



MACQUARIE DICTIONARY

WORD OF THE YEAR 2019

AGRICULTURE

African swine fever

noun a highly contagious viral disease of pigs, transmitted by ticks and contact with infected animals, characterised by high fever, loss of appetite and haemorrhaging; usually fatal. *Abbrev.:* ASF

Also, **African swine flu**.

ancient grain

noun a type of grain or seed which has not been hybridised, as spelt, barley, black rice, buckwheat, quinoa, etc.

drought lot

noun a type of sacrifice paddock in which livestock are kept with provisions of water and feed, the confinement allowing the stock to maintain their condition while pasture paddocks can recover more quickly, and erosion damage can be minimised in periods of drought.

speed breeding

noun a method of indoor crop cultivation which uses increased exposure to light to reduce the dormancy period of germination and accelerate rates of growth, the shorter cycles resulting in increased production. *Abbrev.:* SB

steining

noun a practice in which liquid nitrogen is applied to remove folds of skin in the breech of sheep as a measure against flystrike.

[named after John *Steinfort*, Australian veterinarian who developed this procedure]



ARTS

beta reader

noun a person, usually unpaid, who reads a manuscript with the aim of providing feedback relating to plot, characters, consistency, etc., while not undertaking detailed proofreading or copyediting.

[modelled on BETA TEST]

ethical porn

noun pornography which is legally produced and in which the rights of the performers, in relation to consent, fair payment, safety, etc., are respected.

Mary Sue

noun a fictional character, usually female, without flaws or weakness, especially in fan fiction, in which the author portrays themselves as such a character.

[based upon the character Lieutenant *Mary Sue* in the story *A Trekkie's Tale* by US fan fiction writer Paula Smith, published in 1973]

sensitivity message

noun a message appearing on a website, in a publication, etc., warning the reader of possibly culturally sensitive content, such as images of deceased persons; used especially in material relating to Indigenous peoples.

Also, **sensitivity notice**.

silkpunk

noun a subgenre of science fiction which draws on Asian history and culture for setting and aesthetic.

[SILK (in reference to the SILK ROAD) + PUNK, modelled on CYBERPUNK]



BUSINESS

brandjacking

noun a type of scam in which the perpetrator adopts the online identity of another person, product, company, etc., often for the purpose of financial gain, damaging a reputation, etc.

[BRAND + (HI)JACK + -ING]

coffice

noun a cafe which a patron uses as a workspace for a period of time, the premises often supplying free wi-fi for digital devices.

[blend of CAFE or COFFEE + OFFICE]

healthwashing

noun the marketing practice of presenting a food brand or product as being more nutritious or wholesome than it actually is, usually by ignoring or understating the less healthy aspects of the product.

[HEALTH + (WHITE)WASH + -ING]

inbox zero

noun a goal or concept of keeping the number of emails in one's inbox to a low or manageable number and of limiting the amount of time one spends checking emails, achieved through management strategies such as only checking the inbox at set times and for set durations, allocating emails to delete, respond to, delegate, etc.

[coined in 2010 by Merlin Mann, born 1966, US management expert, author and podcaster]

neobank

noun a type of financial institution that offers services as that of a bank, but which operates only on a digital level, having no physical branches.

Also, **neo-bank**.



COLLOQUIAL

edgelord

noun Colloquial a person who attempts to be regarded socially as at the forefront or cutting edge, especially through bold or shocking statements, but does not succeed.

hangxiety

noun Colloquial (humorous) a feeling of anxiety, guilt, etc., experienced the morning after excessive consumption of alcohol.

[blend of HANGOVER and ANXIETY]

JOMO

noun Colloquial a peaceful and appreciative state of mind induced by choosing not to participate in some activity.

[j(oy) o(f) m(issing) o(ut), modelled on FOMO]

silver tsunami

noun Colloquial **1.** the population aged over 65, which is seen to be growing exponentially in comparison to the population aged under 65.
2. the impact on the economy, society, healthcare, etc., of this population.

Also, **silver wave**, **grey tsunami**.

thicc

adjective Colloquial curvaceous; voluptuous.

[originally Black English, early 2000s, a respelling of thick]



COMMUNICATION

anecdota

noun information which is presented as if it were based on systematic research, but is actually based on personal observation or experience.

[blend of ANECDOTAL + DATA]

appointment viewing

noun the practice of viewing episodes of a television series as they are released serially (opposed to *binge watching*).

screen time

noun time spent watching television, or using a digital device with a screen: *five hours of screen time per week*.

shoutcasting

noun the practice of commentating on a live-streamed computer game, especially of eSports.

Also, **casting**.

subvertising

noun the practice of making changes to an existing advertisement in order to satirise it, thereby drawing negative attention to a company or political group.

[blend of SUBVERT + ADVERTISING]



EATING AND DRINKING

cheese slaw

noun **1.** coleslaw to which grated cheese has been added.

2. *Broken Hill* a salad of grated carrot, grated cheese, and mayonnaise.

Also, **cheeseslaw**. [modelled on COLESLAW]

food fraud

noun substitution of a cheaper or inferior product or ingredient in a foodstuff than that which is specified.

puppuccino

noun *Colloquial* a drink for dogs served in dog-friendly cafes, etc., usually consisting of lactose-free milk. Also, **puppaccino**. [blend of PUP and CAPPUCCINO]

ruby chocolate

noun a confectionery made from cocoa solids and milk solids, with a pink appearance.

urban cooking

noun the practice of cooking without a recipe, using instinct and taste as a guide.



ENVIRONMENT

eco-anxiety

noun feelings of distress and fear brought on by the effects of climate change.

flight shaming

noun criticism or ridicule directed at someone travelling by air because of the carbon emissions and consequent environmental damage produced by such travel.

passive design

noun a style of architecture which utilises natural energy sources, orientation, insulation, building materials, etc., in such a way as to reduce or eradicate the need for mechanical systems for heating and cooling.

pyrogeography

noun the study of the distribution of fire, its ecological effects, and its relationship with human geography.

sponge city

noun a city with infrastructure designed to capture and utilise rainfall and stormwater for re-use, reducing flooding, water run-off and water pollution, and increasing water supply for re-use.



FASHION

cleanskin

noun Colloquial someone without any tattoos.

dadcore

noun Colloquial a unisex fashion characterised as being comfortable, practical and casual.

[DAD + (HARD)CORE]

no poo

noun any of various methods of washing the hair without the use of commercially produced shampoo, as by using a preparation comprising only natural ingredients, or using water alone.

[NO + (SHAM)POO]

Tassie tuxedo

noun Tasmania Colloquial (humorous) a puffer jacket, especially one black in colour.

Also, **Tasmanian tuxedo**.

textile beach

noun a beach on which nudity is not permitted.

[TEXTILE, used in reference to the swimwear worn]



GENERAL

banana trick

noun a self-checkout scam whereby an unlabelled product which needs to be weighed is entered by the customer as a cheaper product.

cuddle cot

a type of cot for stillborn or deceased newborn babies, the cot having an in-built cooling system which retards deterioration, allowing parents and family more time to spend with the deceased.

dark constellation

noun (in some cultures, such as those of Indigenous Australians and the Inca) one of various figures in the night sky which are composed of dark spaces.

Also, **dark cloud constellation**.

Kondo

verb (*t*) to reorganise (a home, office, etc.) in a minimalist way.

Also, **kondo**.

[named after Marie *Kondo*, born 1984, Japanese organiser and author who designed the Konmari method]

whataboutism

noun a technique used in responding to an accusation, criticism or difficult question, in which an opposing accusation or criticism raised.

[so-called from the common response to such a situation, *What about ...?*]



HEALTH

empathy suit

noun an outfit designed to simulate some of the physical effects or restrictions experienced by one who is pregnant, aged, obese, etc., the intention being to give the wearer a better understanding of a condition they have not experienced, especially as used in training of aged-care and healthcare staff.

forest bathing

noun a Japanese practice centred on relaxation and mindfulness in a natural forest-like setting, such as sitting under a tree, smelling the flora, walking barefoot on grass, etc.

Also, **forest therapy**.

[translation of Japanese *shinrin-yoku* literally, forest bath]

kidney chain

noun an approach to living-donor transplantation in which an anonymous donor comes forward to donate a kidney to someone they do not know, starting a chain of events in which patients with incompatible donors swap kidneys for a compatible one.

ngangkari

/¹ŋaŋgəri/ (say 'ngungguhree)

noun an Indigenous practitioner of bush medicine; healer.

[Pitjantjatjara: literally, traditional healer]

quiet room

noun an area separated from surrounding noise, activity, etc., as in a workplace, school, shopping centre, sporting arena, etc., provided as a retreat for those seeking respite from the noisy environment; often used therapeutically, as for people with autism spectrum disorder, for whom continued exposure to excessive noise and activity can be disturbing.



INTERNET

cyber flashing

noun the practice of anonymously sending someone an unsolicited sexually explicit or offensive image or video from a digital device, using bluetooth and wi-fi.

Also, **cyber-flashing**, **cyberflashing**. –**cyberflasher**, *noun*

dogfishing

noun *Colloquial* (on dating sites or apps) the practice adopted by some people, especially men, of using photographs of themselves with a dog that does not belong to them, because it makes them seem more attractive to potential partners.

Also, **dog fishing**. [modelled on *catfishing*, from the perceived deception practised] –**dogfisher**, *noun*

influencer

noun a person with a high public profile who is used to market or promote a product, especially on their social media.

mukbang

/mʊk¹bʌŋ/ (say mook'bung)

noun a broadcast streamed online in which someone films themselves eating, often a large amount, and speaking to their audience.

[blend of Korean *meok-da* eat and *bangsong* broadcast]

sealioning

noun *Internet* a form of harassment in which a troll persistently asks for explanation or proof in response to a comment, post, etc., the troll usually having no regard for the relevance or validity of the arguments provided.

Also, **sea lioning**.

[from a 2014 comic strip on the website *Wondermark* by US cartoonist David Malki, in which a character states a dislike of sea lions, at which point a sea lion appears and persistently asks the character to provide reasons to support their statement]



POLITICS

deficit hawk

noun a politician, political adviser, commentator, etc., who favours policies which keep government budgets low, usually through cuts to government spending.

Also, *Chiefly US*, **deficit scold**.

foreign interference law

noun one of various laws designed to protect political and electoral systems from influence or interference from an overseas party, such as the banning of foreign political donations, identification of lobbyists who represent a foreign government, etc.

nudge unit

noun an organised body, especially of government, which devises interventions based on behavioural science to persuade citizens to do what they consider to be desirable or beneficial.

[from NUDGE THEORY]

pill testing

noun the action or practice of analysing an illicit drug for the presence of any unknown or potentially dangerous ingredients; drug checking.

robodebt

noun a debt owed to the government by a welfare recipient, arising from an overpayment of benefits calculated by an automated process which compares the recipient's income as stated by them to the government with their income as recorded by the Australian Taxation Office, a debt recovery notice being automatically generated and sent to the welfare recipient.

Also, **robo-debt**. [ROBO- + DEBT]



SOCIAL INTEREST

cancel culture

noun the attitudes within a community which call for or bring about the withdrawal of support from a public figure, such as cancellation of an acting role, a ban on playing an artist's music, removal from social media, etc., usually in response to an accusation of a socially unacceptable action or comment.

Also, **call-out culture**, **outrage culture**

latte line

noun Colloquial an imaginary line supposedly marking a socio-economic and cultural division, with people living on one side having greater access to jobs, infrastructure, prosperity, etc., and those on the other side of the line as being disadvantaged.

Also, **quinoa curtain**.

period poverty

noun the condition of being too poor to afford the purchase of sanitary items for menstruation.

unschooling

noun a form of homeschooling in which a child is not taught by a parent in a traditional way but is encouraged to take in information through play, natural curiosity and interest.

welcome wall

noun a wall or display acknowledging the contribution and achievements of migrants to Australia, often comprising names, stories or artworks. [from the *Welcome Wall* in Sydney, an initiative of the Australian National Maritime Museum in 1999 to honour the achievements of migrants to Australia]



SPORT

AFLX

noun a form of Australian Rules played on a rectangular field, featuring two teams of ten players, of which only seven are on the field at any time, ten minute halves, and ten-point supergoals; established in 2018.

[AFL + X, the Roman numeral, representing the number of players in each team and the points awarded for a supergoal]

big minutes

noun a period of time spent by a player on the field, court, etc., during which they maximise their impact, having a substantial effect on the game: *playing big minutes despite a knee injury.*

lane rage

noun aggressive behaviour or speech exhibited by swimmers in public pools, especially those annoyed by sharing a lane with people swimming at different speeds to them.

pickleball

noun Originally US a game, similar to tennis, but played on a smaller court and using paddles with short handles and a plastic ball with perforations. --**pickleballer**, *noun*

walking football

noun a type of soccer in which the players must walk, keeping one foot in contact with the ground at all times, formulated to suit older players.

Also, **walking soccer**.



TECHNOLOGY

drone swarm

noun a group of drones which work together as a unit to accomplish a shared objective, such as locating, surveying, attacking, etc., each of which is in communication with the others and able to adjust behaviour in response to new information.

hedonometer

noun an algorithm using language data to analyse levels of happiness, especially data from the social media platform Twitter.

road zipper

noun a heavy vehicle used to move bollards which function as a divider between inbound and outbound lanes on multi-lane roadways, the ability to change lane direction enabling greater traffic flow during peak periods.

Also, **zipper machine**, **barrier transfer machine**.

tech stack

noun *Computers* a combination of technologies, such as programming languages, frameworks, software, etc., used by a developer to create an application.

Also, **technology stack**, **stack**.

transgene

noun a gene which is inserted into the genome of another organism by means of genetic engineering.