



MACQUARIE DICTIONARY

WORD OF THE YEAR 2018

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AGRICULTURE

destock

verb (i) to reduce the number of livestock held, especially when necessitated by drought conditions or outbreak of disease: **Graziers in far west New South Wales are starting to destock, with station dams running low because of a dry season.* –ABC ONLINE, 2017.

[DE- + STOCK (def. 3)]

food forest

noun an area in which a diverse range of edible plants are grown, along with companion plants to support the ecosystem; the plants utilising different strata of space to maximise food production, such as fruit-bearing trees forming a canopy level, shrubs and smaller trees a mid-level, and root vegetables, ground cover, etc., ground level.

Also, **food garden**.

idiot fruit

noun a 20 to 30 m evergreen tree, *Idiospermum australiense*, with cream-to-rose coloured flowers and large, poisonous seeds; native to rainforests of northern Qld, it is the only member of the *Idiospermum* genus, considered to be one of the most primitive genera of flowering plants, at about 120 million years old.

Also, **ribbonwood**, **green dinosaur**.

[? from genus name *Idiospermum*; from *idiosyncrasy*]

Judas collar

noun a tracking device, fitted as a collar to a feral camel, donkey, etc., enabling the animal to be tracked to a herd, whereupon the others of the herd are killed, the collared animal being kept alive in order to find another herd, enabling the process to be repeated; used as an aid to the culling of feral animals.

[JUDAS, from the notion that the collared animal is betraying the other members of the herd + COLLAR]

vertical farming

noun the practice of farming food in vertically inclined layers or stacked structures, such as indoors or along the sides of buildings, designed to reduce the water and space demands of traditional agriculture.

–**vertical farm**, *noun* –**vertical farmer**, *noun*



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ARTS

ASMRtist

/eɪ ɛs ɛm ˈatəst/ (say ay es em 'ahtuhst)

noun someone who creates online videos that will purposefully induce the ASMR sensation (a pleasurable, tingling sensation in the head, scalp and back, thought to be elicited as a response to various stimuli, such as the sound of whispering, paper rustling or crinkling, etc.) in others.
[blend of ASMR and ARTIST]

floss

noun **the**, a vigorous dance in which a person swings both their arms left and back on either side of the torso and then right and back on either side of the torso; both arms crossing the front of the body to change direction, and the hips always moving in the opposite direction to the arms. Also, **the floss dance**.

[from the similarity of the arm movement to the to-and-fro action used when flossing the teeth]

intimacy coordinator

noun a person appointed in a film, television or stage production to supervise and sometimes choreograph scenes containing nudity or sexual activity, the role intended to protect the actor or actors involved, especially from sexual harassment.

Also, **intimacy director**.

meet-cute

noun **1.** *Film, TV, etc.* a plot device enabling the first meeting of lead characters who later develop a romantic relationship.

2. a. such a meeting, as part of a plot. **b.** a similar meeting, in reality.

Also, **meet cute**.

xenofiction

/ˈzɛnəfɪkʃən/ (say 'zenuhfikshuhn)

noun a genre of science fiction or fantasy in which the story is told from the perspective of a non-human, such as an animal, alien, monster, etc.



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BUSINESS

claim farming

noun a scam whereby an individual or company elicits personal information from someone who has previously been in an accident, then sells the information to a law company which deals in compensation cases, the scammers eliciting the information by cold calling, or through email or social media.

Also, **claims farming**.

–**claim farmer**, *noun*

end-of-trip

adjective of or relating to amenities such as bathrooms, change rooms, lockable bicycle racks, etc., provided in a public building for the use of staff or others who have cycled or walked there: *end-of-trip facilities*. *Abbrev.:* EOT

gentailer

/ˈdʒɛntɪlə/ (say 'jentayluh)

noun (in the energy industry) an organisation which is engaged in both the generation and retailing of power.

[GEN(ERATION) + (RE)TAILER]

HODL

/ˈhɒdl/ (say 'hodl)

verb (t) Colloquial to keep (cryptocurrency) instead of trading or selling.

Also, **hodl**.

[humorous use of a misspelling of HOLD¹ which appeared in a 2013 online forum post]

–**HODLer**, *noun*

ten bagger

noun Finance Colloquial a stock (def. 35) which makes extremely high gains.

[from the notion that the initial investment is multiplied by ten]



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COLLOQUIAL

BDE

noun Colloquial a sense of self-confidence, unaccompanied by arrogance or conceit.

Also, **big dick energy**.

[from the supposed self-assuredness possessed by a man with a large penis]

blep

noun Colloquial an action in which an animal's tongue protrudes partially from the mouth.

[onomatopoeic for the sound of the action]

broflake

noun Colloquial (derogatory) a male who is easily offended or upset, especially regarding liberal opinions or attitudes which don't align with his more conservative ones.

[blend of BRO + SNOWFLAKE]

peak

adverb Colloquial (an intensifier indicating the highest or most extreme level of a characteristic):

peak crazy; peak arrogant.

yeet

/jit/ (say yeet) Colloquial

–*interjection* **1.** (an exclamation of triumph, elation, or pleasure.)

–*verb (t)* **2.** to throw (something) forcefully.

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COMMUNICATIONS

algorithmic bias

noun prejudice built into a computer algorithm which reflects the bias of the humans who carried out the programming and data selection which were used to create the algorithm.

information warfare

noun the strategic use of information to gain an advantage over an adversary, often including strategies such as collecting data, manipulating or distorting distributed information, or protecting or denying the distribution of information, especially within military organisations.

Abbrev.: IW

swipe right

verb (i) to indicate approval (opposed to *swipe left*).

[from the action on the dating app Tinder used to indicate interest in a person]

tfw

/ti ɛf ˈdʌbəlju/ (*say tee ef 'dubuhlyooh*)

(an abbreviation used in texting and social media to preface a description of a situation, event, etc., which evokes a particular feeling.)

Also, **TFW**.

[*t(hat) f(eel) w(hen)*]

tweetstorm

noun **1.** a series of related messages tweeted in rapid succession by a single person or account, often numbered to denote the order.

2. a large number of tweets from multiple sources in response to a tweet, news item, etc., a hashtag often being added to unify the tweeters.

–*verb (i)* **3.** to post a tweetstorm.

–*verb (t)* **4.** to post such messages (to someone).

[TWEET2 + STORM]

–**tweetstormer**, *noun*



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EATING AND DRINKING

aquafaba

/ækwə'fabə/ (say akwuh'fahbuh)

noun water in which chickpeas or other legumes have been cooked, often used as a replacement for egg whites, especially for people with dietary restrictions.

[Latin *aqua* water + *faba* bean]

dark kitchen

noun a commercial kitchen in which the food made is to fill orders placed through a food delivery app or website, the kitchen not being attached to a restaurant.

mylk

/mɪlk/ (say milk)

noun a plant-based milk (def. 2) produced for human consumption, as distinguished from milk (def. 1), sourced from animals: *almond mylk*.

[Middle English *mylk*, 15th century obsolete form of MILK; the form thought to have been revived to distinguish this type of milk from dairy milk]

reducetarian

/rɛdʒusə'tɛəriən/ (say ruhdyoohsuh'tairreeuhn)

noun someone who reduces the amount of animal products, such as meat, eggs, dairy, etc., in their diet.

[REDUCE + -t- + -ARIAN, modelled on VEGETARIAN]

-**reducetarianism**, *noun*

scoby

/'skoʊbi/ (say 'skohbee)

noun a culture of bacteria and yeast used as a mother (**mother2**) in the fermentation of the production of kombucha.

Also, **SCOPY**.

[acronym from *symbiotic culture of bacteria (and) yeast*]



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ENVIRONMENT

blackwater event

/ˈblækwɒtə ɛvənt/ (say 'blakwawtuh uhvent)

noun a sudden decrease in the oxygen levels in water, marine or inland, leading to a fish kill; thought to be caused by the breaking down of organic material in floodwater, accelerated in warm conditions, drawing oxygen out of the water.

Also, **hypoxic blackwater event**.

[from the dark appearance of the water as a result of the release of carbon compounds, such as tannins]

blazar

/ˈbleɪzə/ (say 'blayzah)

noun Astronomy a quasar whose stream of extreme luminous radiation is pointing towards the earth.

[BLAZ(E)¹ + -AR³, based on QUASAR, with *blaze* indicating the more extreme brightness as seen from the earth]

clean meat

noun **1.** Also, **cultured meat**. a meat-like food product grown from cultured stem cells of animals; the production of the protein supposedly incurring a much lower carbon footprint than livestock, as well as negating the need to slaughter animals.

2. a similar food product created from plant-based materials.

earthship

noun a house built from natural and recycled materials, utilising natural energy sources and comprising a self-contained sewage system.

Also, **earth ship**.

single-use

adjective intended for disposal after only one use: *single-use plastic bag; single-use cup*.



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FASHION

ab crack

noun *Colloquial* a well-defined concave line on the body which runs vertically through the centre of the abdomen.

[AB(DOMEN) + CRACK1 (def. 36), modelled on BUTT CRACK]

BBL

noun a type of buttocks lift where the lift or shaping effect is created by using fat taken from another part of the body, as opposed to synthetic products.

Also, **Brazilian butt lift**.

[B(*razilian*) b(*utt*) l(*ift*)]

caged bra

noun a bra with additional straps incorporated as part of the design, often worn with low-cut tops so part of the bra is visible.

[the straps being likened to bars of a cage]

micellar water

/maɪ ˈsɛlə wɔtə/ (*say* muy'seluh wawtuh)

noun a solution of micelles dispersed in water, along with other components such as glycerine, used to remove make-up and dirt from the skin.

soundwave tattoo

noun a tattoo in the design of a soundwave from which an audio file can be retrieved and played through a smartphone app; the audio file first recorded and then uploaded to an app which creates a soundwave stencil of the audio, the soundwave then tattooed onto the skin, with the audio able to be played once a photo of the tattoo has been uploaded to the app.

Also, **audio tattoo**.

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GENERAL

birth tourism

noun a form of tourism in which a pregnant woman visits another country, staying until after the birth of the child, for the purpose of acquiring citizenship of that country for the newborn. Also, **maternity tourism**.

contract cheating

noun a practice where a student engages a third party to complete an assessment task on their behalf and then submits it as their own work; the work often being put out to tender. [coined in 2006 by Thomas Lancaster and Robert Clarke, British computer science lecturers] –**contract cheat, contract cheater, noun**

FUPA

/¹fupə/ (say 'foopuh)

noun an excess of fatty tissue or loose skin above the pubic area; often as a result of weight gain, rapid weight loss, or, in women, pregnancy.

[f(atty) u(pper) p(ubic) a(rea)]

hygge

/¹hjugə/ (say 'hyoohguh)

noun **1.** the practice of creating an environment of cosiness, which, in turn, fosters feelings of contentment and wellbeing.

2. the feeling of contentment resulting from this practice.

[Danish, from Old Norse]

wangiri scam

/wæŋ¹gɪəri skæm/ (say wang'gearri skam)

noun a type of fraud in which the scammer calls a telephone number only to cut the connection after one or two rings, leaving the recipient to return the call to the missed number if they want to find out who was calling; the return call being rerouted to an overseas premium phone line that charges for the connection.

Also, **call-back scam, missed call scam**.

[Japanese *wangiri* literally, one and cut + SCAM]



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HEALTH

break room

noun a room containing items which, for a fee, a person can smash and destroy as a physical outlet of anger, stress, etc., thought to be psychologically beneficial.

Also, **rage room**, **smash room**.

earthing

noun the practice of physically connecting to the earth in the form of bare skin contact, as by walking barefoot on grass, sand or soil, the contact thought to reset or stabilise the natural electrical currents of the body, and thus improve health.

Also, **grounding**.

mole mapping

noun *Medicine* the process of taking a series of whole-body photographs at intervals of time, and comparing the images to detect changes in the structure and colour of moles which might indicate the development of a skin cancer.

reciprocal IVF

noun a method of IVF for same-sex female couples in which the eggs of one partner are fertilised by donor sperm, and the resulting embryo or embryos are implanted into the uterus of the other partner who acts as the gestational carrier.

Also, **partner IVF**.

thunderclap headache

noun a severe headache which reaches its peak intensity in an extremely short onset time.

[with reference to the suddenness and intensity of a thunderclap]



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INTERNET

creepypasta

noun (plural **creepypastas** or **creepypasta**)

a short horror story or urban legend in text, video or image format, which is copied or shared numerous times on forums, social media platforms, etc.: *nightmares from the creepypasta*.

[modelled on COPYPASTA]

dark social

noun **1.** the sharing of data through private social network services, such as direct messaging or closed groups, which cannot be tracked through analytics (def. 3).

2. the channel of communication through which this data is shared.

deepfake

noun a video of a computer-generated likeness of an individual, created using deep learning without the individual's knowledge, often for the purpose of misinformation, vindictiveness, or satire.

Also, **deep fake**.

[DEEP (LEARNING) + FAKE1]

Poe's Law

noun *Internet* a postulation that, without a clear indicator, it cannot be determined whether a comment, opinion, article, etc., from an extreme viewpoint is genuine or a parody.

[named after an internet username, (*Nathan*) *Poe*, after a comment was posted under it on a Christianity forum in 2005]

troll farm

noun an organisation which circulates or promotes certain narratives on social media, often for the political interests of a government or the commercial interests of a company.

Also, **troll factory**.

[TROLL1 (def. 16) + FARM]



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POLITICS

deplatform

verb (t) to remove (a speaker, commentator, etc.) from a forum, conference, social media platform, etc.

Also, **de-platform**, **no-platform**.

–**deplatforming**, *noun*

false-flag attack

noun an attack secretly planned or carried out by a government against its own people, which they then publicly blame on another nation in order to justify taking retaliatory action.

[*false-flag* referring to pirate ships which used to fly flags of another nation to deceive other ships in proximity]

incel

/¹ ɪnsɛl/ (*say* 'insel)

noun a man who believes that he is entitled to have sex with women but is not attractive to them, often because of his sexist attitudes and crass behaviour, and who blames his situation on society at large, particularly feminism.

[IN(VOLUNTARY) + CEL(IBATE)]

microtargeting

noun a marketing strategy whereby consumer data, demographics, geography, etc., are used to identify or predict the behaviour or opinions of a targeted individual or group, with the intention of influencing them.

[coined in 2002 by AP Gage, US political consultant]

sportswashing

noun the practice of a controversial government hosting a popular international sporting event with the intention of garnering the associated favourable attention and thus rehabilitating its poor global reputation.

[SPORTS + (WHITE)WASH (def. 2) + -ING1]

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SOCIAL INTEREST

familicide

/fəˈmɪləsaɪd/ (say fuh'miluhsuyd)

noun the act of killing multiple members of one's family, with the aim of destroying the family unit, sometimes ending with the perpetrator's suicide.

grey-A

/greɪ-ˈeɪ/ (say gray-'ay)

noun **1.** a person who only rarely experiences or desires sexual or romantic attraction.

–*adjective* **2.** of or relating to such a person.

[GREY (AREA) + A(SEXUAL)]

Me Too

adjective **1.** of or relating to the Me Too movement: *Me Too posts on social media.*

2. of or relating to an accusation of sexual harassment or sexual assault, especially as having occurred at some time in the past and which has since remained undisclosed.

–*verb* (*t*) (**Me Tooed or Me Too'd, Me Tooing**) **3.** to accuse (someone) of having committed sexual harassment or sexual assault, especially in the past: *to be Me Tooed.*

Also, **me too, Me-Too, me-too.**

packing party

noun a process, designed to promote minimalist living, in which all one's belongings are packed up, as if for a house move, with the intention that items only be unpacked as they are needed, and after a set period of time, everything still packed is recycled, donated, sold or thrown out.

wabi-sabi

/wabi-ˈsabi/ (say wahbee-'sahbee)

noun a Japanese philosophy centred on finding beauty in imperfection and the uncontrollable, often used to describe an aesthetic of design or art.

[Japanese]



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SPORT

canicross

noun the sport of cross-country running with a dog, which is attached to the runner by a bungee cord.

[CANI(NE) + CROSS(-COUNTRY)]

halo

noun (plural **haloes** or **halos**)

Motor Racing a curved, titanium bar structure in front and to the sides of the head area of the driver in an open wheeler, designed to protect the driver's head in an accident.

handplane

noun **1.** (in bodysurfing) a small board strapped to the palm of the hand to assist in control of direction, speed, and momentum.

-*verb* (*i*) (**handplaned**, **handplaning**)

2. to engage in handplaning.

Also, **handboard**.

plogging

noun a form of physical exercise which incorporates running with picking up any litter encountered on the route.

[Swedish: blend of *plocka upp* 'pick up' and *jogga* 'jog' + -ING]

VAR

noun Soccer **1.** a person who reviews video footage of an on-field incident that resulted in a referee decision, the review being passed back to the referee who holds ultimate responsibility for maintaining or reversing their initial decision.

2. the system and its technology used in such a review: *to replay footage from the VAR*.



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TECHNOLOGY

biomining

/ˈbaɪoʊmaɪnɪŋ/ (say 'buyohmuynɪŋ)

noun the process of extracting precious and base metals from ore or waste material through the use of microorganisms, which oxidise the metals in water, producing a soluble substance.

black start

noun **1.** the process within a power station of restoring electricity supply following a complete or partial blackout, without reliance on external supplies, an alternative energy source, such as a diesel generator, hydropower, etc., being used to create enough energy to initiate the restart.

-verb (t) Also, **black-start**. **2.** to restart (a system) by this process.

coltan

/ˈkɒltæn/ (say 'koltan)

noun a dull, metallic ore, a mixture of columbite and tantalite, which is refined to produce tantalum, an element used especially in the production of capacitors found in many electronic devices.

[COL(UMBITE) + TAN(TALITE)]

CRISPR

noun **1.** a section of genetic material containing repeated base sequences, found in genomes of bacteria and other microorganisms; an important component of the immune system.

2. Also, **CRISPR/Cas9**. a technology which enables editing of a genome by adding, removing, or altering a section of DNA sequence; potentially able to correct genetic defects, treat diseases, etc.

-adjective **3.** of or relating to such technology.

[*c(lusters of) r(egularly) i(nterspaced) s(hort) p(alindromic) r(epeats)*]

evil twin

noun a secret wi-fi access point fraudulently set up in close proximity to a legitimate one, with the purpose of accessing personal information from the legitimate wi-fi connection, such as bank account details, passwords, etc.