

AGRICULTURE

aquaponics

noun a combination of aquaculture (def. 2) and hydroponics in which nitrifying bacteria convert fish waste into nutrients taken up by the plants, which thereby clean and purify the water which can be recycled indefinitely.

[AQUA(CULTURE) + (HYDRO)PONICS]

fertigate

verb (t) (**fertigated**, **fertigating**)

to supply (land) with a combination of water and fertiliser.

[blend of FERTILISE and IRRIGATE]

–**fertigation**, *noun*

grass fever

noun a surge in the price of livestock, occasioned by the need of many rural properties to restock to take advantage of the abundant feed produced by rain.

[from the idea that it is like a fever seizing the buyers]

mosaic irrigation

noun irrigation which serves many small targeted areas, usually from a common source.

weed hygiene

noun the practice of taking measures to prevent the spread of weeds, as on shoes and clothing, in vehicles or machinery, in crops, grain, gravel, etc.

zebra chip disease

a disease which affects potatoes, causing black lines through the centre that are considered unsightly although the potato remains edible.



ART, LITERATURE, THEATRE

chillwave

noun a music genre reminiscent of the synthesised music popular in the 1980s, and characterised by looping, sampling, and other synthesised effects.

fire sculpture

noun a sculpture which is designed to burn, the fire being an integral part of the artwork.

house concert

noun a paid musical performance in someone's house, as by a small group of musicians, especially musicians playing acoustic instruments.

outback Gothic

noun a film genre which is Gothic in style and located in the Australian outback.

shockumentary

noun (*plural shockumentaries*)

1. a documentary film or television show featuring footage of accidents or violence.
2. a documentary film or television show which gives damaging information about government bodies, industries, etc., often presented in such a way as to magnify the inherent shock value of the facts.

[SHOCK¹ + (DOC)UMENTARY]

tart noir

noun a genre of crime fiction in which the female investigator is a woman who is tough, independent, and sexy.

[TART³ + (FILM) NOIR]



BUSINESS

black swan event

noun (in the modelling of future outcomes) a major event which is so improbable that it is not likely to be predicted.

[coined by Lebanese-born statistician, Nassim Taleb, in *The Black Swan* (2007); from the idea that, prior to European contact with Australia, the only swans known in the rest of the world were white, and no-one envisaged the possibility of a black one]

cube farm

noun *Colloquial (humorous)* an office space which is divided into small cubicles, each with its own desk.

Goldilocks economy

noun an economy that is neither expanding nor contracting, but keeping an even pace.

[from the character *Goldilocks* in the fairytale *The Story of the Three Bears*, in which Goldilocks tried three bowls of porridge and found one too hot, one too cold, and one just right; with reference to economic expansion regarded as heating up, and contraction as cooling down]

low-hanging fruit

noun **1.** fruit on a tree which is hanging within easy reach of a person wishing to pick it.

2. an easily obtainable objective.

presenteeism

noun the practice of continuing to go to work, especially when not working at a fully productive rate due to illness, stress, exhaustion caused by working beyond one's set hours, etc., often in an attempt to show commitment to one's employment.

[PRESENT¹ + (ABSENT)EEISM; popularised in the early 21st century by Cary L Cooper, UK psychologist specialising in workplace issues]

quantitative easing

noun *Finance* **1.** the increasing of the supply of money from a central bank in order to stimulate a failing economy.

2. the monetary policy giving rise to this increase. *Abbrev.:* QE



COLLOQUIAL

bunta

adjective Colloquial out of control, as a result of experiencing strong emotion as joy, anger, etc.: *to go bunta when the team wins; to go bunta and burn the house down.*

[origin unknown]

derp

noun Colloquial a stupid person.

[from Mr *Derp*, a character in the US television animated sitcom *South Park* (commenced 1997), who failed as the acting chef]

eshay lad

noun Colloquial a lad (def. 4).

[pig Latin for *yes* + LAD (def. 4)]

gym bunny

noun (plural gym bunnies)

Colloquial a young woman who works out at a gym on a regular basis because of a desire to perfect her body shape and muscle tone, especially one seen as being obsessive in her training and as flaunting her supposed resulting attractiveness.

janky

adjective Colloquial **1.** broken; not functional.

2. worthless.

Also, **jank**. [US *janky* late 1990s children's slang]

tmoz

Colloquial (a realisation in speech of the abbreviation, originally in electronic messaging, for 'tomorrow'.)

Also, **tomoz**.



COMMUNICATIONS

ad creep

noun the slow rise of pervasive advertising, particularly advertising which appears in locations or areas of life which had previously been free of it.

astroturf marketing

noun the marketing of a product, person, organisation, etc., apparently by unsolicited word of mouth but in fact by a covert campaign organised by the marketer.

fauxmance

noun a sham romantic relationship between two celebrities, fabricated as a means to gain publicity.

[FAUX + (RO)MANCE]

masstige

noun a marketing strategy whereby products of a luxury or prestige brand are adapted for sale at a lower than premium price, making them available for purchase by a broader section of the market.

[blend of MASS¹ and PRESTIGE]

Pecha Kucha

adjective **1.** of or relating to a short presentation (def. 3) comprising 20 slides, each slide being a maximum of 20 seconds in duration.

—*noun* **2.** such a presentation.

[Japanese: (onomatopoeic) chit-chat; a format devised as Pechu Kucha Night in 2003 by two architects in Tokyo]

street journalism

noun the live reporting of incidents or events by individuals who are not professionals but who provide on-the-spot accounts to a wide online audience by immediately accessing the internet, usually with a mobile phone.



COMPUTING

affective computing

noun software with some human-like interfacing abilities enabling a more intelligent interaction between humans and computers.

alternate reality game

noun a computer game which uses the real world as the setting for a narrative that is largely constructed by the player. *Abbrev.:* ARG

data hygiene

noun *Computers* the practices associated with maintaining the integrity of data, as by keeping it up to date, removing duplications and errors, etc.

email fatigue

noun the sense of being overwhelmed by a high volume of incoming emails, resulting in an inability to deal with them effectively.

Also, **email fatigue syndrome**. [EMAIL + FATIGUE (def. 3)]

googleganger

noun a person with the same name as oneself, whose online references are mixed with one's own among search results for one's name.

[GOOGLE + (DOPPEL)GANGER]

wet signature

noun a handwritten signature on paper (opposed to a *digital signature*).



CROPS

acai berry

noun (plural **acai berries**)

a small, edible, purplish berry which is the fruit of the **acai palm tree**, *Euterpe oleracea*, found in the flood plains and swamps of Central and South America; valued for its high nutritional content and as an aid to weight loss.

[Portuguese *acai*, from Tupi-Guarani + BERRY]

African mahogany

noun any of various trees of the African genus *Khaya*, with wood similar to that of mahogany, especially *K. senegalensis*, an imposing tree now grown for timber in northern Australia.

angel peach

noun **1.** a variety of peach with a distinctive flattened shape, being the fruit of a tree originating in China and grown in the US in the 19th century; introduced into Australia in the early 21st century.

2. the tree itself.

Also, **doughnut peach**.

jatropha

noun **1.** a shrub, *Jatropha curcas*, native to South America but spread widely throughout the tropics; used as a drought-resistant plant on marginal land to produce biofuel, the oil being pressed from the seeds; physic nut.

2. a small shrub, *Jatropha gossypifolia*, with fruit and foliage toxic to humans and animals; a widespread weed in Australia; bellyache bush.

[New Latin: genus name, from Greek *iatos* physician + *trophia* nutrition]

karaka berry

noun an orange berry, the fruit of the karaka, with edible yellow flesh and a kernel which is poisonous but becomes edible after being boiled and washed for long periods and then dried.

superfood

noun a food with such a high concentration of nutrients, especially of vitamins and minerals, that only a small amount has to be consumed in order to gain the health benefits thought to be associated, as the release of antioxidants, etc.



ENVIRONMENT

acoustic ecology

noun **1.** the study that analyses the effect that sound, both natural and artificial, has on people in a particular environment.

2. the sounds associated with a particular environment.

climate velocity

noun the rate of movement of plant and animal species towards the poles, such movement being occasioned by the fact that they are unable to cope with temperature rises caused by global warming, and change location in an effort to remain in the climate belt to which they have adapted.

flying cane toad

noun *Colloquial* any bird regarded as a pest, especially an Indian myna, feral pigeon, or seagull.

precycle

verb (*i*) (**precycled, precycling**)

to anticipate the causes of waste and take action to prevent it, as by bulk ordering to avoid excessive packaging, bringing one's own containers when purchasing takeaway food, etc.

–**precycling**, *noun*

–**precycler**, *noun*

SOLE food

noun food which is grown and delivered in ways which are sustainable, organic, local, and ethical.

[*s(ustainable) o(rganic) l(ocal) e(thical) + FOOD*]

toad golf

noun the activity of hitting cane toads with a golf club, swinging at them as if they were golf balls, partly for amusement and partly to rid the environment of them.

Also, **cane toad golf**.



FASHION

brand slut

noun *Colloquial* a person who buys one brand of a product after another without developing any brand loyalties.

koala ears

plural noun *Colloquial* **1.** patches of pubic hair protruding from the leg openings of a swimming costume or underwear.

2. thick tufts of hair growing over the ears, especially those occurring when a hairstyle is growing out.

oxygen facial

noun a facial in which oxygen is directed at high pressure onto the skin; thought to boost circulation and promote collagen growth.

prole drift

noun the tendency of a low socio-economic group to adopt particular up-market products and styles, thus eroding the market status of these commodities.

[PROLE(TARIAN) + DRIFT]

skin needling

noun a beauty treatment in which a roller with many fine needles attached is applied to the skin causing multiple tiny pricks, the process being thought to stimulate collagen growth.

vajazzle

Colloquial –verb (i) (**vajazzled, vajazzling**)

1. (of a woman) to decorate the pubic area by applying adhesive crystals to the skin after removal of hair by waxing.

–noun **2.** the decoration so applied.

[VAG(INA) + (BED)AZZLE with g respelled as j to indicate pronunciation]

–**vajazzling**, *noun*



GENERAL

buddymoon

noun a honeymoon in which friends are invited to accompany the newly-wed couple.

[BUDDY + (HONEY)MOON]

cargo bike

noun a bicycle designed to carry a load, usually by having a frame that is longer than usual in order to support a box between the cyclist and the front wheel, or by having two wheels at the front with a box supported between them.

Also, **cargo bicycle**, **utility bike**.

dragon's teeth

plural noun NSW a road marking comprising a row of small triangular shapes, a pair of such rows along either edge of a roadway indicating a school zone where vehicles must slow to 40 km/h at specified times.

landphoon

noun (in non-technical use) a weather system characterised by very heavy rain and strong winds, occurring over land and characterised by producing a radar pattern similar to that of a tropical cyclone but without the eye.

[LAND + (TY)PHOON]

life list

noun **1.** a list of all the things that a person wants to do, see, etc., in their lifetime.

2. (among birdwatchers) a list of all the birds which a particular birdwatcher has seen in their lifetime.

vuvuzela

noun a plastic horn (def. 13), up to one metre in length, which emits a loud buzzing sound; commonly played in South Africa by fans at soccer games.

[? Zulu *vuvu* to make a noise]



HEALTH

Asian paradox

noun the apparently paradoxical finding that in Asia there is a lower incidence of cardiac disease and cancer than in Western countries, despite the fact that cigarette smoking is prevalent; ascribed to the protection given by a diet high in antioxidants such as those in green tea.

bariatrics

noun the branch of medical science concerned with the causes and treatment of obesity.

[BAR(O)- + IATRIC + -S³]

–**bariatric**, *adjective*

binge listening

noun **1.** periodic exposure to damagingly high levels of sound as part of a leisure activity, as when listening to loud music for many hours at a party, nightclub, rock concert, etc., or listening to music on headphones at a loud volume.

2. the practice of listening to a favourite piece of music or music performer to the exclusion of all else over a period of time until one's enthusiasm wanes.

chia

noun either of two plants in the mint family, *Salvia hispanica* or *S. columbariae*, the seeds of which are soaked in water to make a nutritious drink; said to be an appetite suppressant.

[Nahuatl *chian* oily]

genomic library

noun (*plural genomic libraries*)

a collection of cloned DNA sections, the totality of which is the entire genome of an organism, each section being stored and propagated in a population of host bacteria through the process of molecular cloning; clone bank.

virion

noun a virus particle existing outside a host cell, consisting of a DNA or RNA core and a protein shell; constituting the infective form of a virus.



INTERNET

camel case

noun a convention for capitalising compound terms in which the first element is in lower case and the first letter of each subsequent word element is in upper case, as in *iPod*. Compare **Pascal case**.

[from the idea that the capitalised letters create humps in the string of characters; originally devised for use in a computing context]

ego-surf

verb (i) to search the internet for instances of one's own name, as in mentions in text, links to one's blog, etc.

freemium

noun **1.** a business model, especially operating online, in which a product at its basic level is free while additional features are priced at a premium.

2. such a product.

–*adjective* **3.** of or relating to such a product.

[blend of FREE and PREMIUM]

landing page

noun a page on a website created to cater to a visitor who is coming to the website in response to a specific marketing or advertising campaign.

martyrdom video

noun a video of an address made by a militant Islamist who is about to commit a suicide attack, in which they express their wish to become a martyr.

mobile web

noun access to the internet by means of any of various forms of mobile device connected to a wireless network, as a smartphone.



POLITICS

agroterrorism

noun a form of terrorist activity in which devastating pests or pathogens are released into agricultural areas in order to cause havoc in the food supply of a region or country.

Also, **agriterrorism**.

[AGRO- + TERRORISM]

backchannel

noun **1.** → **back channel**.

2. *Telecommunications* (in an asymmetric communications system) a low-speed channel in which data moves in the opposite direction to the main channel.

3. *Politics* an unofficial means of communication which circumvents official channels, especially as used for the purpose of informal or secret discussions or negotiations.

4. *Linguistics* (in a conversation) the phatic response to the principal speaker.

–*verb* (**backchannelled** or, *Chiefly US*, **backchanneled**, **backchannelling** or, *Chiefly US*, **backchanneling**)

–*verb* (*t*) **5.** to communicate by electronic means with (other members of an audience), indicating immediate responses to the speaker, performer, etc.

–*verb* (*i*) **6.** to operate a backchannel.

7. to communicate by means of a backchannel.

–**backchannelling**, *noun*

–**backchanneller**, *noun*

sandbagging

noun *Politics* the attempt to secure (a particular electorate) against a feared swing in the vote by making election promises targeted at that electorate.

super profit

noun a profit which remains at an extremely high level after all regular costs and taxes have been deducted.

survivalism

noun a strategy adopted by people who are convinced that they must prepare for cataclysmic events that will destroy the normal functioning of society, as by stocking up food and water supplies, learning first aid, building protective shelters, planning escape routes, etc.

–**survivalist**, *noun*

urbiculture

noun **1.** the way of life characteristic of people living in cities.

2. agriculture adjusted to small-scale city environments, such as backyards, allotments, etc.



PSYCHOLOGY

active ageing

noun an approach to old age in which opportunities to maintain physical, social and mental wellbeing are actively sought as a way of extending healthy life expectancy and quality of life.

Also, **active aging**.

biocentrism

noun a view of the world which accords intrinsic value to all forms of life (opposed to *anthropocentrism*).

–**biocentric**, *adjective*

blink kissing

noun a method of putting a cat at ease by blinking slowly rather than looking at it with a direct gaze, mimicking the behaviour of cats themselves, who stare when being aggressive but blink when not.

charismatic megafauna

noun large animals which have an appeal for the general public, as whales, pandas, gorillas, etc.

neurosexism

noun the belief that differences between the sexes are fixed in the brain, seen as being sexist in nature and opposed to the belief that such differences are acquired from the culture in which a person is raised.

[popularised by Canadian-born Australian psychologist, Cordelia Fine (born 1975), in *Delusions of Gender: The Real Science Behind Sex Differences* (2010)]

–**neurosexist**, *noun*

sundowner syndrome

noun a syndrome in which a lowered sense of wellbeing and heightened anxiety and restlessness are experienced in the late afternoon; especially prevalent in sufferers of Alzheimer's disease and dementia, and possibly associated with a disturbance of circadian rhythms.

Also, **sundowner**.



SOCIAL

bus scroll

noun **1.** (formerly) a device used to advertise a bus's destination to travellers, consisting of a canvas or similar scroll listing all destinations, which can be wound forward and back to show the appropriate name in the display panel.

2. an artwork based on part of such an unwound scroll, resembling the original in typography, material, etc., but adapted to give personal significance as by listing the names of members of the family, places visited on a trip, etc.; tram banner.

fertility tourism

noun a form of medical tourism in which the traveller visits another country to receive fertility treatments, such as IVF procedures, or to engage a surrogate mother.

–**fertility tourist**, *noun*

mamil

noun *Colloquial* a man who takes up cycling as a pursuit during middle age, especially one who makes this a lifestyle statement by acquiring the accoutrements of a professional cyclist such as the most modern and powerful form of bicycle, lycra clothing, etc.

[*m(iddle)-a(ged) m(en) i(n) l(ycra)*]

meow meow

noun *Colloquial* the drug mephedrone.

Also, **miaow miaow**.

natural burial ground

noun land set aside as an environmentally friendly cemetery, with natural or replanted vegetation, and traditional headstones replaced by ground-level markers, the public being given access to the whole area.

self-gift

noun something bought for oneself as a personal indulgence.

–**self-gifting**, *noun*

–**self-gifted**, *adjective*



SPORT

age fraud

noun the misrepresentation of one's age in order to gain an advantage, as in competitive sports, in the obtaining of social security benefits, in gaining access to restricted venues, etc.

bum board

noun a piece of plastic shaped to fit the buttocks, on which a person can sit, with their legs slightly raised, so as to slide down a snow slope.

horseball

noun an equestrian sport with elements of polo, Rugby, and basketball, in which two teams of four players attempt to pass a ball to each other at least three times before shooting it through a netted hoop.

rail trail

noun a disused railway line which has been converted into a track for walkers or cyclists.

spot-betting

noun a betting system in which bets are placed on particular outcomes within a sporting event, such as, in a cricket match, a particular delivery or the number of runs scored in a specified over.

stand-up paddleboard

noun a surfboard designed so that the rider stands up on it and propels and steers it with a paddle.
Abbrev.: SUP



TECHNOLOGY

lowbat

adjective **1.** of or relating to an electronic device, especially a mobile phone, the functioning of which is impaired by having a battery which needs charging.

2. *Colloquial* tired or exhausted: *I was lowbat for days after the party.*

Also, **low-bat**, **low bat**.

metamaterial

noun an artificial material with a physical structure that allows it to deflect or direct sound or light waves, as in a super lens providing greater image resolution.

mobile speed camera

noun a speed camera fitted to a vehicle so as to enable it to be operated in different fixed locations.

pocket-dial

verb (i) (**pocket-dialled** or, especially US, **pocket-dialed**, **pocket-dialling** or, especially US, **pocket-dialing**)

to make an unintended call from a mobile phone by accidentally activating the speed-dial function while the phone is in one's pocket, as by sitting down, bumping into something, etc.

–**pocket-dialling**, *noun*

precommitment technology

noun a software enhancement of a gaming machine which recognises a user and the upper limit which the user has nominated that they will accept as a loss in a particular session of gambling, so that the machine can bar the user from proceeding if they reach that limit.

trace portal machine

noun a security device, often located at airports, which can detect small traces of explosives or illegal drugs, as on clothing.

Also, **explosives trace-detection portal machine**; *Colloquial*, **puffer machine**.

