

## AGRICULTURE

### agribot

*/'ægrɪbɒt/ (say 'agreebot)*

*noun* a robot used in farming, as for harvesting, fruit picking, sheep shearing, etc., to improve efficiency and reduce reliance on manual labour.

Also, **farm robot**. [*agri(cultural) (ro)bot*]

### black salsify

*/blæk 'sælsəfi/ (say blak 'salsuhfee)*

*noun* **1.** a plant of the sunflower family, *Scorzonera hispanica*, with broad green leaves and yellow flowers; Spanish salsify; black oyster plant; scorzonera.

**2.** the root of this plant, edible after the black skin is removed.

### dekopon

*/'dekəpɒn/ (say 'dekuhpon)*

*noun* a sweet, seedless variety of mandarin developed in Japan in the 1970s, having a rough orange skin with a distinctive bump at the junction with the stem.

[Japanese brand name *deko* bump + *pon* from *ponkan* the name of the variety of mandarin from which it was hybridised]

### Queen Garnet plum

*noun* a variety of blood plum that is especially high in antioxidants; thought to be beneficial in managing obesity, blood pressure and heart disease.

[named from the (Golden) *Queen* rootstock and the colour GARNET<sup>1</sup>]

### wombat gate

*/'wɒmbæt geɪt/ (say 'wombat gayt)*

*noun* a swing gate installed in a ditch going underneath a fence, so that wombats, who follow very predictable patterns at night, can come and go without destroying the fence.



## ARTS

### abandoned porn

/ə' bændənd pɔ:n/ (say uh'banduhnd pawn)

*noun* a genre of photography which romanticises abandoned buildings and urban areas in a state of decay.

Also, **ruin porn**.

### ecocriticism

/i:kou 'kritəsizəm/ (say eekoh'krituhsizuhm)

*noun* a branch of literary criticism that looks at the ways in which aspects of the environment are treated in literature.

[ECO- + CRITICISM (def. 1)]

### ob doc

/ɒb 'dɒk/ (say ob 'dok)

*noun* a documentary in which events unfold naturally rather than according to direction or a script, and are recorded by a camera observing what happens.

[shortened form of *observational documentary*]

### showrunner

/'ʃouɹʌnə/ (say 'shohrunuh)

*noun* a person who has management responsibility for a television show, often being involved in the writing of the script, the selection of talent, and the overall creative direction.

### slipstream fiction

/slɪpstrɪm 'fɪkʃən/ (say slipstreem 'fikshuhn)

*noun* a genre that blends science fiction and conventional literary fiction with fantasy fiction, in which a sense of disorientation in a strange world is predominant.

[coined in 1989 by (Michael) Bruce Sterling, born 1954, US science fiction writer]



## BUSINESS

### digital disruption

/dɪdʒətəl dɪs'ʁʌpʃən/ (say dijuhtl dis'rupshuhn)

*noun* *Commerce* the impact of digital technology in making various established industries and products obsolete.

### gig economy

/gɪg ə'kɒnəmi/ (say gig uh'konuhmee)

*noun* an economy in which individual workers are employed on a particular task for a set time, with little connection to their employer, as dog walkers, people who do food shopping and deliveries, drivers in ride-sharing services, etc.

[GIG<sup>4</sup> (def. 3) + ECONOMY]

### impact investing

/'ɪmpækt ɪnvestɪŋ/ (say 'ɪmpakt ɪnvestɪŋ)

*noun* the investing in companies which will have a beneficial impact on the public good as well as generating a financial return for the investor.

–**impact investment**, *noun*

–**impact investor**, *noun*

### price baiting

/'praɪs beɪtɪŋ/ (say 'pruys baytɪŋ)

*noun* the practice adopted by a real estate vendor of advertising a property at a discounted price which would not ultimately be accepted at auction, in an attempt to lure possible buyers to the auction.

### sharing economy

/ʃeərɪŋ ə'kɒnəmi/ (say shairɪŋ uh'konuhmee)

*noun* an economy in which consumers have shared access to goods and services, rather than having individual ownership, as in car sharing or peer-to-peer accommodation provision.



## COLLOQUIAL

### bae

/bei/ (say bay)

*noun Colloquial* **1.** a girlfriend or boyfriend.

**2.** (an affectionate form of address to one's girlfriend or boyfriend.)

[? shortened form of BABE, with backronym *b(efore) a(nyone) e(lse)*]

### cray cray

/'kreɪ kreɪ/ (say 'kray kray)

*adjective Colloquial* ridiculously eccentric or offbeat.

Also, **cray**. [an adaptation, deliberately strange, of CRAZY]

### deso

/'dezoo/ (say 'dezoh)

*noun Colloquial* a designated driver.

Also, **deso driver**. [DES(IGNATED DRIVER) + -O (def. 2a)]

### fleek

/flik/ (say fleek)

*phrase on fleek, Colloquial* stylish; excellent.

[from a 2009 internet meme; origin unknown]

### swaggy

/'swægi/ (say 'swagee)

*adjective Colloquial* possessing a swaggering style; extremely confident in one's manner.

[SWAG (def. 6) + -g- + -Y<sup>1</sup>]



## COMMUNICATIONS

### conlang

*/ˈkɒnlæŋ/ (say 'konlang)*

*noun* a constructed language, such as Esperanto or Klingon.

[CON(STRUCTED) LANG(UAGE)]

### flat-lay pic

*/flæt-leɪ 'pɪk/ (say flat-lay pik)*

*noun* **1.** a selfie taken of oneself while lying flat on the ground or the floor.

**2.** a photograph of objects laid out on the floor or some other flat surface.

### listicle

*/ˈlɪstɪkəl/ (say 'listikuhl)*

*noun* a type of article in online journalism and blogging which is presented in the form of a list.

### snackable

*/ˈsnækəbəl/ (say 'snakuhbuhl)*

*adjective* (of media content) organised in small published units that can be delivered to and read, viewed or engaged with by the user at a fast pace.

### trigger warning

*/ˈtrɪgə wɔːnɪŋ/ (say 'triguh wawning)*

*noun* a warning given at the start of a text, film, video, etc., to alert the reader or viewer that what follows contains material which may offend or distress them.

[TRIGGER (def. 4) + WARNING]



## EATING AND DRINKING

### angasi oyster

/æŋgazi 'ɔɪstə/ (say anggahzee 'oystuh)

*noun* an Australian native flat oyster, *Ostrea angasi*, which grows naturally on the sea floor; found in marine and estuarine habitats of southern Australia from mid-NSW to the southern parts of WA.

Also, **angasi**.

### clean eating

*noun* a dietary principle that dictates the selection of foods which are as close to their natural state as possible, being minimally processed, refined or handled, the food being consumed in multiple small meals during the day with a balance of fat, carbohydrate and protein in each meal.

### Frankenfruit

/'fræŋkənfrut/ (say 'frankuhnfruoohht)

*noun* (also lower case) a fruit produced as a hybrid of other fruits, or infused with the flavour of another fruit, or genetically modified in some way.

### powdered alcohol

/paʊdəd 'alkəhɒl/ (say powduhd 'alkuhhɒl)

*noun* a powder made by the micro-encapsulation of minute drops of alcohol each in a covering of an innocuous substance as a protein, starch or gelatine which dissolves in water; when water is added an alcoholic beverage is formed.

Also, **alcohol powder**.

### tri-tip

/'traɪ-tɪp/ (say 'truy-tip)

*noun* a cut of beef, taken from the bottom of the sirloin.

[from its triangular shape]



## ENVIRONMENT

### bushfire shelter

*/'bʊʃfaɪə ʃeltə/ (say 'bushfuyuh sheltuh)*

*noun* a small freestanding building specifically designed to provide shelter as a fire front passes over.

Also, **bushfire bunker**.

### cool burn

*/kʊl 'bɜːn/ (say koohl 'bern)*

*noun* a bushfire mitigation procedure in which small fires are lit in circumstances which do not allow them to develop the kind of intense heat which is destructive to vegetation and wildlife, but which reduce the threat of uncontrolled bushfire.

–**cool burning**, *noun*

### ex situ conservation

*noun* a conservation process by which animals or plants threatened with extinction in their native habitat are preserved by removing them to zoos, captive breeding programs, botanical gardens, aquariums, etc., or by storing their genes in a gene bank.

### heritage tree

*/herətɪdʒ 'tri/ (say heruhtij 'tree)*

*noun* an individual tree which has a unique value because of its size, age, history or beauty, and which is considered to be irreplaceable; in many countries protected by government legislation.

### legacy chemical

*/lɛɡəsi 'kɛmɪkəl/ (say leguhsee 'kemikuhl)*

*noun* a chemical or chemical mixture which remains in the environment long after it was first introduced, often in a pesticide or herbicide originally considered harmless.



## FASHION

### alphabet cream

*/ˈælfəbet krim/ (say 'alfuhbet kreem)*

*noun* any of a range of light foundation creams named using letters of the alphabet.  
See **AA cream**, **BB cream**, etc.

### athleisure

*/æθˈleɪzə/ (say ath'lezhuh)*

*noun* clothing, shoes, etc., designed for both exercise and general casual wear.

### beard bauble

*/'biəd bɔːbəl/ (say 'beard bawbuhl)*

*noun* a trinket or decoration woven into or otherwise attached to a beard.

### lumbersexual

*/ˈlʌmbə'sɛkʃuəl/ (say lumbuh'sekshoohuhl)*

*noun* an urban male who wishes to associate himself by his appearance with a rugged outdoors way of life, as by wearing outdoor clothes such as check shirts, jeans and large boots, combined with a beard, as typical of a lumberjack.

[LUMBER(JACK) + (METRO)SEXUAL]

### merman hair

*/'mɜːmən heə/ (say 'merman hair)*

*noun* a style, adopted by hipster men, of colouring the hair and beard in shades of blue, green and purple.

[from **MERMAN**, with reference to the colours, seen as characteristic of sea creatures]





## GENERAL INTEREST

### big box store

*noun* a megastore selling a wide variety of goods, from bulk groceries to furniture and whitegoods, usually located away from traditional shopping centres and accessed by vehicle.

[from the notion that the goods sold typically are packaged in large cardboard boxes]

### body farm

*/ˈbɒdi fɑːm/ (say 'bodee fahm)*

*noun* a facility in which forensic scientists study aspects of the decomposition of human bodies which have been donated for research purposes, in order to improve methods of locating and analysing human remains.

### ghost plate

*/ˈɡoʊst pleɪt/ (say 'gohst playt)*

*noun* a clear plastic numberplate cover which becomes opaque when viewed from certain angles, thereby obscuring the registration number; designed to circumvent identification by speed cameras.

### grolar bear

*/ˈɡroʊlə ˈbeɪ/ (say grohluh 'bair)*

*noun* a hybrid species, the offspring of a grizzly bear and a polar bear; occurring naturally in greater numbers as a result of climate change.

[GR(IZZLY BEAR) + (P)OLAR BEAR]

### hoverboard

*/ˈhɒvəbɔːd/ (say 'hovuhbawd)*

*noun* a powered personal transporter, consisting of a small wheeled platform on which the rider stands and steers by exerting pressure with the feet.



## HEALTH

### autonomous sensory meridian response

*noun* 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. *Abbrev.:* ASMR

### black lung

/blæk 'lʌŋ/ (*say* blæk 'lung)

*noun* a disease of the lungs caused by the inhalation of coaldust, as by workers in a coalmine, leading to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.  
Also **coal worker's pneumonia**.

### fitspiration

/fɪtspə'reɪʃən/ (*say* fɪtspuh'rayshuhn)

*noun* **1.** an exhortation, usually online, designed to push the reader or viewer to undertake more strenuous exercise in the pursuit of health and fitness, sometimes associated with the pursuit of an ideal body image.

**2.** such an exhortative message.

### medical detection dog

*noun* a detection dog trained to respond to body odours which are indicative of the presence of cancer, the effects of diabetes, etc.

### postvention

/pəʊst'venʃən/ (*say* post'venshuhn)

*noun* a mental health intervention designed to support the friends and family of a person who has committed suicide, since they themselves may be at risk as a consequence.

[modelled on PREVENTION with the PRE- prefix replaced by POST-]



## INTERNET

### digital tattoo

/dɪdʒətəl tæ'tu/ (say dijuhtl ta'tooh)

*noun* the information which is traceable online about an individual's interests, purchasing patterns, etc.

[DIGITAL + TATTOO<sup>2</sup>, from the notion that the information is permanently recorded]

### dox

/dɒks/ (say dɒks)

*noun* **1.** an internet-enabled attack on a person's privacy, in which their personal details and sometimes those of their family and friends are released online, viewers being invited to use them in whatever way they wish.

–*verb* (*t*) **2.** to publish the private details of (someone) online.

[respelling of *docs*, a shortened form of *documents*]

–**doxing**, *noun*

### fancruft

/'fæŋkrʌft/ (say 'fankruft)

*noun* any material of an esoteric nature, which is of interest to devoted fans of a particular subject, enterprise, etc., but worthless to anyone else.

[FAN<sup>2</sup> + CRUFT]

### keyboard warrior

/kɪbɒd 'wɒriə/ (say keebawd 'woreeuh)

*noun* a person who adopts an excessively aggressive style in online discussions which they would not normally adopt in person-to-person communication, often in support of a cause, theory, world view, etc.

[KEYBOARD (def. 1) + WARRIOR (def. 2)]

### speculative invoicing

/spekjələtɪv 'ɪnvɔɪsɪŋ/ (say spekyuhluhtɪv 'ɪnvoysɪŋ)

*noun* the practice adopted by owners of copyright to issue an invoice to an illegal procurer of their product, as a downloader of a pirated movie, requiring them to pay a disproportionate amount of compensation in order to avoid a court case.



## POLITICS

### **captain's call**

/kæptənz 'kɔl/ (say kaptuhnz 'kawl)

*noun* a decision made by a political or business leader without consultation with colleagues. Also, **captain's pick**.

[from the cricketing term for a decision made by the captain without consultation with other members of the team]

### **effects test**

/ə'fekts tɛst/ (say uh'fekts test)

*noun* a measure of anti-competitive conduct on the part of a business, which takes into account the effect of its actions on competition in the marketplace, whether that effect was intended or not.

[from the idea that proving that there has been an effect on competition is sufficient without necessarily proving an intent to do so]

### **open kimono**

/oʊpən 'kimənoʊ/ (say ohpuhn 'kimuhnoh)

*noun* a business policy of sharing information freely with an outside party.

[from the notion of a Japanese person loosening their kimono on arrival at home; popularised during a period of increased interaction between Japan and the West in the late 1980s]

### **paperless arrest**

/peɪpələs ə'rest/ (say paypuhluhs uh'rest)

*noun* an arrest in which the arresting officer can detain someone thought to have committed or to be about to commit an offence, such as obscenity, disorderly conduct, etc., the offender being charged after a specified period of time or released without charge.

[from the notion that the arresting officer does not have to complete the usual paperwork until such time as a charge is actually laid]

### **sovereign citizen**

/sɒvrən 'sɪtəzən/ (say sovruhn 'situhzuhn)

*noun* a person who believes in the rights of the individual to an extreme degree, their stance being manifested in various ways, as by refusal to pay tax or obey traffic regulations, or to accept any legal restraints other than those which they consider to be valid, in some instances being drawn into a violent defence of their individual freedom.



## SOCIAL INTEREST

### fridge-to-fridge party

/ˈfrɪdʒ-tə-ˈfrɪdʒ ˈpɑːti/ (say frij-tuh-'frij pahtee)

*noun* a party in which participants ride on bicycles from one home to another, consuming alcoholic drinks stocked in the fridge at each location.

Also, **fridge to fridge**.

### fur baby

/'fɜː beɪbi/ (say 'fer baybee)

*noun* *Colloquial* a pet animal, as a cat or dog, treated as one would a child.

Also, **fur child**, **fur baby**.

### grandcare

/'grændkɛə/ (say 'grandkair)

*noun* the raising of a child by a grandparent or grandparents who are legally, biologically or culturally identified as such, and who are responsible for the child's primary care.

–**grandcarer**, *noun*

### manspread

/'mænspreɪd/ (say 'manspred)

*verb* (*i*) to adopt a posture, characteristic of some men, of sitting with the legs wide apart, with the result that the person takes up more than his fair share of room on public transport, at a dinner table, etc.

### revenge porn

/ˈrɛvɛndʒ 'pɔːn/ (say ruhvenj 'pawɪn)

*noun* sexually explicit images of a person, distributed without their consent, with the intention of harassing or distressing them.

[REVENGE + PORN (DEF. 1)]



## SPORT

### **bog snorkelling**

*/ˈbɒɡ snɔːkəlɪŋ/ (say ˈbɒɡ snawkuhling)*

*noun* a race in which contestants swim two lengths of a water-filled, muddy trench measuring 55 metres, equipped with a snorkel and propelling themselves using flippers only; originated in Wales in 1976.

### **dockdogs**

*/ˈdɒkdɒgz/ (say ˈdɒkdogz)*

*noun* a sport in which dogs compete to achieve the greatest height or the longest distance in jumping from a platform into water.

### **Fast4**

*/fɑːst ˈfɔː/ (say fahstˈfaw)*

*noun* a format for a tennis competition in which matches are played to the best of three sets, each set comprising four games, with a tie breaker to be played at three sets all, and other rules adjusted to ensure swift progress through the game.

### **slackpacking**

*/ˈslækpækɪŋ/ (say ˈslakpaking)*

*noun* an arrangement for a walking trip lasting longer than one day, in which heavy items such as food, wine, etc., are delivered to accommodation points, the walkers being required to carry only a daypack.

–**slackpacker**, *noun*

### **three-peat**

*/ˈθriːpiːt/ (say ˈthree-peet) Originally US*

–*noun* **1.** a third consecutive win in a sporting championship.

–*verb* (*i*) **2.** to win a championship for the third time.

[THREE + (RE)PEAT]

–**three-peater**, *noun*



## TECHNOLOGY

### DIYbio

/di aɪ waɪ 'baɪoʊ/ (say dee uy wuy 'buyoh)

*noun* scientific research conducted outside mainstream commercial or academic laboratories, in facilities made available to an appropriately qualified person to enable them to pursue their research ideas.

[DIY + *bio*(logical research)]

### hearing loop

/'hɪərɪŋ lʊp/ (say 'hearing loohp)

*noun* a hearing augmentation system comprising a microphone, an amplifier and a coil of wire placed around a room or any enclosed space, which converts sound waves from a speaker's voice into an electric current, creating a magnetic field which is picked up and reconverted into audible sound by a hearing aid.

### selfie drone

/sɛlfi 'droun/ (say selfee 'drohn)

*noun* a drone (**drone**<sup>1</sup> def. 4) equipped with a camera so that it can take photographs and videos from the air of the owner posing or performing various actions.

### smart buoy

/'smat bɔɪ/ (say 'smaht boy)

*noun* a buoy equipped with technology to observe changing conditions, water quality, presence of sharks, etc., and to transmit such data to a central location.

### technical debt

/tɛknɪkəl 'dɛt/ (say teknikuhl 'det)

*noun* the outstanding development work involved in completing or tidying up code written at speed for quick results, and which, as a result, is functional but in need of modification.

Also, **code debt**, **design debt**.

