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### Macquarie Dictionary Word of the Year 2018 Shortlist

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#### 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]

#### 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.

#### 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]

#### 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)*]

#### 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.

#### 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) + FAKE]

#### 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**.

#### HODL

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*verb* (t) *Colloquial* to keep (cryptocurrency) instead of trading or selling. Also, **hodl**.  
[humorous use of a misspelling of HOLD<sup>1</sup> which appeared in a 2013 online forum post]  
–**HODLer**, *noun*

**hygge**

/<sup>1</sup>hjuɡə/ (*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]

**incel**

/<sup>1</sup>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)]

**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**.

**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**.

**single-use**

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

**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*.

**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*