

## Agriculture

### big sugar

*noun* the major companies in the sugar industry, viewed collectively.

### RHDV-K5

*noun* the Korean strain of rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus, released in 2017; effective in cool wet regions in which the previous strain was not so successful.

Also, **K5**.

### white spot disease

*noun* a highly contagious viral disease of decapod crustaceans, as prawns, crabs, yabbies, and lobsters. *Abbrev.:* WSD

Also, **white spot syndrome**. [from the appearance of diseased prawns with white spots]

### wild farming

*noun* a farming method which relies on placing animals or plants in an area where they would naturally thrive, waiting for them to grow, and then returning to round up the animals or harvest the crops.

### xylella

/zar'lelə/ (*say* zuy'leluh)

*noun* an invasive plant pathogen, *Xylella fastidiosa*, which blocks the water-conducting system of a plant, causing it to wither and die; affects grapevines, citrus, olives, almonds, apples and pears, and many other fruit trees and flowers; originated in the Americas.



## Arts

### bokeh

*/ˈboʊkeɪ / (say 'bohkey) /ˈboʊkə/ (say 'bohkuh)*

*noun* *Photography* the aesthetic which governs the creation of deliberately blurry and out-of-focus areas in an image, achieved by means of a particular lens.

[Japanese: blur]

### bullet journal

*noun* a journal organised under index headings, with short entries being made under a heading and flagged in ways of the writer's choosing with the default flag being a bullet point.

[BULLET (POINT) + JOURNAL]

–**bullet journalling**, *noun*

–**bullet journaller**, *noun*

### plandid

*/ˈplændəd/ (say 'planduhd)*

*noun* a photo which appears to be a snapshot taken in an unguarded moment but which is actually carefully arranged.

[PLAN(NED) + (CAN)DID]

### predatory conference

*noun* a conference organised to appear to be a legitimate academic event and claiming, sometimes falsely, to have authoritative keynote speakers, which, in reality, is seeking to exploit potential presenters whose offerings are not vetted in any way, and who are charged high fees for their presentations.

### retcon

*/ˈrɛtkɒn/ (say 'retkon)*

*noun* (in a fictional work, television series, etc.) a piece of new information which requires a reinterpretation of what has gone before, usually to allow for a shift in the plot or to explain an inconsistency.

[shortened form of *ret(roactive) con(tinuity)*]



## Business

### daigou

*/ˈdaɪɡoʊ/ (say 'duygoh)*

*noun* **1.** a person outside China who purchases goods, usually luxury items but also items in demand, as formula milk for babies, for a customer in mainland China.  
**2.** this system of personal shopping.

[Chinese: buying on behalf of]

### ghost tax

*noun* a tax on investors, particularly foreign investors, who buy investment properties and leave them unoccupied.

### house flipping

*noun* the process of buying and renovating a house, and then selling it at a profit.

### smurf

*/smɜːf/ (say smerf)*

*noun* *Colloquial* a money launderer, especially one who makes bank deposits, or organises others to make multiple deposits, that are small enough to fall below the level that would alert the bank to unusual behaviour.

Also, **smurfer**.

[US derogatory use of *Smurf*, a cartoon character from *The Smurfs*, a Belgian comic creation (1958)]

–**smurfing**, *noun*

### wage theft

*noun* the denial of wages or other entitlements which are rightfully owed to an employee.



## Colloquial

### family

*/ˈfræməli/ (say 'framuhlee)*

*noun Colloquial* a group of people who are not related by blood but who constitute an intimate network.

[FR(IEND) + (F)AMILY]

### haterade

*/ˈheɪtəreɪd/ (say 'haytuhrayd) Colloquial*

–*noun* **1.** a notional drink made from resentment and bitterness.

–*phrase* **2. drink the haterade**, to indulge in a negative, envious and critical outburst.

[blend of HATE + *Gatorade*, a brand of sports drink]

### hatfishing

*noun Colloquial* (on dating sites or apps) the practice adopted by some bald men of wearing a hat because it makes them seem more attractive to potential partners.

[modelled on *catfishing* (the luring of someone into a romantic relationship while adopting a fictitious online persona)]

### neg raving

*noun Colloquial* the uttering of a stream of complaints and grievances.

### sheeple

*/ˈʃi:pəl/ (say 'sheepuhl)*

*noun Colloquial* people who docilely and unquestioningly follow current popular trends.

[blend of SHEEP and PEOPLE]



## Communications

### killfie

*/ˈkɪlfi/ (say ˈkilfee)*

*noun Colloquial* a selfie taken in dangerous circumstances resulting in the accidental death of the person taking the photograph.

[KILL + (SEL)FIE]

### neighbour spoofing

*noun* a robocalling scam in which the caller ID is disguised, being altered usually to match the area code and first three digits of the victim's number, thus enhancing the chances of the call being accepted, at which point the call is transferred to an overseas call centre where the victim is subjected to the marketing techniques of call centre operators.

### shadowban

*verb (t)* to exclude (a user) on social media or a community website without informing the user, usually by making their posts disappear from public feeds.

Also, **stealthban**. –**shadowbanning**, *noun*

### Stroop effect

*/ˈstrʊp əfekt/ (say ˈstroohp uhfekt)*

*noun* the phenomenon that people find it easier to read words denoting colours when the word is printed in the same colour as that denoted by the word, than if the word is printed in a different colour to that denoted by the word.

[named after John Ridley *Stroop*, 1897–1973, US psychologist]

### subtweet

*noun* a tweet posted about a particular person without tagging the target's username, thus excluding them.



## Eating and Drinking

### geisha coffee

*/ˈgeɪʃə kɒfi/ (say 'gayshuh kofee)*

*noun* an aromatic variety of coffee with a floral flavour.

Also, **gesha coffee**. [adaptation of the name of the village of *Gesha* in Ethiopia where it originated]

### hand salad

*noun* a salad in which greens, as lettuce leaves, are presented separately from the dressing, the diner dipping the leaves into the dressing by hand.

### orange wine

*noun* a wine made from white-wine grapes which have not had the skins removed, the juice staying in contact with the skins for a period of time, ranging from days to weeks, and imparting flavour and colour in a way that is normally considered undesirable in a white wine.

Also, **amber wine**, **skin-contact wine**.

### poke

*/ˈpoukeɪ/ (say 'pohkay)*

*noun* (in Hawaiian cookery) a salad comprising diced raw fish, seasoned with a Japanese-style sauce of soy, green onions and sesame, usually served with a variety of vegetables, pickles, etc., on a bed of rice.

[Hawaiian: to slice off or cut up]

### swineapple

*/ˈswaɪnæpəl/ (say 'swuynapuhl)*

*noun* a pineapple which has been skinned and hollowed out, stuffed with ham and wrapped in bacon, and then grilled or roasted slowly.

[blend of SWINE + PINEAPPLE]



## Environment

### blue economy

*noun* an economy based on the sustainable use of ocean resources. Compare **green economy**.

### cooling centre

*noun* a public building with air conditioning, as a library, mall, council building, etc., which can be a refuge for people affected by extremely hot weather conditions.

### ending

*noun* an individual that is the last of its species, its death resulting in the extinction of the species, as the last known thylacine, which was kept in Hobart Zoo until its death in 1936.

[END + -LING]

### negawatt

*/ˈnɛgəwɒt/ (say 'neguhwot)*

*noun* a notional unit of electrical power, being the amount of power (measured in watts) saved as a result of increased efficiency or a reduction in consumption.

[NEGA(TIVE) + WATT]

### solar glass tile

*noun* a roofing tile which is a solar panel, designed to look like traditional terracotta and slate tiles, but with greater strength and resistance to hail impact.



## Fashion

### bodycon

*adjective* clinging to the contours of the body; figure-hugging: *a bodycon dress*.

[BODY + CON(TOUR)]

### bronde

/brɒnd/ (*say* brɒnd)

*noun* **1.** a hair colour that blends strands of blonde and darker shades of brown.

–*adjective* **2.** of or relating to this hair colour: *to create a bronde look*.

[BR(UNETTE) + (BL)ONDE]

### dopamine dressing

/'dɒpəmin / (*say* 'dohpuhmeen)

*noun* the practice of wearing bright colours in an extroverted style in order to lift one's spirits.

[DOPAMINE + DRESSING]

### flash sheet

*noun* a page of pre-designed tattoos from which a customer can make a selection.

[? FLASH in the sense of `display' + SHEET]

### microblading

*noun* a semi-permanent tattooing process in which individual fine lines are drawn in the eyebrow to thicken, shape or extend it.





## General Interest

### **bale gardening**

*noun* the practice of growing vegetables, herbs, etc., in a bale of straw which is sufficiently watered to decompose at a rate which is not harmful to the plants but which produces a nutrient-rich environment.

Also, **straw bale gardening**.

### **fixer cafe**

*noun* a cafe to which members of a community can bring their broken goods and have them fixed by a volunteer repairer.

Also, **repair cafe**.

### **iceberg home**

*noun* a house which has a number of floors below ground level.

[from the notion that the visible home is the tip of the iceberg]

### **kilonova**

/kɪlə'noʊvə/ (say kiluh'nohvuh)

*noun Astronomy* a type of supernova which occurs in a binary system as the result of the merging of two neutron stars, or a neutron star and a black hole.

[KILO- + NOVA, from the notion that it can emit a thousand times the energy emitted by a nova]

### **quiet hour**

*noun* an hour in the week in which a supermarket reduces noise and dims lights to provide an environment which will not be disturbing for people with autism spectrum disorder.



## Health

### microdosing

*noun* a system of administering doses of drugs at levels small enough to have no noticeable effect, which, nevertheless, over a period of time produce a beneficial effect; originally a means of trialling new drugs on human subjects.

[MICRO- + DOS(E) + -ING<sup>1</sup>]

### MTHR gene

/ɛm ti ɛɪtʃ 'a dʒɪn/ (say em tee aych 'ah jeen)

*noun* the gene which encodes the enzyme which regulates the body's ability to process folate; a disorder or mutation in this gene can affect the take-up of other nutrients and the health of cells in the body and so gives rise to many diseases and disorders.

Also *Colloquial (taboo)*, **motherfucker gene**.

[m(ethylene) t(etra)h(ydrofolate) r(eductase) + GENE]

### psychiatric assistance dog

*noun* a dog trained to assist an owner who has a psychiatric or mental disability, as by providing a calming effect to help its owner through a panic attack.

### superager

/'supərəɪdʒə/ (say 'soohpuhrajjuh)

*noun* a person who, in their 80s and 90s, has the mental competence of a person in their 60s or 70s.

### text neck

*noun* neck and back pain associated with looking down at one's phone while text messaging for long periods of time.



## Internet

### breadcrumbing

*noun* the practice of sending flirtatious text messages which are intended to keep alive the romantic hopes of the receiver without any intention on the part of the sender of forming a real relationship.

### click farm

*noun* a group of low-paid workers employed in click fraud, a scam in which clicks on an advertisement are generated by a computer program or by such workers instead of by legitimate users of a site.

### fake trader

*noun* a scammer, ostensibly running an online shopping website offering goods at heavily discounted prices, who accepts payment for goods which do not exist.

### milkshake duck

*noun* a person who is initially viewed positively by the media but is then discovered to have something questionable about them which causes a sharp decline in their popularity.

[from an internet meme started in 2016 by an Australian cartoonist who posted a tweet about a duck supposedly made famous for its adorable nature and habit of drinking milkshakes, following up almost immediately with an apology because the duck had been discovered to be racist]

### scareware

*/ˈskɛəwɛə/ (say 'skairwair)*

*noun* software which is part of a scam in which a false sense of threat about fictional malware is created on social media, inducing people to buy the offered software supposedly designed to give protection against the malware.

[SCARE + (SOFT)WARE]



## Politics

### antifa

/æ'n'tifə/ (say an'teefuh), /'æntifa/ (say 'anteefah)

*noun* **1.** anti-fascist action.  
**2. the**, the militant activists opposed to fascism.  
–*adjective* **3.** anti-fascist: *antifa tactics*.

[ANTI- + FA(SCISM)]

### dark state

*noun* the people within a state's bureaucracy, intelligence agencies and security forces who align to form a secret force which aims to control and subvert democratic processes and institutions.

Also, **deep state**.

### extreme vetting

*noun* a rigorous examination of the documents and background of a person wishing to enter a country, including their mobile phone contacts and social media pages, as a countermeasure to terrorism.

### panda hugger

*noun* *Politics Colloquial (derogatory)* a westerner who admires Chinese culture, in particular one who supports Chinese government policies.

### zombie savings

*plural noun* *Politics* savings in a budget which a government claims it will make but which are dependent on measures which are unlikely to be passed by parliament.



## Social Interest

### bike sharing

*noun* a system of making bicycles available for people to use as they need them, riders using an app to pay for, unlock, and relock the bike, and then leaving it in a public place for someone else to use.

### deadname

*/ˈdɛdnɛɪm/ (say 'dednaym)*

*verb (t)* to refer to (a transgender person) by the name they had before transitioning.

–**deadnaming**, *noun*

### lawnmower parent

*noun* a parent who attempts to remove all difficulties from their child's life, by dealing with obstacles, solving problems, etc., for them.

[from the notion that, like a *lawnmower*, the parent smooths the path for their child]

### promession

*/prɒʊˈmɛʃən/ (say proh'meshuhn)*

*noun* a process by which a dead body is frozen with liquid nitrogen and then, using intense vibrations, reduced to a powder; thought to be more environmentally friendly than cremation or burial; cryomation.

[Italian *promess(a)* promise + -ION; coined by Swedish biologist Susanne Wiigh-Mäsak who, since 2001, has developed the process]

### smashed avocado generation

*noun* the generation who reached maturity from 2010, characterised as not being able to buy property because they spend their disposable income on entertainment, eating out, travel, etc., rather than saving the deposit for a home.

[from the popular brunch dish of *smashed avocado* on toast, served at cafes]



## Sport

### dB drag racing

/di bi 'dræg reɪsɪŋ/ (*say dee bee 'drag raysing*)

*noun* a competition in which competitors attempt to produce the loudest decibel reading from a car's sound system, the vehicle being required to travel 20 feet (approximately 6 metres), controlled by the competitor who stands outside the sealed car with a remote-control mechanism.

[dB + DRAG RAC(E) + -ING]

–**dB drag race**, *noun*

–**dB drag racer**, *noun*

### drone surfing

*noun* a sport in which a person stands on a board, as a surfboard or snowboard, while holding on to a long cord attached to a drone which pulls the rider along.

–**drone surfer**, *noun*

### racecation

/reɪs 'keɪʃən/ (*say rays 'kayshuhn*)

*noun* a holiday taken around a sporting competition in which one will compete.

[RACE + (VA)CATION]

### technology doping

*noun* the practice of using sports equipment improved by technological advances, as a high-performance swimsuit, to gain a competitive advantage.

### trackaholic

*noun* *Colloquial* a person who has a need for regular workouts on a running track, path, etc., often monitoring their performance and fitness with digital devices.

–**trackaholism**, *noun*



## Technology

### brain fingerprinting

*noun* a technology which is said to be able to detect if a person knows something which they may be attempting to keep hidden, using electroencephalography to detect brainwave responses to stimuli such as words, images, etc.

### zero UI

/zɪərɒʊ ju 'aɪ/ (*say* zearroh yoooh 'uy)

*noun* a user interface which is not in the form of a traditional interface, such as a touchscreen, but responds to voice and natural gestures, as if the user was communicating with another person.

### juice pack

*noun* a case for a mobile phone or tablet containing a rechargeable battery which is used as support for the battery in the device.

[JUICE, meaning 'power' + PACK]

### transhumanism

*noun* the belief that science and technology will make it possible in the future for human beings to go beyond current physical and mental limitations.

–**transhumanist**, *adjective, noun*

### truck platooning

*noun* the practice of forming a number of trucks into a line with the lead truck doing the driving and the following vehicles connected by vehicle-to-vehicle wi-fi communications and possibly driverless; resulting in a marked drop in fuel consumption.

Also, **platooning**.

