but can walk and talk.
- Treeware - Hacker slang for documentation or other printed material, such as books.
- Tricklemicrochips - Those little tiny broken pieces of Doritos that seem to trickle to the bottom of the bag or bowl no matter what.
- triksy - Tricky; prone to or characterized by trickery.
- trinkie - A rookie in snow fighting.
- triorcular - Possessing three testicles.
- triottoman - A piece of furniture composed of three ottomans joined together to a central raised cushioned platform that serves as an armrest/backrest for anyone lounging on any of the three ottomans.
- trism - A state of mind caused by the endorphins stimulated by euphoric trance music.
- trit - A trinary bit, whether consisting of $0,1,2$ or $-1,0,1$.
- trivalry - A rivalry shared amongst three athletic teams. One of the better known is that of the Kansas City Chiefs, the Denver Broncos, and the Oakland Raiders of the NFL.
- troddle - To walk around aimlessly or without being aware of your surroundings.
- trugger - A radical environmentalist that sometimes resorts to drastic means.
- trunch - Instinctive resentment of people younger than you.
- trustafarian - An individual from relatively affluent, often Caucasian background, that adopts the superficial trappings of Jamaican culture.
- tumby - The involuntary abdominal gurgling which fills the silence following someone else's intimate personal revelation.
- Turfigee and Pedigee - The two extreme target points of a rotary lawn sprinkler, TURFIGEE being the safest point at which to walk past, PEDIGEE being the most dangerous.
- TWAEBIDUT - Abbreviation for "The Words Are English But I Don't Understand Them.
- twap - To backhand someone lightly on the butt.
- tweek - 1. Slang for crystal meth. 2 An idiot, usually believed to be on some kind of hard drug, often a stimulant. (Verb) 1. To stay up late on crank. 2. The act of being absorbed in
one or many tasks/projects (usually late into or all of the night). 3. Tweek (on). To work exploratively and creatively on a project or instrument with no real objective or line of action to follow. To work too long or overwork something. (noun) Person who stays up late on crank
- tween - 1. An individual between the age groups of "child" and "teenager": approx. 9-12 year-olds. 2. The age group of such individuals.
- twerk - To dance or move one's body sexily for someone else's benefit (almost always used by men exhorting women to do so).
- Twinch - The movement a dog makes with its head when it hears a high-pitched noise.
- twinnical - Having physical, mental, and habitual qualities of twins.
- twired - To be afflicted by the euphoric giddiness associated with extreme fatigue, usually characterised by laughing hysterically at things which would not seem funny to a wellrested person.
- twitterati - A self-appointed elite of uninformed literary commentators.
- twitterati, the - A self-appointed elite of uninformed literary commentators.
- TWOCcing - the criminal offence of taking something without the owner's prior consent. Usually applied to the taking of motor vehicles, or 'joyriding', the person committing the offence being called "TWOCcer".
- twodot - A generic term for a diacritical mark consisting of two dots above a letter: an overterm for "umlaut" and "diaresis".
- tychonize - To die of a burst bladder, as did Tycho Brahe.
- typoid - A mistake that is almost a typo, but not quite.
- typologism - 1. Collective acceptance of a frequently made mistake in word useage, pronunciation, or especially typing that leads to a neologism. 2. The method of "correcting" a typing mistake in an online forum or newsgroup post where the poster does nothing and allows the frequent repetition of the same mistake to legitimize the new spelling and/or meaning.
- typosquatting - The registration of common misspellings of popular domain names in order to generate web traffic.
- uber - Ultra-, super-, over-, more than, to an extreme degree. Note: Used as a prefix or an independent word.
- uberdexterwise - To the right and up a bit.
- UCEless - A proposed watchword for the growing anti-spam movement (UCE = unsolicited commercial e-mail; i.e., spam.). "Recent legislative proposals in the U.S. Congress use different means to achieve the same end: the UCEless inbox.
- Uclipse - The dangerous arc into another lane made by drivers just before executing a turn.
- Ufluation - The peculiar habit, when searching for a snack, of constantly returning to the refigerator in hopes that something new will have materialized.
- uglossia - The art of inventing languages.
- Uhfage - The unit for determining a television's age, that is, the amount of time it takes for the picture to appear once the set has been turned on.
- Ultradocious - Humanadocious.
- ultrasupercoolerama - Expression of enthusiasm or agreement, esp. by someone who is unaware of how uncool the word actually sounds.
- Umbrace - The small strap that holds an umbrella in place.
- umbrescence - Ability to draw in light rather than put it out, casting well-lit areas into shadow.
- undermind - The subconscious or the subconscious mind; the (often) unseen elements of the mind.
- understandablew - Sucky but understandable.
- undiscovery - Retraction of a claim to have discovered something
- unibrow - A continuous eyebrow stretching over both eyes and the nose, rather than being two separate eyebrows. It's easy to look around and think you are the only one suffering from the unibrow problem. - Sharp Grooming
- uniminy - To melt, unite, or assimilate two or more things or people into one, like in "two sayajins were uniminied into one
- Uninstalled - Euphemism for being fired. Heard on the voicemail of a vice president at a downsizing computer firm: "You have reached the number of an uninstalled vice president. Please dial our main number and ask the operator for assistance." See also Decruitment.
- uniquify - To make unique; to make one-of-a-kind.
- unobtainium - A notional element or material whose non-existence accounts for the impracticality of accomplishing some engineering task. Example: "Sure, the brakes will work just fine at 300 mph , if you make the rotors out of unobtainium.
- unrockable - Not being able to be enthused by rock music.
- unsackable - Unable to be sacked, having a job for life no matter what mistakes are made or what incompetence is demonstrated.
- unter- - Below grade, second fiddle. "He had a car that was so unter-cool that even he had to sell it the minute he bought it!
- upside up - In such a way that the upper and the lower parts are no longer reversed in position.
- upsize - To add to a company's personnel.
- Upuls - The blank pages at the beginning and end of books, presumably placed there so you can rewrite the ending.
- urchfont - Sudden stab of hypocrisy which goes through the mind when taking vows as a godparent.
- urple - 1 . The ugliest color ever (even worse than this), usually considered to be a ghastly mixture of pink and purple. 2. Purple prose.
- utopilang - A language meant to unite the world and make it peaceful and prosperous (e.g., Esperanto).
- uxory - 1. Passionate attachment to a spouse. 2. Perfect blend of love and lust.
- Vacation Elbow - A condition that suddenly develops in a father's arm during a vacation trip that allowed him to reach out and slap you from incredible distances.
- vaganza - An entertainment or display that is neither spectacular, elaborate, nor remarkable.
- valpathos - Hypocritical sympathy for one's own victim.
- vamp-1. To organize (something) in an efficient way the first time. 2. To do something better.
- vampiricide - The act or practice of slaying or otherwise destroying vampires.
- vaste - When using a computer, to paste something from the clipboard, usually using a keyboard shortcut.
- vegequarian - Someone who is a vegetarian but also consumes fish and/or seafood.
- vegeterrible - (a jocular term for) vegetarian (from the point of view of a carnivore)
- Vegiludes - Individual peas or kernels of corn that you end up chasing all over the plate with your fork.
- Velocirapture - a very rapid ascent to heaven. Some religious sects believe that velocirapture will occur at the second coming of the dinosaurs.
- velovard - A tree-lined cycle path.
- veneric - Of, having to do with, or characterized by romantic as opposed to other forms of love (i.e. familial, friendly, etc.).
- Venite! - Hurry up! Example: "Venite, we don't have all day!
- verbal fine print - The rapidly muted speech at the end of radio commercials containing legal disclaimers. Example: "Use only as directed.
- verbificate - 1. To coin new words, phrases, or expressions, often for an entirely imaginary language. 2. To form a verb from a noun.
- verbification -1. a. The process of coining new words and trying to give them currency. Linguists like to think that verbification is the primary manifestation of man's creative urge, perhaps forgetting procreation. b. The act of creating vocabulary for an invented language. 2. A construction resulting from such verbification. -ver-bif'i-ca'tive. adj. 3. The process of forming a verb from a noun.
- verbificent - 1. Extremely liberal in making new words. 2. Using high-sounding or fabricated words where common ones would do; e.g. 'finalize' for 'finish', 'copped the gonfalon' for 'won the pennant', or even 'verbificent' for 'wordy'.
- verbify - To make into a verb.
- verden - To make green (by planting and growing trees and plants)
- Vergin - almost chaste
- verimendacity - An utterance given so glibly as to be thought false when upon examination it is found to be true. "The soldiers discovered that Achilles' tale of hiding among the women was a verimendacity.
- verse - To oppose, especially in an online game.
- vexamicus - An annoying friend; one who thinks he/she is your friend or girlfriend when that is not the case.
- vidiot - One incapable of programming a VCR.
- viophobe - Someone who is afraid of violence.
- virtuality -1. The perception of an actual, living existence online, whether in a chat room or an instant message conversation. 2. The World Wide Web. 3. The reality that is built up around a chat room, especially Role-Playing (RP) and Para rooms. 4. Virtual reality (VR).
- Visual Fred - Pejorative. VB.NET (Visual Basic for the .NET Framework).
- vocabularian - One who makes up new words.
- vog- Pejorative word using to curse men without having to slander dogs. Example: "Shut up, you vog!
- voice-under - Speech in a movie deliberately mixed too low to be understood.
- Voitlock - When the basketball gets lodged between the rim and the backboard.
- volumptuous -1. Voluptuous: (of a woman's body) having pleasing curves. 2. Extremely voluptuous. 3. Stylized so that the sensual, luxurious aspects are disproportionately large; usually applies to women. Example: "Barbie dolls' volumptuous bodies are ridiculous ~ real women aren't shaped like that!
- vulpanthropy - To have the spirit of a fox permanently residing as a part of one's soul.
- vurp - A belch that brings up a small amount of bile; far short of vomiting, but far more than a normal burp.
- wackademia - 1. The study of strange phenomena such as the Bermuda Triangle, crop circles, UFOs or the Loch Ness Monster. 2. A subgroup of academics who, by virtue of their eccentric views, develop strange social theories (e.g., democratic parenting, marriage as legalized rape) that they then project on their unsuspecting pupils.
- Waftic - Describes any person in whose direction campfire or barbeque smoke always blows.
- wald - A forest lived in by elves and full of alfwalds: STRONGHOLT.
- wallowism - The opposite of escapism, willfully engaging in activities that reaffirm or reenact the unpleasantness of reality, especially one specific to oneself. Example: She's such a wallowist, reading all that depressing stuff all the time.
- Warbloid - The tiny device in cassette players that eats tapes.
- warlow - A wizard doomed to break his oath of loyalty to the Life Lord and serve the Death Lord instead.
- watermelon - 1. Derogatory term for a socialist environmentalist. 2. Derogatory term for an Esperantist
- Waterpuss a feline that is fond of water. - Robyn, age 10
- Wattbobble - To remove a hot light bulb by turning it several seconds, letting your fingers cool, then repeating the process. This is generally followed by the glorious revelation of using your shirttail.
- wawne - A badly suppressed yawn.
- WAYSM - Being angry or unkind.
- webbed out - Tired of websurfing or webmastering.
- webcest - 1. A shocking or depraved act that can only be made possible by using the internet. 2. Something shocking or depraved that can only exist on the internet. "Don't let anyone fool you into going to tum gurrrl, it's webcest.
- Weber-ism - The dominant photographic signature of metrosexuality (see also Abercrombie \& Fitch).
- webinar - A presentation or seminar transmitted over the Web. Example: With restrictions on corporate travel, many marketing departments have turned to webinars instead of conferences.
- weblog - A web site that presents short dated entries in reverse chronological order.
- webpreneur - Someone who organizes a web-based business venture and assumes the risk for it.
- Weent - Exclusive "we", used when excluding the listener, as opposed to weet, used when including the listener.
- wees - A word similar to "woot" used to express happiness, or as a substitute for the word "cool". Ex.: "That leather jacket is wees!
- Weet - Inclusive "we", used when including the listener, as opposed to went, used when excluding the listener.
- weinworthy - Refers to a piece of fiction or episode of a TV show that is so imaginative or creative, that it could have been created by brilliant author Stanley G. Weinbaum. (e.g. "Last night's episode of Voyager was almost weinworthy!").
- werebear - 1. A man who involuntarily transmogrifies into a bear (especially during battle or after entering a berserk rage) or a man who undergoes such transmogrification: ARCTANTHROPE or URSANTHROPE. 2. Werebear. The man capable of voluntary transfiguration as a bear.
- weremood - The sudden undeniable need - in the heat of battle or at the height of a supernatural event (especially the full moon) - that a werebear or werewolf feels to assume animal form.
- we'ren't - present simple negative of to be (1st person plural)
- Werxilation - The property of some screen doors to start to slam shut only to catch themselves at the last moment and "float" to a gentle close.
- west wittering - The uncontrollable twitching which breaks out when you're trying to get away from the most boring person at a party.
- wetspace - The flesh-and-blood real world; the opposite of cyberspace. Synonymous with meatspace.
- whasset - A business card in your wallet belonging to someone whom you have no recollection of meeting.
- whelm - 1. To nearly overwhelm, but not quite. 2. To be neither overwhelmed nor underwhelmed.
- wherem - The accusative and dative of where. Example: "To wherem are you sending his package, ma'am?
- whinese - A sing-song language used by children or spouses on long road journeys.
- whirligiggle - The laughter that accompanies spinning oneself around in circles until one falls to the ground.
- whistle number - A number so impressive that it makes you whistle in response.
- whosamawhatsit - 1. A placeholder for anything you can't name, the generic pronoun. as in hand me that...whosamawhatsit over there... yeah that thing. 2. An actual unknown peice of machinery, I told Bob to fix that....whosamawhatsit...yeah the generator.
- wibble - A trembling of the lower lip, as an imminent sign of crying.
- wibblesome - 1. A state of elation, excitement. 2. Butterflies; i.e. Butterflies in my stomach. 3. A developed form of swooning.
- WIFLI - A blog entry, news item, post, or update of some kind that is done at the will of the updater.
- wigan - If, when talking to someone you know only has one leg, you're trying to treat them perfectly casually and normally, but find to your horror that your conversation is liberally studded with references to leglessness
- wiki - A webpage that can be quickly updated by anyone.
- wikiphilia - The false belief that any problem faced by a group can be solved by installing and using a wiki.
- willie - A person who is horrible at the task at hand being entered into the contest for laughs. Example: "They put the arachnophobic woman in the 'Fear Factor' finals because they thought she'd make a good willie.
- willimantic - Of a person whose heart is in the wrong place
- willock - Possessor of an undescended testicle which is expected eventually to descend. "That colt's a willock; we can probably sell him entire.
- wimble - To start off strongly, but eventually run out of steam. Example: "Tim Henman wimbled on Centre Court again.
- windjack - Creative; thinking "out of the box".
- witburst - n . A new idea. v. To come up with an idea.
- witzy - Something that is simultaneously witty and ditzy, such as Elle Woods.
- woking - Standing in the kitchen wondering what you came in here for.
- wold - An unforested rolling plain. x word history: As forests were felled, trees lost their mythic power and no more did OE weald mean 'the forest as dominion of the elves', their strongholt. The original word fragmented into two, one meaning 'forest', the other meaning 'dominion'. But man had dominion over the forests, and the grand OE word weald now survives only in wold, which has the opposite of its original meaning: now it is an unforest, a deforested region. An echo through the leaves of the trees might still carry the voice of the elves, but here we have only an echo through the grasses.
- Wolven - Of or pertaining to wolves or wolfish behavior; having wolf-like characteristics. Example: His eyes were wolven; I thought I was staring directly at a wolf from the forests.
- womanikin - A female mannequin.
- wonderchild - A child prodigy.
- wong - To attack with a hilariously overpowering amount of force.
- woot - 1. Expressing extreme happiness towards someone's actions or upon oneself; used to express positive or optimistic feeling. "I got an A on my report card! Woot!
- wootable - Laudable, or worthy of praise; exceedingly popular.
- Woowad - Giant clumps of stuck-together rice served at Chinese restaurants.
- wordfast - True to one's word.
- wordyard - A graveyard for words, a place where words become obsolete, are stored but never used. For example, the private library of someone who keeps the books for a showoff.
- worksop - A person who never actually gets round to doing anything because he spends all his time writing out lists headed 'Things To Do
- wrength - The state or quality of being wrong. Synonyms: inappropriateness, wrongness.
- wunderschoen - Wonderful.
- wurfing - The act of surfing the Web at work and claiming that it is for work purposes.
- WYHAC - Opposite of ASAP, "As Soon As Possible".
- WYNIWYG - A user-interface that takes care of all the tiny details for you. Example: Perseus SurveySolutions is web survey software with a WYNIWYG questionnaire interface that handles all the programming and formatting for you.
- X2Y - An abbreviation based on a business model that sells "something-to-someone" and derived by changing "to" to " 2 " and sandwiching it between the initial letters of the "something" (X) and the "someone" (Y). See X2Y
- xe - Generic third-person singular pronoun, replacing the phrase he or she.
- xenocasaism - The feeling of "out-of-placeness" when one enters the home of a person or family of a very different lifestyle or culture.
- xenocentrism - 1. belief that every other nation is somehow superior to one's own; 2. belief that the well-being of foreigners is more important than the well-being of one's own compatriots.
- Xerox Subsidy - Euphemism for swiping free photocopies from one's workplace.
- xian - Pejorative. Christian.
- xteen - An indeterminate number between 10 and 19.
- xylophonous - When something is xylophonous, it is able to produce 10 or more different-pitched notes when struck with something in various places.
- ya - Used to ascertain or reinforce a listener's interest or agreement. Examples: "Makes you pine for the fjord, ya?" "That's a big wave, ah?
- Yardribbons - The unmowed patches of grass discovered after one has put away the mower.
- yavizian - Socially unaware; stupid acting; annoying.
- yawncore - 1. A contagion of yawns spawned by an initial yawn amongst a group of tired or bored people. 2. Boring to a ridiculous extreme.
- ye - Plural second-person pronoun.
- yellowface - The use of white actors to play Asian roles in theatre, cinema and videogames.
- yellowface - The use of white actors to play Asian roles in theatre, cinema and videogames.
- yesh - Usage: Online chats. Yes.
- yesnaby - A 'yes, maybe' which means 'no'.
- yestergay - To have been gay at one point and now no-longer. Often used as a synonym for homophobe (based on the theory that most homophobes have homosexual feelings).
- yestermonth - Last month.
- Yinkel - A person who combs his hair over his bald spot, hoping no one will notice.
- yinzling - A name (other than 'traitor') to describe a Pittsburgh Steelers fan, who is kind to and protects fans who dare to show up at Heinz Field wearing the other team's colors.
- yo - A general greeting, that can be used in place of 'hello' and can also be used to get someone's attention. Mostly used by younger generations. Example: Yo, Frank, pass me the tool kit.
- yoink - interj. 1. The sound made by stealing in cartoons. 2. An expression that you are taking something when you expect permission to do so to be implicit. v. To borrow or steal in a friendly manner, especially from a friend. Most often used with chairs and/or writing utensils. Example: "I'm yoinking your seat.
- Yotate - To allow a yo-yo to unwind itself.
- yrros - Interjection equivalent to the phrase "Don't be sorry; it's not your fault.
- yumerrific - Deliciously wonderful.
- zagreb - A stranger who suddenly clutches an intimate part of your body and then pretends they did it to prevent themselves falling.
- ZAP Code - 1. A trademark for a system designed to speed the delivery of mail after an atomic war, accomplished primarily by eliminating urban addresses. First proposed after President Reagan had the United States Postal Office change their motto to 'Neither rain,
nor hail, nor nuclear fallout...' 2. The three-digit number assigned to a province. My ZIP Code is $85281-6154$ : my ZAP Code is 852 .
- Zeept - The accumulation of dead insects around an electric bug fryer.
- zhew - To scatter something randomly about a surface.
- Ziathachism - 1. The endless online debates between Christians and atheists that continue eternally but settle nothing. 2. Any endless debate between opposing sides firmly entrenched in their respective dogmas. 3. Ziathachisting (v) - the act of participating in such a debate. 4. Ziathachistic (adj) - used to describe something related to such a debate. The Minister concocted a string of Ziathachistic arguments for the atheist forum dwellers.
- Zipcuffed - To be trapped in one's trousers by a faulty zipper.
- Zerblot - The last kid picked in any neighborhood sporting event.
- zlander - To talk badly or disrespectfully about someone during sleep.
- zombie - A business invested in by a venture capitalist, never returning that investment, yet covering its ongoing costs and servicing its debt, though not generating growth or a profit.
- zonk out - To fall so fast asleep as to be almost comatose.
- zoomorphize - To attribute animalian characteristics to a human; to fashion a wonderful creature from a human. Ant. 'anthropomorphize'
- Zwischenweltdurchgang - 1. An interdimensional portal. A portal (often hidden, camouflaged, or unreachable) through which translocation into other realms may be possible. 2. The act of translocating into other worlds spontaneously, or via a Zwischenweltdurchgang(1). Verb (intransitive): to travel to another dimension/realm/world/planet.
- zyxian - Antonym of "abecedarian" - pertaining to reverse alphabetical order, and by extension to a database sort (or index) in reverse sequence aka descending.
- zzxjoanw - A Maori drum.


## Unusual units of measurement

## MTS units

During the twentieth century, the Soviets and French briefly used a variant of the metric system where the base unit of mass was the tonne. This meant that a kilogram was a millitonne (mt). Conversely, some companies use the megagram (Mg), to avoid confusion with long or short tons.

## FFF units

| Unit | Dimension Definition | SI Value |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| furlong | length | 660 ft | 201.168 m |
| firkin[1] | mass | 90 lb | 40.8233133 kg |
| fortnight | time | 14 days | $1,209,600 \mathrm{~s}$ |

Most countries use the International System of Units (SI). In contrast, the Furlong/Firkin/Fortnight system of units of measurement draws its attention by being conservative and off-beat at the same time.

One furlong per fortnight is very nearly 1 centimetre per minute (to within 1 part in 400). Indeed, if the inch were defined as 2.54 cm rather than 2.54 cm exactly, it would
be $1 \mathrm{~cm} / \mathrm{min}$. Besides having the meaning of "any obscure unit", furlongs per fortnight have also served frequently in the classroom as an example on how to reduce a unit's fraction. The speed of light may be expressed as being roughly 1.8 terafurlongs per fortnight.

## SI-imperial hybrids

In the US, mongrel units are sometimes formed by a combination of traditional units, which are widely used, and metric units. Thus, "grams per fluid ounce" and "grams per pound of body weight" are common units used in sports nutrition, for example, to express the concentration of carbohydrate in a beverage.

A hybrid standard quantity used in mining is the assay ton (AT), which is as many milligrams as there are troy ounces in a ton: 29.17 grams if the ton used is the short ton, and 32.67 g if the ton used is the long ton. So to find how many ounces of gold are in a ton of rock, one measures the number of milligrams of gold in an assay ton of rock.

There are also reports of engineers using base-ten SI prefixes in combination with Imperial or US customary units, for example the kiloyard ( 914.4 m ). The kip or kilopound is regularly used in structural engineering. Similarly, the kilofoot is quite common in US telecommunication engineering, as significant distances in cable route planning are usually given in thousands of feet. Instruments like optical time-domain reflectometers usually have an option to display results in kilofeet. Perhaps most common is the use of the thou or mil, defined as $1 / 1,000$ of an inch ( $25.4 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ), frequently used to measure the thickness of very thin materials like film and plastic sheeting. A related unit is the circular mil, used for measuring the cross-sectional area of wire.

In the UK, it is still (2007) not uncommon to find the "metric foot" in use in the domestic refurbishment market. A metric foot is 30 cm and usually it is used with lumber (timber in the UK) that is only available in metric yards or 90 cm multiples (see metric inch below). Its square form is also common in some fields: for example, carpet and other flooring materials, when supplied in "tiles" (squares), are often supplied in this size.

In commercial office fitout in the UK, most suspended ceilings and raised floors are based on a 60 cm module, or 2 "metric feet".

A useful unit when working with optical pathway lengths in the lab is the one foot per nanosecond approximation for the speed of light. In electronic circuitry, where the velocity of propagation is somewhat slower than the speed of light in a vacuum, similar approximations can be used for "signal races" in the circuitry. (See light-nanosecond below.)

## Derived units

There are some obscure metric units: with arbitrary units and prefixes, you can express a common unit with an unfamiliar term. Among physicists there is the in-joke replacing common units with uncommon units, as in velocity: metres per second is equivalent to hertz per dioptre ( $\mathrm{Hz} / \mathrm{dpt}$ ). In this case, the reciprocal values of metre and second - dioptre and hertz, respectively - are used to contrive the same unit. The
becquerel could also be used instead of hertz, as it is a measure of aperiodic events per time, instead of the periodic events per time measured by the hertz.

## Length

## Attoparsec

Parsecs are used in astronomy to measure enormous interstellar distances. A parsec is approximately 3.26 light-years or about $3.085 \times 1016 \mathrm{~m}(1.917 \times 1013 \mathrm{mi})$. Combining it with the "atto-" prefix yields attoparsec (apc), a conveniently human-scaled unit of about 3.085 centimetres ( 1.215 in ) that has no obvious practical use. Interestingly, 1 attoparsec/microfortnight is nearly 1 inch/second.[5]

## Light-nanosecond

The light-nanosecond was popularized as a unit of distance by Grace Hopper as the distance which a photon could travel in one billionth of a second (roughly 30 cm or one foot): "The speed of light is one foot per nanosecond." In her speaking engagements, she was well-known for passing out light-nanoseconds of wire to the audience, and contrasting it with light-microseconds (a coil of wire 1,000 times as long) and light-picoseconds (the size of ground black pepper). Over the course of her life, she had many motivations for this visual aid: including demonstrating the waste of sub-optimal programming, illustrating advances in computer speed, and simply giving young scientists and policy makers the ability to conceptualize the magnitude of very large and small numbers.[6]

## Metric inch

The international inch is defined to be exactly 25.4 mm . It is approximated to 25 mm as a "metric inch".

A metric inch was used in some Soviet computers when Soviet engineers built unlicensed copies based on blueprints drawn in the US[citation needed]. Clones existed of many machines such as PDPs and early IBM PCs. The computers would look like machines made in the US, but some of the components, mainly those using longer slots or more pins, were not interchangeable due to the non-interoperable nature of the metric inch. Shorter-slotted or lower pin count original hardware was often forced in by hand if needed, as such measurement discrepancies were within tolerance; longer chips, boards, and cables, with differences that would mismatch contacts, required converters, often home-made. Because microelectronics were a rare and prohibitively expensive deficit in the Soviet Union, computers cobbled together or upgraded with mismatched original, custom-built, and cloned components, more than just common, were actually basically the norm.

The similarly derived metric foot ( 300 mm ) was once used in the United Kingdom for some expensive materials. It was also briefly the unit used in the trade of timber when neither feet nor metres were used.[citation needed]

## Storeys (stories)

All buildings are made up of storeys (stories in American English), also referred to as floors or levels. In the United States, each storey is generally 8 to 10 feet ( 2.4 to 3 metres). The number of storeys is used to express the height of a building or nonbuilding structure.

In Brazil, storeys (andares in Portuguese) are used mainly by the media as a proxy for 3 metres. It's normally employed in situations to express heights of buildings or elevations.[citation needed]

There is no global office block building code standard that specifies how long a story is supposed to be. In the metric world this measurement essentially means 3m, as most metric world drywall sheets are manufactured at this dimension.

## Double-decker bus

In Britain, newspapers and other media will frequently refer to lengths in comparison to the length ( $8.4 \mathrm{~m} / 27.6 \mathrm{ft}$ ) or height ( $4.4 \mathrm{~m} / 14.4 \mathrm{ft}$ ) of a London Routemaster doubledecker bus.

The UK Department of Transport (that has sole regulatory authority over this matter) has changed the definition of the maximal acceptable length of a double-decker bus length and width about 40 times since 1900, as suggested by the UK documentary "100 Years of British Buses" (1996).

Popular topics for such comparison include the blue whale, the IMAX screen, and the diplodocus.[7]

## Football field (length)

The length of an American football field is 100 yd ( 91 m ). If the end zones are included, it is 120 yd ( 110 m ), but 100 yards is used informally as a unit, to allow easier conversion from formal measurement in feet or yards. It describes the size of a large building or a park, a distance which is not too short, but which one can walk over.

The Canadian football field is 65 yards ( 59 m ) wide and 110 yards ( 100 m ) long with end zones 20 yards ( 18 m ) deep.

Media in the UK also use the football pitch as a unit of length, although an area of the Association football (soccer) pitch is not fixed, but varies within a limit of 90-120 m ( $98-130$ yd) in length and $45-90 \mathrm{~m}(50-100 \mathrm{yd}$ ) in width. The usual size of a football pitch is $105 \mathrm{~m} \times 68 \mathrm{~m}$ ( $115 \mathrm{yd} \times 75 \mathrm{yd}$ ), the area used for matches in the UEFA Champions League.

The uncertainty of the term is greater in Australia where there are four common forms of football and at least two other forms known to be played. One of the most common, Australian Rules Football, uses large oval shaped grounds, typically also used for cricket. The size of these varies considerably, so football field or football ground is not a very helpful measurement term.

## Cricket pitch

The distance between wickets of a cricket pitch is 22 yards ( 20.17 metres) which is equal to 1 chain or $1 / 80$ th of a mile. It is a mid-range unit of measurement in cricketing countries.

## Tall buildings

In the US, buildings such as the Empire State Building (449 m or 1,473 ft), Willis Tower ( 519 m or $1,703 \mathrm{ft}$ ), and Seattle Space Needle ( $184 \mathrm{~m} / 604 \mathrm{ft}$ ) are used as comparative measurements of height, as are the Statue of Liberty and Washington Monument. The Empire State Building (but not the others mentioned) is also used in Britain for describing particularly large/tall objects.

In the France, the Eiffel Tower ( 324 m or 1,063 ft), and the UK, Nelson's Column (185 ft or 56 m ), Blackpool Tower ( 158 m or 518 ft ), Big Ben ( 96.3 m or 316 ft ), and St Paul's Cathedral ( 354 ft or 108 m ) are commonly used by British newspapers or reference books to give the comparative heights of buildings or, occasionally, mountains.

In Canada (and occasionally elsewhere), the Toronto CN Tower ( 553 m or $1,814 \mathrm{ft}$ ) is used as a unit of length.[8][9]

## Block

A city block (in most US cities) is between $1 / 16$ and $1 / 8 \mathrm{mi}$ ( 0.1 and 0.2 km ). In Manhattan, the measurement "block" usually refers to a north-south block, which is $1 / 20 \mathrm{mi}(0.08 \mathrm{~km})$. Within a typical large North American city, it is often only possible to travel along east-west and north-south streets, so travel distance between two points is often given in the number of blocks east-west plus the number north-south (known to mathematicians as the Manhattan Metric).

## Circle of the earth

The circumference of a great circle of the earth (about $40,000 \mathrm{~km} / 25,000 \mathrm{mi} / 21,600$ $\mathrm{nmi} / 199,000$ furlongs) is often compared to large distances. For example, one might say that a large number of objects laid end-to-end at the equator "would circle the earth four and a half times".[10] According to WGS-84, the circumference of a circle through the poles (twice the length of a meridian) is $40,007,862.917$ metres ( $131,259,392.772$ ft ) and the length of the equator is $40,075,016.686 \mathrm{~m}(131,479,713.537 \mathrm{ft})$. Despite the fact that the difference ( $0.17 \%$ ) between the two is insignificant at the low precision that these quantities are typically given to, it is nevertheless often specified as being at the equator.

## Earth-to-moon distance

The distance from the Earth to the Moon (about $380,000 \mathrm{~km}$ [about 236,121 miles] on average, if measured from the Earth's surface to the Moon's surface) is sometimes used in the same circumstances as the Circle of the Earth unit is used above. For example, one might say that a large number of objects laid end-to-end "would reach all the way to the moon and back two-and-a-half times."

## Siriometer

The siriometer is a rarely used astronomical measure equal to one million astronomical units, i.e., one million times the average distance between the Sun and Earth. This distance is equal to about 15.8 light-years, about twice the distance from Earth to the star Sirius.

## Area

## Barn

One barn is $10-28$ square meters, about the cross-sectional area of a uranium nucleus. The name probably derives from early neutron-deflection experiments where the uranium nucleus was described, comparatively, as being "big as a barn."

## Nanoacre

The nanoacre is a unit of real estate on a VLSI chip equal to 0.00627264 sq in (?.4.0468564224 mm2) or the area of a square of side length 0.0792 in (? 2.01168 mm ). "The term gets its humor from the fact that VLSI nanoacres have costs in the same range as real acres in Silicon Valley once one figures in design and fabrication-setup costs."[11]

## Square

The square is an Imperial unit of area that is used in the construction industry in North America,[12] and was historically used in Australia. One square is equal to 100 square feet. A roof's area may be calculated in square feet, then converted to square, which can then be used to order roofing materials by the square.

## Football field (area)

In many countries, a football pitch (association football field) is used as a man-in-thestreet unit of area.[13][14] It is necessarily restricted to order of magnitude comparisons by the fact that football pitches are officially allowed to vary by a factor of 2.67 in area (between 4,050 and $10,800 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$, i.e., 1.00 to 2.67 acres or roughly 0.4 to 1.1 ha ) although this factor drops to 2.01 in the case of pitches approved for international matches. In the UEFA Champions League a football field must be exactly $105 \times 68 \mathrm{~m}$, which is an area of $7,140 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ ( 0.714 ha or about 1.76 acres).

An American Football field, including both end zones, is 360 ft by 160 ft (ca. $110 \times 49$ m ), or 57,600 square-feet ( $5,350 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$, 0.54 ha ). A Canadian football field is 65 yards wide and 110 yards long (ca. $101 \times 59 \mathrm{~m}$ ) with end zones adding a combined 40 yards to the length, making it 64,350 square-feet ( $5,980 \mathrm{~m}^{2}, 0.60 \mathrm{ha}$ )

## Various countries, regions, and cities

The area of a familiar country, state or city is often used as a unit of measure, especially in journalism.

In the United Kingdom, Wales, equal to $20,779 \mathrm{~km}^{2}(8,023 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{mi})$, is used in phrases such as "an area the size of Wales" or "twice the area of Wales".[15][16] England is 6.5 times the size of Wales, and Scotland is four times the size of Wales. The Isle of Wight ( $380 \mathrm{~km}^{2}$ or 147 sq mi ) is commonly used for smaller areas. The British comedy show The Eleven O'Clock Show parodied the use of this measurement, by introducing a news article about an earthquake in Wales, stating that an area the size of Wales was affected.

In the United States, the areas of Rhode Island $\left(1,545 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{mi} / 4,002 \mathrm{~km}^{2}\right.$, the smallest state and therefore a relatively easy threshold to reach), Texas ( $268,601 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{mi} / 742,293$ $\mathrm{km}^{2}$, commonly used due to its historic "larger than life" reputation), and less commonly used Alaska ( $656,425 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{mi} / 1,700,133 \mathrm{~km}^{2}$ ) are used in a similar fashion. Antarctica's Larsen B ice shelf was approximately the size of Rhode Island until it broke up in 2002. Due to Rhode Island being a relatively small unit of measurement (and, perhaps, due to its area being $33 \%$ water), many comparisons to the size of Rhode Island are somewhat imprecise.[17] The US Central Intelligence Agency uses Washington, D.C. as a comparison for city-sized objects.

In Canada, the standard unit of comparison is often Prince Edward Island,[18] the smallest Canadian province.

In Russia, France is often used as a comparison for regions of Siberia.[19] This was so popular in Soviet time that the phrase "??? ??? ???????" (twice the size of France) became a stock phrase to denote any large area.

The country of Belgium has also often been used when comparing areas, to the point where it has been regarded as a meme[20] and where there is a website dedicated to notable areas which have been compared to that of Belgium.

## Volume

## Board foot or super foot

A board foot is an American unit of volume, used for wood. It is equivalent to 1 inch $\times$ 1 foot $\times 1$ foot ( 144 cu in $/ 2,360 \mathrm{~cm} 3$ ). However, in practice, it is defined differently for hardwood and softwood. It is also found in the unit of density pounds per board foot. In Australia and New Zealand the terms super foot or superficial foot were formerly used for this unit.

## Hoppus foot

A system of measure for timber in the round (standing or felled), now largely superseded by the metric system except in measuring hardwoods in certain countries. Following the so-called "quarter-girth formula" (the square of one quarter of the circumference in inches multiplied by one 144th of the length in feet), the notional log is four feet in circumference, one inch of which yields the hoppus board foot, 1 foot yields the hoppus foot, and 50 feet yields a hoppus ton. The hoppus board foot, when milled, yields a board foot. The volume yielded by the quarter-girth formula is $78.5 \%$ of cubic measure.[21]

## Stère

The stère (st) is equal to a cubic metre or kilolitre. The stère is traditionally used to measure a quantity of wood.

In Finnish, the same unit is known as motti (from Swedish mått, "measure").

## Olympic-size swimming pool

For larger volumes of liquid, one measure commonly used in the media in many countries is the Olympic-size swimming pool. A large Olympic swimming pool with dimensions $50 \mathrm{~m} \times 25 \mathrm{~m} \times 2 \mathrm{~m}$ (approx $164 \mathrm{ft} \times 82 \mathrm{ft} \times 6.6 \mathrm{ft}$ ) holds 2.5 million litres - about 2 acre-feet, 660,000 gallons, or 1/200,000 of a sydharb.

## Sydney Harbour

A unit of volume used in Australia for water. One Sydney Harbour, also called a Sydharb (or sydarb), is the amount of water in Sydney Harbour: approximately 500 gigalitres (about 400,000 acre-feet).[22]

## MCG

Australia's largest and best known sports stadium, the Melbourne Cricket Ground or MCG is used there as a unit of volume.[23][24]

## Royal Albert Hall

The Royal Albert Hall, a large concert hall, is sometimes used as unit of volume in the UK, particularly when referring to volumes of rubbish placed in landfill.[25]

## Spherical objects

Spherical or nearly spherical objects are often compared in size to the standard-sized balls used in various sports, such as golf balls, or to other roughly spherical objects of more or less constant size, such as peas.

## Mass

## Grave

In 1793, the French term "grave" (from "gravity") was suggested as the base unit of mass for the metric system. In 1795, however, due in no small part to the French Revolution, the name "kilogram" was adopted instead.[26]

## Bag of cement

The mass of an old bag of cement was one hundredweight ~ approximately 50 kg . The amount of material that, say, an aircraft could carry into the air is often visualised as the number of bags of cement that it could lift, probably because a single bag of cement is close to the maximum that a person could safely carry.

## Elephant

The weight of an elephant, sometimes more specifically "the weight of an African bull elephant" (about 6 tons), is sometimes used by palaeontologists as a unit of weight when describing the weight of large dinosaurs.[27]

## Fully loaded 747

The maximum takeoff weight of most earlier models of the Boeing 747 is 800,000 pounds, or 360 tonnes. In the media, multiples of this mass can be used to describe very heavy objects, e.g. "It weighs as much as five fully-loaded 747s."

## Jupiter

When reporting on the masses of extrasolar planets, astronomers often discuss them in terms of multiples of Jupiter's mass.[28] For example, "Astronomers recently discovered a planet outside our Solar System with a mass of approximately 3 Jupiters." Furthermore, the mass of Jupiter is nearly equal to one thousandth of the mass of the sun.

## Sun

Solar mass ( M ? $=2.0 \times 1030 \mathrm{~kg}$ ) is also often used in astronomy when talking about masses of stars or galaxies, for example the Milky Way weighs $\sim 6 \times 1011$ M?.

Solar mass also has a special use when estimating orbital periods and distances of 2 bodies using Kepler's laws: a 3 = MtotalT2, where a is length of semi-major axis in AU, T is orbital period in years and Mtotal is the combined mass of objects in M?. In case of planet orbiting a star, Mtotal can be approximated to mean the mass of the central object. More specifically in the case of Sun and Earth the numbers reduce to Mtotal ~ $1, \mathrm{a} \sim 1$ and $\mathrm{T} \sim 1$.

## Energy

It is common in particle physics, where mass and energy are often interchanged, to use $\mathrm{eV} / \mathrm{c} 2$, where c is the speed of light in a vacuum (from $\mathrm{E}=\mathrm{mc} 2$ ). Even more common is to use a system of natural units with c set to 1 , and simply use eV as a unit of mass.
$1 \mathrm{amu}=931.46 \mathrm{MeV} / \mathrm{c} 2$

## Time

## Shake

In nuclear engineering and astrophysics contexts, the shake (as in "two shakes of a lamb's tail", an old colloquial expression) is used as a conveniently short period of time. 1 shake is defined as 10 nanoseconds.[29]

## Jiffy

In computing, the jiffy is the duration of one tick of the system timer interrupt. Typically, this time is 0.01 seconds, though in some earlier systems (such as the Commodore 8 -bit machines) the jiffy was defined as $1 / 60$ of a second, roughly equal to the vertical refresh period (i.e. the field rate) on NTSC video hardware (and the period of AC electric power in North America).

## Microfortnight

One very convenient unit derived from the FFF system of units is the microfortnight, one millionth of the fundamental timeunit of FFF, which equals 1.2096 seconds. This is a fairly representative example of "hacker humor",[30] and is occasionally used in operating systems; for example, VMS' TIMEPROMPTWAIT parameter is measured in microfortnights.[31]

## Galactic year

The most common large-scale time scale is millions of years (Megaannum or Ma). However, for long-term measurements, this still requires rather large numbers. Using as a measure the time it takes for the solar system to revolve once around the galactic core (GY - not to be confused with Gyr for Gigayear), approximately 250 Ma , yields some easily memorizable numbers. In this scale, oceans appeared on Earth after 4 GY, life began at 5 GY , and multicellular organisms first appeared at 15 GY . Dinosaurs went extinct about 0.4 GY ago, and the true age of mammals began about 0.2 GY ago. The age of the Earth is estimated at about 20 GY.[32]

## Angular measure

## Furman

The Furman is a unit of angular measure equal to 1 ? 65,536 of a circle. It is named for Alan T. Furman, the American mathematician who adapted the CORDIC algorithm for 16-bit fixed-point arithmetic sometime around 1980.[33] 16 bits give a resolution of $216=65536$ distinct angles.

## Binary degree, binary radian, brad

A related unit of angular measure equal to 1 ? 256 of a circle, represented by 8 bits, has found some use in machinery control where fine precision is not required, most notably crankshaft and camshaft position in internal combustion engine controllers, but there is no consensus as to its name. This unit is also used in video game programming. These units are convenient because they form rings: for the 8 -bit unit, the value overflows from 255 to o when a full circle has been traversed.

## Energy

## Tons of TNT

The explosive power of various amounts of the explosive TNT (kiloton, megaton, gigaton) is often used as a unit of explosion power, and sometimes of asteroid impacts
and violent explosive volcanic eruptions. One ton of TNT is $4.184 \times 109$ joules, or 109 thermochemical calories (? $3.964 \times 106$ BTU). This definition is not based on the actual physical properties of TNT.

## Hiroshima bomb

The energy released by the Hiroshima bomb explosion (about 15 kT TNT equivalent, or $6 \times 1013 \mathrm{~J}$ ) is often used by geologists as a unit when describing the energy of asteroid impacts and violent explosive volcanic eruptions.

## Foe

A foe is a unit of energy equal to 1044 joules (? $9.478 \times 1040 \mathrm{BTU}$ ) that was coined by physicist Gerry Brown of Stony Brook University. To measure the staggeringly immense amount of energy produced by a supernova, specialists occasionally use the "foe", an acronym derived from the phrase [ten to the power of] fifty-one ergs, or 1051 ergs. This unit of measure is convenient because a supernova typically releases about one foe of observable energy in a very short period of time (which can be measured in seconds).

## Other metric-compatible scales

## Langley: energy intensity

The langley (symbol Ly) is used to measure solar radiation or insolation. It is equal to one thermochemical calorie per square centimetre ( $4.184 \times 104 \mathrm{~J} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$ or ?3.684 BTU/sq ft) and was named after Samuel Pierpont Langley.

## Stokes: kinematic viscosity

One of the few CGS units to see wider use, one stokes (symbol S or St ) is a unit of kinematic viscosity, defined as $1 \mathrm{~cm}^{2} / \mathrm{s}$, i.e., $10-4 \mathrm{~m}^{2} / \mathrm{s}(? 1.08 \times 10-3 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{s})$.

## Jansky: electromagnetic flux

In radio astronomy, the unit of electromagnetic flux is the jansky (symbol Jy), equivalent to $10-26$ watts per square metre per hertz ( $=10-26 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{s} 2$ in base units, about $8.8 \times 10-31 \mathrm{BTU} / \mathrm{ft} 2$ ). It is named after the pioneering radio astronomer Karl Jansky. The brightest natural radio sources have flux densities of the order of one to one hundred jansky.

## Metre of water equivalence

A material-dependent unit used in nuclear and particle physics and engineering to measure the thickness of shielding, for example around a nuclear reactor, particle accelerator, or radiation or particle detector. 1 mwe of a material is the thickness of that material that provides the equivalent shielding of one metre (?39.4 in) of water.

This unit is commonly used in underground science to express the extent to which the overburden (usually rock) shields an underground space or laboratory from cosmic rays. The actual thickness of overburden through which cosmic rays must traverse to
reach the underground space varies as a function of direction due to the shape of the overburden, which may be a mountain, or a flat plain, or something more complex like a cliff side. To express the depth of an underground space in mwe (or kmwe for deep sites) as a single number, the convention is to use the depth beneath a flat overburden at sea level that gives the same overall cosmic ray muon flux in the underground location.

## Units for unconventional measurements

## Encyclopedias, Bibles, and the Library of Congress: data storage capacities

When the Compact Disc began to be used as a data storage device, the CD-ROM, journalists had to compare the disc capacity ( 650 MB ) to something everyone could imagine. Since many Western households have at least one Christian Bible, and the Bible is a comparatively long book, it was often chosen for this purpose. The King James Version of the Bible in uncompressed plain 8-bit text contains about 4.5 million characters,[34] so a CD-ROM can store about 150 Bibles.

The Encyclopædia Britannica is another common data size metric - it contains approximately 300 million characters, so two copies would fit comfortably onto a CDROM.[citation needed]

The term Library of Congress is sometimes used as a unit of measurement when discussing large amounts of data. It refers to the US Library of Congress. One Library of Congress is used as approximately 20 tebibytes of uncompressed textual data,[35][36] or 10 terabytes according to other uses.[37][38]

In most cases, diagrams and photographs are not included in the total - since these take considerably more space than text, this would be an important consideration for practical storage of large book collections. In practice, diagrams can often be expressed more compactly using vector graphics, and data compression software can pack more text into the available space. It is possible to compress English text to about 11\% of its original size. Thus one might claim that the entire Library of Congress could be packed onto a single 2.2 terabyte storage unit - excluding the pictures.

A similar unit of measure for early computers was phone numbers and phone books.

## Gillette: laser power

A unit described by Theodore Harold Maiman as an early measure of laser output power. The measure was simply the number of razor blades through which the laser could burn a hole. This measurement was especially convenient as the first lasers were pulsed ruby lasers, making it otherwise difficult to measure the output power. Also, due to the relative uniformity of razor blades manufactured by The Gillette Company, it had some usefulness as a rough comparison.[citation needed]

Thus, scientists would brag about having a " 4 Gillette" laser versus their competitor's puny "2 Gillette" laser. (Maiman claims that the first laser was a "2 Gillette" laser.[citation needed])

## Unit of alcohol: quantity of alcohol

In the UK, units of alcohol are used in the health industry and some government campaigns to measure the amount of alcohol consumed. One unit is defined as 10 ml ( 0.34 fl oz US or 0.35 fl oz Imperial) of ethanol, or about 8 g ( 0.28 oz ). The recommended weekly intake is no more than 14 units for women, and 21 units for men.[39][40]

## Sagan: scalar

A whimsical unit of measure equalling at least 4,000,000,000. Based on the quote "billions of stars" used by Carl Sagan and popularized with the derivation "billions and billions of stars" by Johnny Carson.

## Big Mac Index: purchasing power parity

The Economist's Big Mac Index compares the purchasing power parity of countries in terms of the cost of a Big Mac hamburger.[41] This was felt to be[citation needed] a good measure of the prices of a basket of commodities in the local economy including labour, rent, meat, bread, cardboard, advertising, tomatoes, etc.

A similar system used in the UK is the 'Mars bar'. Tables of prices in Mars Bars have intermittently appeared in newspapers over the last 20 years, usually to illustrate changes in wages or prices over time without the confusion caused by inflation.[42]

## Garn

The Garn is NASA's unit of measure for symptoms resulting from space adaptation syndrome, the response of the human body to weightlessness in space, named after US Senator Jake Garn, who became exceptionally spacesick during an orbital flight in 1985. If an astronaut is completely incapacitated by space adaptation syndrome, he or she is under the effect of one Garn of symptoms.[43]

## KLOC: computer program length

A computer programming expression, the K-LOC or KLOC, pronounced kay-lok, standing for "kilo-Lines of Code", i.e., thousand lines of code. The unit is used, especially by IBM managers,[44] to express the amount of work required to develop a piece of software. Given that estimates of 20 lines of functional code per day per programmer were often used, it is apparent that 1 K -LOC could take one programmer as long as 50 working days, or 10 working weeks.

Error rates in programming are also measured in "Errors per K-LOC", which is called the defect density. NASA's [Software Assurance Technology Center|SATC] is one of the few organisations to claim zero defects in a large (>500K-LOC) project, for the space shuttle software.

## Nibble

A measure of quantity of data or information, the "nibble" (sometimes spelled "nybble" or "nybl") is equal to 4 bits, or one half of the common 8 -bit byte. The nibble is used
to describe the amount of memory used to store a digit of a number stored in binarycoded decimal format, or to represent a single hexadecimal digit.

## FLOPS

In computing, FLOPS (FLoating point Operations Per Second) is a measure of a computer's computing power. It is also used to compare the performance of algorithms in practice.

## Big 0 Complexity

In computer science Big O notation is used to approximate how an algorithm's time or space complexity grows asymptotically with respect to the size of the input. Using Big O notation is favorable because unlike other forms of measuring such as comparing running times, it is independent to the processing power of the machine. Big O notation is the most commonly used of the family of Bachmann-Landau notations.[45]

## Nines

Numbers very close to, but below one are often expressed in nines ( N - not to be confused with the unit newton), that is in the number of nines following the decimal separator in writing the number in question. For example, "three nines" or " 3 N " indicates 0.999 or $99.9 \%$, "four nines five" or " 4 N 5 " is the expression for the number 0.99995 or $99.995 \%$.[citation needed]

Typical areas of usage are:

* the reliability of computer systems, that is the ratio of uptime to the sum of uptime and downtime. "Five nines" reliability in a continuously operated system means an average downtime of no more than approximately five minutes per year.
* the purity of materials, such as gases and metals.


## Proof: alcohol concentration

Up to the 20th century, alcoholic spirits were assessed in the UK by mixing with gunpowder and testing the mixture to see if it would still burn; spirit that just passed the test was said to be at $100^{\circ}$ proof. The UK now uses percentage alcohol by volume at $20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(68{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right)$, where spirit at $100^{\circ}$ proof is approximately $57.15 \% \mathrm{ABV}$; the US uses a proof number of twice the ABV at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\left(15.5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$.[citation needed]

## Savart: audible frequency ratio

An 18th century unit for measuring the frequency ratio of two sounds, it is equal to $1 / 300$ of an octave, or $1 / 25$ of a semitone. Still used in some programs, but considered too rough for most purposes. Cent is preferred.

## Scoville heat unit: pepper hotness

The Scoville scale is a measure of the hotness of a chili pepper. It is the degree of dilution in sugar water of a specific chili pepper extract when a panel of 5 tasters can
no longer detect its 'heat'.[46] Pure capsaicin (the chemical responsible for the 'heat') has $1.6 \times 107$ Scoville heat units.[47]

## ASTA pungency unit: pepper hotness

ASTA (American Spice Trade Association) pungency unit is based on a scientific method of measuring chili pepper 'heat'. The technique utilizes high performance liquid chromatography to identify and measure the concentrations of the various compounds that produce a heat sensation. Scoville units are roughly 15 times higher than Pungency units while measuring capsaicin, so a rough conversion is to multiply Pungency by 15 to obtain Scoville heat units.[48]

## Strontium unit: radiation dose

The strontium unit, formerly known as the Sunshine Unit (symbol S.U.), is a unit of biological contamination by radioactive substances (specifically strontium-90). It is equal to one picocurie of Sr-90 per gram of body calcium. Since about $2 \%$ of the human body mass is calcium, and $\mathrm{Sr}-90$ has a half-life of 28.78 years, releasing $6.697+2.282$ MeV per disintegration, this works out to about $1.065 \times 10-12$ grays per second. The permissible body burden was established at 1,000 S.U.

## Dol: pain

The dol (from the Latin word for pain, dolor) is a unit of measurement for pain.
James D. Hardy, Herbert G. Wolff, and Helen Goodell of Cornell University proposed the unit based on their studies of pain during the 1940s-1950s. They defined one dol to equal to "just noticeable differences" (jnd's) in pain. The unit never came into widespread use and other methods are now used to assess the level of pain experienced by patients.

## Schmidt sting pain index and Starr sting pain index

These are pain scales rating the relative pain caused by different Hymenopteran stings. Schmidt has refined his Schmidt Sting Pain Index (scaled from 1 to 4) with extensive anecdotal experience, culminating in a paper published in 1990 which classifies the stings of 78 species and 41 genera of Hymenoptera. The Starr sting pain scale uses the same 1-to-4 scaling.

## Erlang: telecommunications traffic volume

The Erlang, named after A. K. Erlang, as a dimensionless unit is used in telephony as a statistical measure of the offered intensity of telecommunications traffic on a group of resources. Traffic of one Erlang refers to a single resource being in continuous use, or two channels being at fifty percent use, and so on, pro rata. A lot of telecommunications management and forecasting software uses this unit on a day to day basis-but strictly speaking it is a telecom sector specific network stress measurement unit.

## D notation: Dice notation

D notation is a system to represent different dice and combinations of thereof in roleplaying games. It is designed to convert otherwise quite lengthy and convoluted explanations into compact algebra-like notation: "Roll three 8 -sided dice and add 4 to the result, repeat two times adding the results together" equals " $2 \times(3 \mathrm{~d} 8+4)$ " in D notation, giving a range of values from 14 to 56 (note: Distribution of results is not uniform). The standard die is d 6 ( $\mathrm{d}+$ number of sides) and thus the standard die roll is 1 d 6 ; a single Craps roll is 2 d 6 .

## Amazon River: large volumes of water flow

The volume of discharge of the Amazon River sometimes used to describe large volumes of water flow such as ocean currents. The unit is equivalent to $219,000 \mathrm{~m} 3 / \mathrm{s}$.

## Humorous units of measurement

## Conventional

These units may or may not have precise objectively measurable values, but all of them measure quantities that have been defined within the S.I. system of units.

## Systems

## Great Underground Empire (Zork)

In the Zork series of games, the Great Underground Empire had its own system of measures, the most frequently referenced of which was the bloit. Defined as the distance the king's favorite pet could run in one hour (spoofing a popular legend about the history of the foot), the length of the bloit varied dramatically, but the one canonical conversion to real-world units puts it at approximately two-thirds of a mile. Liquid volume was measured in gloops, and temperature in degrees $\mathrm{Q}\left(57^{\circ} \mathrm{Q}\right.$ is said to be the freezing point of water).

## Potrzebie

In issue 33, Mad published a partial table of the "Potrzebie System of Weights and Measures", developed by 19-year-old Donald E. Knuth, later a famed computer scientist. According to Knuth, the basis of this new revolutionary system is the potrzebie, which equals the thickness of Mad issue 26, or 2.263348517438173216473 mm .

Volume was measured in ngogn (equal to 1000 cubic potrzebies), mass in blintz (equal to the mass of 1 ngogn of halva, which is "a form of pie [with] a specific gravity of 3.1416 and a specific heat of $.31416^{\prime \prime}$ ), and time in seven named units (decimal powers of the average earth rotation, equal to 1 "clarke"). The system also features such units as whatmeworry, cowznofski, vreeble, hoo and hah.

According to the "Date" system in Knuth's article, which substitutes a 10-clarke "mingo" for a month and a 100-clarke "cowznofski," for a year, the date of October 29,

2007, is rendered as "To 1, 190 C. M." (for Cowznofsko Madi, or "in the Cowznofski of our MAD". The dates are calculated from October 1, 1952, the date MAD was first published. Dates before this point are referred to (perhaps tongue-in-cheek) as "B.M." ("Before MAD.") The ten "Mingoes" are: Tales (Tal.) Calculated (Cal.) To (To) Drive (Dri.) You (You) Humor (Hum.) In (In) A (A) Jugular (Jug.) Vein (Vei.)

## Length

## Beard-second

The beard-second is a unit of length inspired by the light-year, but used for extremely short distances such as those in nuclear physics. The beard-second is defined as the length an average beard grows in one second. Kemp Bennet Kolb defines the distance as exactly 100 Ångströms, (ie 10 nanometers) while Nordling and Österman's Physics Handbook has it half the size at 5 nanometers. Google Calculator supports the beardsecond for unit conversions using the latter conversion factor.

## Smoot

The smoot is a unit of length, defined as the height of Oliver R. Smoot - who, fittingly, was later the president of the ISO. The unit is used to measure the length of the Harvard Bridge. Canonically, and originally, in 1958 when Smoot was a Lambda Chi Alpha pledge at MIT (class of 1962), the bridge was measured to be 364.4 smoots, plus or minus one ear, using Mr. Smoot himself as a ruler. At the time, Smoot was 5 feet, 7 inches, or 170 cm , tall. Google Earth and Google Calculator includes the smoot as a unit of measurement.

## Sheppey

A measure of distance equal to about $7 / 8$ of a mile ( 1.4 km ), defined as the closest distance at which sheep remain picturesque. The Sheppey is the creation of Douglas Adams and John Lloyd, included in The Meaning of Liff, their dictionary of putative meanings for words that are actually just place names. It is named after the Isle of Sheppey in the UK.

## Area

## Barn, shed, outhouse

A barn is a serious unit of area used by nuclear physicists to quantify the scattering cross-section of very small particles, such as atomic nuclei. It is one of the very few units which are accepted to be used with SI units, and one of the most recent units to have been established (cf. the knot and the bar, other non-SI units acceptable in limited circumstances). One barn is equal to $1.0 \times 10-28 \mathrm{~m} 2$. The name derives from the folk expression "Couldn't hit the broad side of a barn", used by particle accelerator physicists to refer to the difficulty of achieving a collision between particles. The outhouse ( $1.0 \times 10-6$ barns) and shed (1.0 $\times 10-24$ barns) are derived by analogy.

## Spatial volume

## Barn-megaparsec

This unit is similar in concept to the attoparsec, combining very large and small scales. A barn (b) is a unit of cross-sectional area used in nuclear physics, equal to $10-28 \mathrm{~m} 2$, named after the proverbial "broad side of a barn". When multiplied by the megaparsec (Mpc) - a very large unit of length used for measuring the distances between galaxies - the result is a human-scaled unit of volume approximately equal to $2 / 3$ of a teaspoon (about 3 ml ).

## Bottlesworth

This unit is approximately equal to a standard bottle of Champagne ( 0.75 litres), and is designed to allow the use of wine in scientific experiments in the science comedy Look Around You.

## Power

## Donkeypower

This facetious engineering unit is defined as 250 watts-about a third of a horsepower.

## Time

## Friedman

The Friedman is approximately six months, specifically six months in the future, and named after columnist Thomas Friedman who repeatedly used the span in reference to when a determination of Iraq's future could be surmised.

## New York Second

Theoretically the shortest period possible in Quantum Time, this is the time that elapses between a Manhattan traffic light turning green and the taxi behind you honking its horn.

## Non-conventional

These units describe dimensions which are not and can not be covered by the S.I system of units.

## Earthquake intensity

Tom Weller suggests the humorous Rictus scale (a takeoff of the conventional Richter scale) for earthquake intensity.
S.No Magnitude Observed Effects
$1 \quad$ 0-3 $\quad$ Small articles in local papers

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2 3-5 Lead story on local news; mentioned on network news
5-6.5 Lead story on network news; wire-service photos appear in
newspapers nationally; governor visits scene
4 6.5-7.5 Network correspondents sent to scene; president visits area;
commemorative T-shirts appear
5 7.5 up Covers of weekly news magazines; network specials; "instant
books" appear
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## Information flow: Dirac

Physicist Paul Dirac was known among his colleagues for his precise yet taciturn nature. His colleagues in Cambridge jokingly defined a unit of a dirac which was one word per hour.

## Sound intensity: Phone

The unit of perceived loudness, phon, is sometimes also called phone. This has led to puns such as One megaphone equals 1012 microphones. While the phon is a real unit, this intentional misspelling, phone, exists solely for the humour value.

## Beauty: Helen

Helen of Troy (from the Iliad) is widely known as "the face that launched a thousand ships". Thus, 1 millihelen is the amount of beauty needed to launch a single ship.

According to The Rebel Angels, a novel by Robertson Davies, this system was invented by Cambridge mathematician W.A.H. Rushton. However, the term was possibly first suggested by Isaac Asimov. The obvious reference is Marlowe's line from the play The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus, "Was this the face that launched a thousand ships...?" The word Helen is also used in the book Pretties, the second book in the series Uglies by Scott Westerfeld. In that book, the characters joke about how pretty something looks in Helens and megaHelens.

The Catalogue of Ships from Book II of The Iliad, which describes in detail the commanders who came to fight for Helen and the ships they brought with them, details a total of 1,186 ships which came to fight the Trojan War. As such, Helen herself has a beauty rating of 1.186 Helens, capable of launching more than one thousand ships.

Negative values have also been observed-these, of course, are measured by the number of ships sunk or the number of clocks stopped. An alternative interpretation of 1 negative Helen is the amount of negative beauty (i.e. ugliness) that can launch one thousand ships the other way.

David Goines has written a humorous article describing various Helen-units. It has a chart with the fire-lighting and ship-launching capability for different powers of "Helens". For example, a picohelen (ph) (10-12 helens) indicates the amount of beauty that can "Barbecue a couple of Steaks \& Toss an Inner Tube Into the Pool".

Thomas Fink, in The Man's Book defines beauty both in terms of ships launched, and also in terms of the number of women that one woman will, on average, be more beautiful than. One Helen (H) is the quantity of beauty to be more beautiful than 50
million women, the number of women estimated to have been alive in the 12th century BC. Ten Helena (Ha) is the beauty sufficient for one oarsmen (of which 50 are on a ship) to risk his life, or be the most beautiful of a thousand women. Beauty is logarithmic on a base of 2 . For beauty to increase by 1 Ha , a woman must be the most beautiful of twice as many women. One Helen is 25.6 Ha . The most beautiful woman who ever lived would score 34.2 Ha , and 1.34 H , the pick of a dozen women would be 3.6 Ha , and 0.14 H .

## Bogosity: Lenat

The unit of bogosity, derived from the fictional field of Quantum Bogodynamics. The Lenat is seldom used, as it is understood that it is too large for normal conversation. Its most common form is the microlenat.

## Coolness: MegaFonzie

A MegaFonzie is a fictional unit of measurement of an object's coolness invented by Professor Farnsworth in the Futurama episode, Bender Should Not Be Allowed on TV. A 'Fonzie' is about the amount of coolness inherent in the Happy Days character Fonzie.

## Duration: Stobart

Based on the name of a UK haulage company the Stobart is the interval that one driver of one articulated lorry can go between bacon sandwiches and cups of stewed, oversweet, tea. Depending on congestion the Stobart is either a unit of time or distance. [citation needed]

## Magical energy: Thaum

The Thaum is a measuring unit used in the Terry Pratchett series of Discworld novels to quantify magic. It equals the amount of mystical energy required to conjure up one small white pigeon, or three normal-sized billiard balls. It can, of course, be measured with a thaumometer, and regular SI-modifiers apply (e.g. millithaum, kilothaum).

A thaumometer looks like a black cube with a dial on one side. A standard one is good for up to a million thaums - if there is more magic than that around, measuring it should not be your primary concern.

It is not to be confused with the magical particle "thaum" from the same series of novels.

## Pleasure: Hedon

Philosophers talking about Jeremy Bentham's Utilitarianism sometimes use the conceptual unit of the Hedon to describe the amount of pleasure, equivalent to the amount of pleasure a person receives from gaining one util of utility.

## Fame: Warhol

This is a unit of fame or hype, derived from Andy Warhol's dictum "everyone will be world-famous for fifteen minutes" - it represents, naturally, fifteen minutes of fame. Some multiples are:

[^0]First used by Cullen Murphy in 1997.
Also used simply as meaning 15 minutes; as the Warhol worm, that could infect all vulnerable machines on the entire Internet in 15 minutes or less.

## Quackery: Canard

The canard is a unit of quackery created by Andy Lewis in the need for a fractional fruitloopery index. It is proposed as an SI Unit to replace the old Crackpot Index that was presented in 1998.
"Quack words include 'energy', 'holistic', 'vibrations', 'magnetic healing', 'quantum'. These words are usually borrowed from physics and used to promote dubious health claims."

It scores on a scale from o to 10 the quantity of quackery used. Examples are:

* http://www.wikipedia.com scores o.
* http://www.quantumhomoeopathy.co.uk scores 10.

Interestingly, the Wikipedia article on homoeopathy scores a o as sceptical language is used in conjunction with quackery.

A Quackometer (measurer of fruitloopery) can be found at http://www.quackometer.net/?page=quackometer. This website measures webpages and also association of names with quackery.

## Warnings

As scientists and concerned citizens, we applaud the recent trend towards legislation which requires the prominent placing of warnings on products that present hazards to the general public. Yet we must also offer the cautionary thought that such warnings, however well-intentioned, merely scratch the surface of what is really necessary in this important area. This is especially true in light of the findings of 2oth century physics.

We are therefore proposing that, as responsible scientists, we join together in an intensive push for new laws that will mandate the conspicuous placement of suitably informative warnings on the packaging of every product offered for sale. Our suggested list of warnings appears below.

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This product warps space and time in its vicinity.

## WARNING:

This product attracts every other piece of matter in the universe, including the products of other manufacturers, with a force proportional to the product of the masses and inversely proportional to the distance between them.

## CAUTION:

The mass of this product contains the energy equivalent of 85 million tons of TNT per net ounce of weight.

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This product contains minute electrically charged particles moving at velocities in excess of five hundred million miles per hour.

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There is an extremely small but nonzero chance that, through a process known as tunneling, this product may spontaneously disappear from its present location and reappear at any random place in the universe, including your neighbor's domicile. The manufacturer will not be responsible for any damages or inconvenience that may result.

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The entire physical universe, including this product, may one day collapse back into an infinitesimally small space. Should another universe subsequently re-emerge, the existence of this product in that universe cannot be guaranteed.


[^0]:    * 1 kilowarhol - famous for 15,000 minutes, or 10.42 days. A sort of metric "nine day wonder".
    * 1 megawarhol - famous for 15 million minutes, or 28.5 years.

