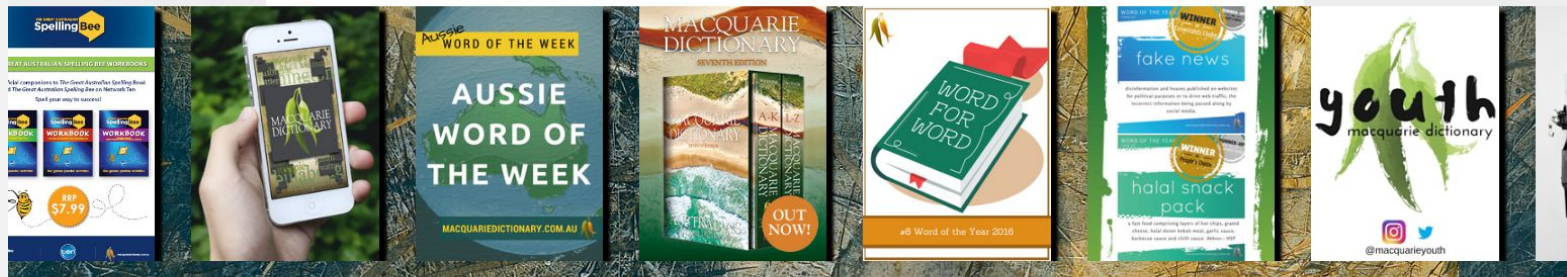


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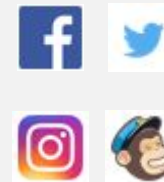
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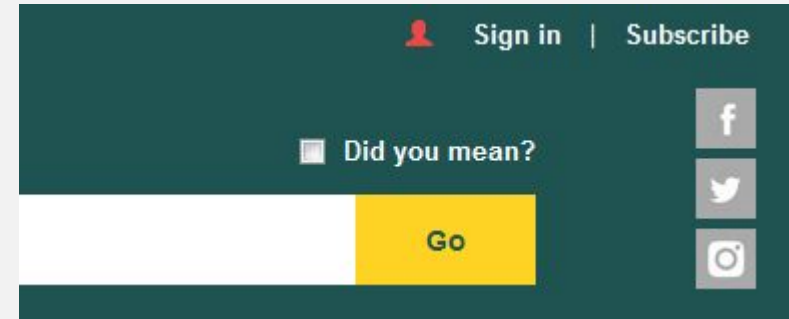
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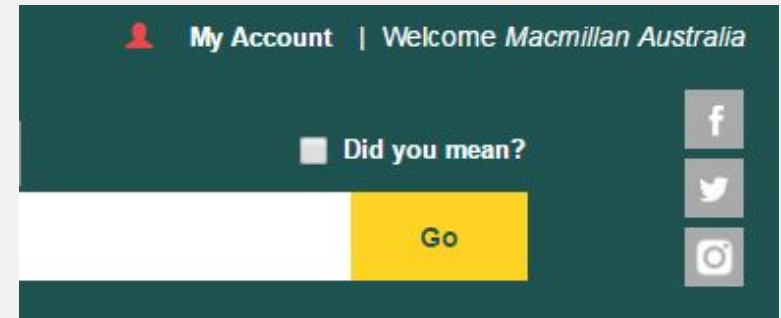
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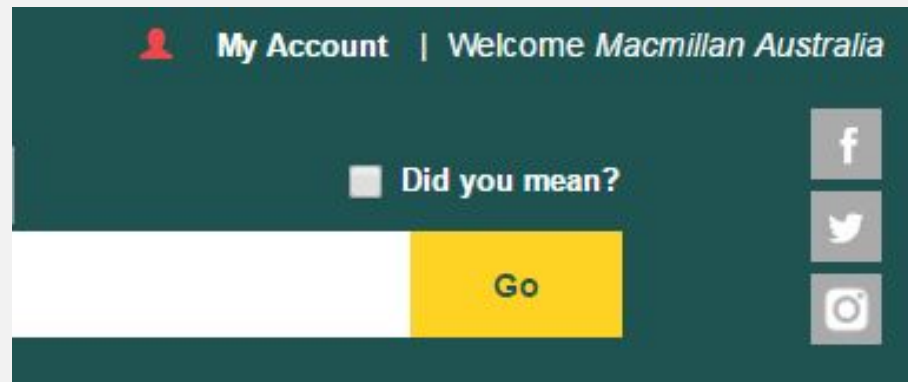
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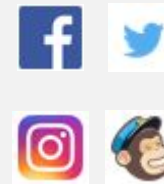
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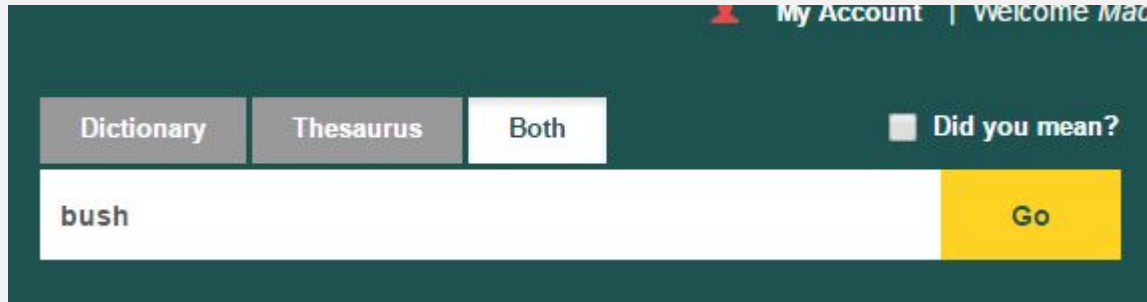
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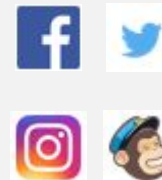


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**bush**<sup>1</sup>

 /buʃ/ (say boosh)

**noun 1.** a woody plant, especially a low one, with many branches which usually arise from or near the ground.

**2. Botany** a small cluster of shrubs appearing as a single plant.

**3.** something resembling or suggesting a bush, as a head of thick, shaggy hair.

**4.** a fox's tail.

**5.** (in Australia and Africa) terrain covered with bushy vegetation or trees, especially when uncultivated or in its natural state: *to walk through thick bush*.

**6. NZ** a patch of native forest: *a very pretty bush stretching up the range*.

**7. the bush,**

- the natural ecosystem of Australia including flora, fauna and landforms: *Australians love the bush*.
- the regions outside major cities, encompassing open land, cultivated land, forests, towns, etc.: *\*Gran came to stay soon after we shifted back to the bush*. –ROCKY MARSHALL, 1983.
- people living in rural areas, considered collectively: *the bush is up in arms about the closure of bank branches*.
- NZ the native forest.



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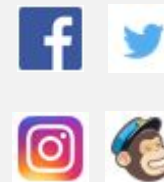
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1. **the bush** countryside, meadows and pastures, the country, the land, the open, the provinces, the soil; **bush country** brush, **bush**, bushland, mallee district, mulga, the brigalow, the **bush**, the mallee, the mulga, the saltbush, the scrub (*Obsolete*), tiger country; **back country** backblocks, backwoods, high country, hinterland, out beyond, outback, the inland, the outback, the wayback (*NZ*); *Informal*: back of beyond, booy, boohai, boondocks (*Chiefly US*), cactus, goat country, outside country, Snake Gully, Speewah, the back of beyond, the back of Bourke, the booy, the cactus, the donga (*Chiefly SA*), the never-never, the sticks; **dead heart** dead centre, the Centre, the red centre, the red heart; **woods** weald (*Archaic*), wildwood (*Archaic*), woodlands.
  2. **ruralism** agrarianism, bucolicism, pastoralism; **rusticity** provincialism, provinciality, rurality, swainishness; **ruralisation** bushwhacking, countrification, pastoralisation, rustication.
  3. **countrydweller** back-countryman, backwoodsman, bushman, bushranger (*Obsolete*), country cousin, countryman, countrywoman, hatter, peasant, plainsman, provincial, ruralist, rustic, villager, wench (*Archaic*), yokel; *Informal*: bushie, bushwhacker (*US*), hayseed, redneck (*US*), rube (*US*); **peasant** bumpkin, bushy, carl (*Archaic*), churl (*Archaic*), clown, country bumpkin, hillbilly (*Chiefly US*), moujik, muzhik, ploughboy, ploughman, plowboy (*US*), plowman (*US*), ryot, villager, yeoman (*British*), yokel; *Informal*: bogtrotter (*Chiefly British*), hayseed, rube (*US*); **country people** country folk, peasantry; **rustic** bucolic, swain (*Chiefly Poetic*).
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4. **rural** agrarian, agrestic, agricultural, country, from the sticks, rustic, village, villatic; **outback** back-country, backwoods, high, highland, inland, up-country; **country-style** countrified, country-fashion, countryfied; **pastoral** agrarian, agricultural, Arcadian, bucolic, rural, rustic, sylvan, woodland.
  5. **provincial** boorish, churlish, cloddish, clodhopping, hayseed, hillbilly, peasant, rube, stringy-bark, yeoman, yeomanly, yokelish; *Informal*: hick; **country-born** country-bred; **folksy** Dad'n'Dave; **rustic** bucolic, swainish.
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6. **ruralise** go **bush**, rusticate; **bushwhack** be on the land.



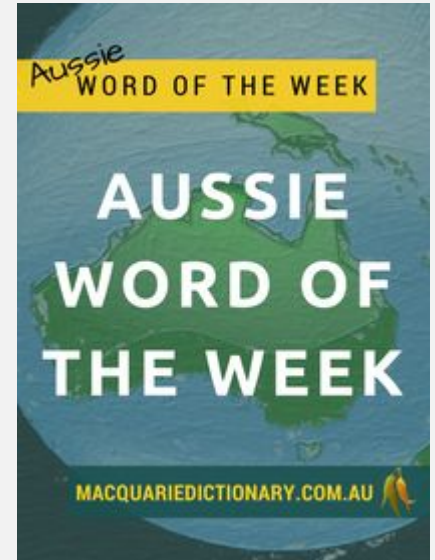
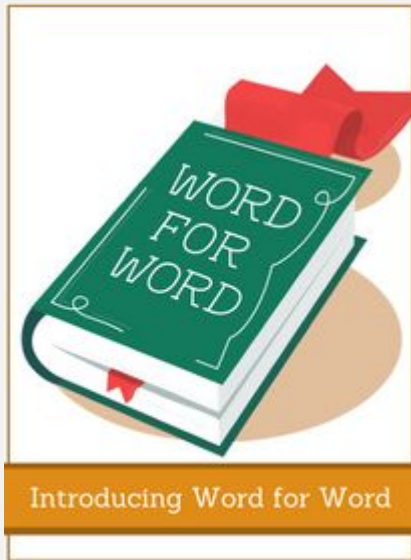
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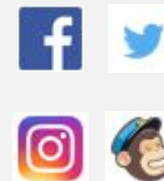
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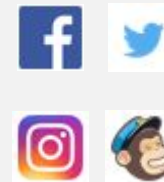
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