

BUSINESS

animateur

noun a person who leads a group activity by giving creative input, direction, facilitation and organisation, as in community projects, artistic ventures, etc.

[French: one who gives life to something]

–**animateuring**, *noun*

moral hazard

noun **1.** a situation in which one's morals are at risk.

2. *Finance* a situation in which a person engaged in a financial transaction has an incentive to take unwarranted risks because of the existence of a mechanism for redressing any adverse effects of a bad transaction.

freeconomics

noun a business model, especially on the internet, where much of the material is free but the income is derived from advertising, from sales of additional products or services, etc.

GFC

noun the global financial crisis which commenced in 2008.

[abbreviation]

toxic debt

noun a debt which, although initially established as a legitimate business transaction, proves subsequently, as a result of change in the fiscal environment, to be financially worthless to the lending body, as the subprime loans which precipitated the global financial crisis in 2008.



COLLOQUIAL

toad buster

–*noun Colloquial* a person engaged in the eradication of the cane toad.

Also, **toadbuster**. –**toad busting**, *noun*

bromance

–*noun Colloquial* a non-sexual but intense friendship between two males.

fanta pants

–*noun Originally British Colloquial* a person whose hair is naturally red.

[from the orange-coloured soft drink *Fanta* + PANTS, with reference to pubic hair as the indicator of hair colour]

bff

–*noun Colloquial* a close and intimate friend.

[*b(est) f(riends) f(orever)*]

dub-a-dub-dub

Colloquial (a realisation in speech of the prefix *www* used in website addresses.)

Also, **dub-dub-dub**.



COMMUNICATIONS

internet roaming

noun a facility which allows a user to access their email and internet services outside their own country.

lifestreaming

noun the online recording of one's daily life, delivered either by means of a webcam, or aggregated from personal blogs, microblogs, etc.

QR code

noun a data matrix barcode which, when scanned by a mobile phone, connects to a website for the downloading of information, as for example, a QR code at a transport terminal which connects the user to a timetable.

[*Q(uick) R(esponse) + CODE*]

sexting

–*noun Colloquial* the receiving or sending of a sexually explicit photograph or video clip on a mobile phone.

[blend of *SEX + texting*]

textaholic

–*noun Colloquial* someone who sends an excessive number of text messages.

–**textaholism**, *noun*



EATING AND DRINKING

black tomato

noun any of the various species of tomato with skin and flesh of a darker pigment than the standard red tomatoes, with colours ranging from dark red-brown or purplish-red, as the Russian tomato.

guerilla dining

noun dining at a restaurant that has been set up temporarily in an unused space such as a car park, beach, rooftop or a private home, etc., customers being alerted by word of mouth to the location.

Also, **guerrilla dining**.

kiwi berry

noun a small smooth-skinned kiwifruit.

shisha tobacco

noun tobacco flavoured with apples, cloves, etc., smoked in a hookah.

yuzu

noun **1.** a citrus fruit, *Citrus ichangensis*, similar to a small grapefruit with an uneven skin.

2. the tree producing this fruit, originating in eastern Asia.

[Japanese]



ECOLOGY

bioplastic

noun **1.** a plastic in the manufacture of which renewable sources such as vegetable oils and corn starch are used, resulting in less involvement of fossil fuels.

–*adjective* **2.** of, relating to, or made from such a plastic.

ecocentrism

noun a philosophy based on the idea that the ecosphere (def. 1) is more central to life than any particular organism, and that human activity, whether it is community or individual activity, must base its morality on this recognition.

–*ecocentric, adjective*

–*ecocentrist, noun*

ecolabel

noun a label for goods or services which gives standardised information with regard to claims for environmental friendliness, thus assisting consumers to make choices based on environmental considerations.

ecothology

noun a branch of theology that deals with the religious and moral aspects of the relationships between a divinity, humankind and nature.

–*ecothological, adjective*

–*ecothologian, noun*

conservation tillage

noun minimal cultivation of the soil for the growing of crops, as by leaving stubble on the surface rather than ploughing it in, except for small strips where the new crops are sown. Also, **zonal tillage**.



ENTERTAINMENT

machinima

noun the creation of 3D animation films for use within a computer game environment, using the existing visuals of the game for characters, backgrounds, etc.

[blend of MACHINE and CINEMA]

mockbuster

noun a low-budget movie which is modelled on a blockbuster and usually seeks to trade on its fame or to be a send-up of it.

webcom

noun a sitcom available online which allows the viewers to take an interactive role in shaping the storyline, creating characters, making up dialogue, etc.

car crash TV

noun Colloquial a television program that is simultaneously absorbing and repulsive for the viewer.

verbatim theatre

noun a genre of plays which uses the exact words of people interviewed, as after a particular event, as the text for the actors.



ENVIRONMENT

bioethanol

noun ethanol produced from the starch or sugar in various crops, such as corn, for use as a biofuel.

global commons

plural noun parts of the world which no individual or state may own, as the oceans, the atmosphere, outer space, and Antarctica (the last-named subject to the Antarctic Treaty, 1959).

guerilla gardener

noun a person who plants gardens in areas controlled by councils or other organisations but neglected by them in terms of vegetation, as nature strips, roundabouts, council-maintained gardens, etc.

Also, **guerrilla gardener**.

plastic soup

noun a floating mass of waste, mainly plastic, which accumulates at the point in the ocean where a gyre is located.

water footprint

noun the amount of fresh water, both virtual and visible, used by a country, business, organisation, or individual.



FASHION

ear gauging

noun an ear piercing procedure that involves the stretching of the pierced hole with a series of objects, each one larger than the previous one.

[from the different *gauges* of the plugs inserted to widen the piercing]

lace eyelashes

plural noun decorative false eyelashes which comprise fan-shaped overlapping strips of lace-like material extending beyond the eyelashes.

mouth grills

plural noun a cosmetic dental device worn over the teeth, usually made from a precious metal or ornamented as jewellery.

Also, **mouth grillz**. [originating in US hip-hop culture]

pimp cup

–*noun Colloquial* a goblet-shaped glass, usually brightly coloured and highly decorated, often with the owner's name picked out in rhinestones.

Also, **crunk cup**.

scene kid

noun Colloquial a person who adopts an unconventional style of dress, such as coloured hair worn high on the head, dramatic eyeliner and straight jeans, and who prefers hip-hop, screamo, punk rock, and other offbeat genres of music.



GENERAL INTEREST

Wii shoulder

noun painful inflammation of the shoulder caused by excessive playing of virtual computer games involving movement.

[*Wii* (trademark of a console designed for such games) + SHOULDER]

nomophobia

noun a state of anxiety brought on by not having mobile phone contact, as from a low battery, no network coverage, etc.

[*no mo(bile) phobia*; coined in a study into mobile phone and internet users commissioned by the UK Post Office and released in 2008]

–**nomophobic**, *adjective*

Usage: This is a recent coinage, with widespread currency in 2008.

twitterverse

–*noun Colloquial (humorous)* the world of microbloggers.

sugging

–*noun Commerce* attempting to sell under the guise of conducting market research, often with incentives attached to lead the potential customer to a purchase.

[*s(elling) u(nder the) g(uise of market research)*]

shwopping

–*noun Internet* the exchange of items of clothing and accessories for a similar item offered by someone else on a website designed to facilitate such an exchange.

[blend of SHOPPING and *swapping*]



GENETICS

directional selection

noun a mode of natural selection which favours organisms having a particular response to the environment, that response eventually becoming fixed in the genetic material of the population. Compare **balancing selection**, purifying **selection**.

divorce gene

noun a gene in the human genome which controls how the brain reacts to vasopressin; men with a variant of this gene are thought to not receive the full benefit of released vasopressin after sexual intercourse and thus may have a lowered motivation towards a social bonding with their partner.

hybrid embryo

noun an embryo which has a human cell nucleus inserted into an animal egg; developed to create stem cells to be used in medical treatments.

saviour sibling

noun a child selected in embryo for genetic characteristics which can be of benefit to an existing brother or sister with an illness, especially for potentially curative stem cells to be used in medical treatments.

Also, **savior sibling**.

supergene²

noun a group of genes on a chromosome which are viewed collectively because they are inherited together and have related functions.



HEALTH**baby brain**

–*noun Colloquial (humorous)* the perceived diminished mental capacity, as characterised by forgetfulness, loss of concentration, etc., thought to be a side effect of pregnancy.

Also, **preggie brain**.

bionic eye

–*noun Medicine* an implanted device which restores basic vision in patients with some degenerative eye diseases by transmitting images from a small camera fitted to a pair of glasses to a silicon chip implanted into the eye and acting as an artificial retina.

brain bank

noun a collection of human brain tissue and related samples, acquired by donation, for the conduct of research into neurological and psychiatric conditions.

dysthymia

–*noun Psychology* a mild form of depression characterised by a chronic inability to get pleasure out of life, usually accompanied by irregularities in the patterns of eating and sleeping, chronic tiredness, and low self-esteem.

Also, **dysthymic disorder**. [DYS- + Greek *-thymia* mindedness, from *thymos* mind]

–**dysthymic**, *adjective, noun*

personal medical alarm

noun an electronic device worn around the neck or wrist, or on one's clothing, which can be activated in a medical emergency to summon help.



INTERNET

celeblog

noun a blog written by a celebrity.
Also, **celeb blog**. –**celeblogger**, *noun*

click-and-mortar

adjective of or relating to a company which has operations both online and offline, as by having both a commercial website and a physical store.

extreme programming

–*noun* *Computers* the style of programming required for agile development. *Abbrev.:* XP See **agile development**.

linkbait

Internet –*verb* (*t*) **1.** to create points of interest in (a website) so that other sites will link to it and increase traffic on the site, as by running competitions, featuring high-profile contributors, etc.

–*noun* **2.** such an attractive feature of a site.

–**linkbaiting**, *noun*

lolcat

noun a photograph of an animal, usually a cat, posed or digitally edited and humorously captioned using elements of baby talk, SMS coding, etc., in the text.

Also, **LOLcat**.



LAW

Brendan's law

–*noun* *Law* an amendment to the NSW *Crimes Act* (1900) which stipulates that a driver must stop after a road accident in which a person has been severely injured and render any assistance within their power to the injured person.

[from *Brendan* Saul, a boy who in 2004 died in such an accident, and whose father's lobbying efforts resulted in the amendment]

collaborative law

noun the practice of law based on a cooperative rather than an adversarial process, by which the disputing parties are helped by legal professionals to reach agreement without going to court; often used in divorce cases.

lawfare

noun the use of international law by a country to attack or criticise another country, especially a superior military power, on moral grounds, that is, by accusing it of having violated international law.

[(INTERNATIONAL) LAW + (WAR)FARE]

patent troll

noun a company which buys up patents with the sole intention of launching lawsuits for patent infringement.

[from the story of *Three Billy Goats Gruff* in which a fierce troll hides under the bridge the goats wish to cross]

transformative justice

noun a form of justice which seeks to involve all parties, wrongdoers, victims, families, and friends, in a process of understanding the motivation and the consequences of the crime, particularly in crimes where community attitudes play a part. Compare **retributive justice**, **restorative justice**.



POLITICS

climate porn

noun predictions, thought to be exaggeratedly alarmist, about the progress of global warming and its effects on the world.

Also, **climate pornography**.

pod person

–*noun* **1. Science Fiction** an alien being with the body of a human being, indistinguishable from a real person but working to destroy the human race.

2. Colloquial someone who unquestioningly accepts authority, taking all ideas, dogmas, policies, etc., without question.

climate wars

plural noun international conflict caused by the effects of climate change, such as reduced resources, population shifts, failing economies, etc., theorised as likely to occur in the future if measures are not taken to control global warming.

environmental equity

noun the principle that there should not be gross disparities between groups in a population with regard to exposure to environmental hazards which result from industrial, municipal, commercial, or other human activities.

wholesale politics

noun the employment of mass marketing techniques to further the interests of a political party, cause, etc., as in television and internet advertising, direct mail, telemarketing, etc. Compare **retail politics**.



SOCIAL INTEREST

bullycide

–*noun* Originally US suicide which is a reaction to being bullied.

[BULLY¹ + (SUI)CIDE]

celebutard

–*noun* US Colloquial (*derogatory*) a celebrity who is regarded as excessively stupid.

[CELEB(RITY) + -u- + (RE)TARD]

fur child

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

generation Z

noun the generation born in the early 2000s, characterised as being at ease with computer technology, online and mobile phone communication, and multi-tasking, and active consumers influencing their parents' purchasing decisions, but brought up in the world where both parents work.

Also, **Z generation**, **gen Z**, **New Silent Generation**.

[the generation next after generation Y]

helicopter parenting

noun a style of child rearing in which parents are excessively attentive to and involved in the lives of their children.

[from the notion that the parents are always hovering overhead]

–**helicopter parent**, *noun*



SPECIALIST

water splitting

noun the separation of water into its constituent molecules of hydrogen and oxygen, a chemical reaction required to produce hydrogen fuel.

mirror matter

noun a hypothetical counterpart to ordinary matter, weakly interacting with it; thought to be the explanation for a large part of dark matter; similar to antimatter but with a weak interaction.

[coined by US physicist, Robert Lull Forward, 1932–2002]

audiation

noun the process by which one imagines or recalls music, playing it over in one's mind in a way that sometimes intrudes itself to an unpleasant degree. Compare **ideation**.

GIS

noun a computer system that can capture, store, analyse, and present in various ways data that locates places on the earth's surface.

[*G(eographical I(nformation) S(ystems)*)]

Torino scale

noun a scale for categorising the impact hazard posed by near-earth objects, such as asteroids and comets.

[named after *Torino* (TURIN) where the scale, devised by US astronomer Richard P Binzel, was first presented in 1999]



SPORT**chess boxing**

noun a sport which alternates a round of boxing with a round of chess.

Also, **chessboxing**. –**chess boxer**, *noun*

chicken-wing tackle

noun **1.** *Rugby League* an illegal tackle in which the arm of the person tackled is pushed up behind his back.

2. a similar tackle in other codes of football.

adventure running

noun the sport of running over a long-distance course through a natural terrain which may present hazards such as rocks, snow, high altitude, etc., using orienteering skills to select the best route.

–**adventure runner**, *noun*

roller trainer

noun a trainer (def.5) with a rollerblade wheel housed in the heel, which pops out when the toe is pressed down.

Also, **roller skate trainer**.

tunnelling

–*noun* *Australian Rules* a tactic used by a player to unbalance an opponent going for a mark by knocking their legs sideways while they are in the air.



TECHNOLOGY

uberveillance

noun an omnipresent electronic surveillance facilitated by technology that makes it possible to embed surveillance devices in the human body.

Also, **überveillance**.

electronic whiteboard

noun a whiteboard that has digital capability and can be connected to a computer, a printer, etc.

fire cam

noun a camera mounted on an observation tower which registers the smoke and flames from a bushfire and triggers an alert, while also providing a record of activity in the area, as for identifying arsonists.

PODS

noun a system for controlling parking meters by a device inserted just below the surface of a parking bay which detects the presence of a motor vehicle and relays a signal to a parking officer when the vehicle has overstayed the parking limit.

[*P*(arking) *O*(verstay) *D*(etection) *S*(ystem)]

terminator technology

noun a method of restricting the use of genetically modified plants by causing second generation seeds to be sterile.



TOURISM

connoisseur tourism

noun tourism occasioned by the need to ignore conventional travel destinations in favour of more remote or unusual destinations.

–**connoisseur tourist**, *noun*

flashpacker

–*noun* *Colloquial* a backpacker who travels in relative luxury.

[FLASH(Y) + (BACK)PACKER]

–**flashpacking**, *noun*

granny season

–*noun* *Colloquial* (in Australia) winter, during which many older members of the population travel north, especially with caravans, campervans, etc., in search of warmer weather.

film tourism

noun tourism occasioned by the wish to visit a well-known location used in a film or television production; set jetting.

–**film tourist**, *noun*

wellness tourism

noun tourism emphasising the achievement of a state of wellness, as by physically healthy activities such as walking combined with mind therapies such as spa treatments, good nutrition, etc.

Also, **health tourism**.

