

AGRICULTURE

Balancer

noun one of a breed of cattle developed by crossing a Gelbvieh with a Hereford, Murray Grey, or Angus; characterised by fast growth, muscle with added fat, and easy calving.

buffalo fly

noun a small fly, *Haematobia irritans exigua*, which feeds off cattle and buffalo, causing irritation which can lead to skin sores and weight loss; a pest in Qld and northern NSW.

dairyness

noun the productivity of a cow in terms of the quality and quantity of its milk, assessed by udder shape and size, pedigree, genomic screening, etc.; used as a judging criterion in competitions.

genetic gain

noun the rate at which a flock or herd develops desired traits, this having been brought about by the selection, on the basis of genomics, of the animals within the group who will breed.

meteogram

noun a graph showing weather data for a specific location, either for a chosen time or for the future beyond the chosen time, giving such variables as temperature, dewpoint, wind speed and direction, and pressure.

[METEO(ROLOGY) + -GRAM¹]



ARTS

autofiction

noun **1.** a genre of writing in which an autobiographical account is fictionalised.

2. a work in this genre.

[AUTO(BIOGRAPHY) + FICTION]

beatboxing

noun a style of vocalisation in the hip-hop genre, which imitates the sounds and rhythms produced by a drum machine.

–**beatboxer**, *noun*

flash fiction

noun a genre of extremely short stories, usually less than 1000 words in length.

[from the phrase *in a flash*, with reference to the extreme brevity of the stories]

flash poetry

noun a digital genre of poetry which combines text with animation.

[from the *Flash* animation software originally used]

sudden fiction

noun a genre of short stories, usually less than 2000 words in length.



BUSINESS

change management

noun the planning and administering of a structured implementation of changes within an organisation, group, etc.

dogfooding

noun the practice of a company, usually a software company, itself using the products that it sells to external customers.

[from the phrase *eat your own dog food* used by a Microsoft manager in 1988 to encourage internal use of Microsoft products]

lemon socialism

noun (pejorative) the provision of government financial assistance to a private company of a size or type which makes it significant to the country's economy, in order to prevent the collapse of the company and subsequent negative impact on the economy as a whole.

[LEMON (def. 5) + SOCIALISM]

patchwork economy

noun an economy characterised by areas of growth reflecting regions which are booming, and areas of decline reflecting regions which are less prosperous.

[PATCHWORK + ECONOMY]

stretch goal

noun Commerce a goal for a business, organisation, etc., which is deliberately set high in an attempt to increase the organisation's productivity.



COLLOQUIAL

dadster/mumster

noun Colloquial (humorous) **1.** Also, **the dadster/the mumster.** a father/mother.

2. a term of address for a father/mother.

[DAD/MUM + -STER]

devo

adjective Colloquial extremely upset: *completely devo about the team's loss.* Also, **devo'd, devoed.**

[shortened form of *devastated*]

slashy

noun (plural slashies) Colloquial a person who holds down more than one job.

[from the SLASH separating the different job descriptions, as in *actor/waiter/hairdresser* + -Y²]

spendy

adjective Colloquial expensive: *a great hotel, but a bit spendy.*

totes

adverb Colloquial totally: *totes with you on this question.*

[originally an SMS code]



COMMUNICATIONS

catch-up TV

noun a facility offered by a television station by which programs that have already been telecast are made available for viewing online.

disaster porn

noun media coverage of disasters which is seen as seeking to satisfy the pleasure that viewers take in seeing other people's misfortunes, as by constantly repeating vision of an event, often without commentary or context. Also, **disaster pornography**.

live pause

noun a facility on a DVR by which it is possible to interrupt a television program during its telecast and start recording it, making it possible to return to watch it from the point at which it was stopped.

sunshine journalism

noun **1.** journalism devoted to presenting positive and heartwarming stories in order to assist a country or its government to overcome problems, assist growth, etc.

2. journalism which airs topics which others may prefer to keep hidden, as stories based on leaked information.

[SUNSHINE + JOURNALISM; def. 2 linked to SUNSHINE LAW]

tweep

noun a person who follows another's tweet. [TW(ITTER) + (P)EEP¹]



CROPS

achacha

noun **1.** a tropical fruit, egg-shaped with a reddish-orange skin and pearly white flesh that has a sweet tangy taste; related to the mangosteen; regarded as a superfruit.

2. the tree, *Garcinia humilis*, producing this fruit, native to the Amazon Basin of Bolivia.

[Guaraní *achachairú* honey kiss]

cara cara navel

noun a variety of navel orange thought to have developed as a cross between the Washington navel and a Brazilian variety, having a bright orange skin and pinkish-red flesh; red navel orange. Also,

cara cara.

[discovered at the *Cara Cara* landholding in Valencia, Venezuela, in 1976]

Cochinchin gourd

noun a gourd, *Momordica cochinchinensis*, with a spiny orange skin and bright orange flesh which is high in antioxidants; native to South-East Asia; gac fruit.

[from *Cochinchine*, French name for Cochin-China, a former state in southern French Indochina, now part of Vietnam]

noni

noun a small evergreen shrub, *Morinda citrifolia*, with white tubular flowers and bulbous yellow fruits; used in natural health treatments; native to South-East Asia and Australasia.

[Hawaiian]

superfruit

noun a fruit which is believed to have exceptional qualities in terms of nutrients and antioxidants, as the mangosteen, wolfberry, acai berry, etc.



ENVIRONMENT

fracking

noun (in oil and gas mining) a process by which fractures are made in rock by the application under pressure of chemically treated water mixed with sand to natural or man-made openings in order to gain access to oil or gas supplies, considered by some to be associated with groundwater contamination; hydraulic fracturing.
[shortened form of *fracturing*]

paradoxa grass

noun a tufted, hairless, annual grass, *Phalaris paradoxa*, with dense seed heads comprising spikelets falling in groups; originating in the Mediterranean region and now a weed of south-eastern Australia. [Latin *paradoxus* contrary to expectation; referring to the difference of the spikelets to those of other grasses of this genus]

peak P

noun the point at which the world's demand for phosphorus outstrips its supply from depleted reserves. Also, **peak phosphorus**.

soil liquefaction

noun the process by which a saturated substratum of soil, especially a sandy soil, loses its cohesion, in the process losing its ability to transfer load, as the weight of buildings, from the ground surface to stronger underlying layers of soil and rock and thus destabilising the buildings; occurs especially when the soil is subjected to extra stress as in the event of an earthquake.

solar farm

noun a group of solar panels set up as a commercial enterprise to earn revenue by feeding electricity into a grid.



FASHION

burqini

noun a swimsuit designed for Muslim women, comprising leggings and a tunic top with a hood.
[Trademark; BURQ(A) + (BIK)INI]

coathanger shoulders

plural noun the shoulders of an item of women's clothing styled to be markedly exaggerated in size, as by the use of large shoulder pads, often with the addition of flounces, puffs, or other design features.

guyliner

noun eyeliner when used by a man. [GUY¹ + (EYE)LINER]

meggings

plural noun leggings for men. [M(EN) + (L)EGGINGS]

mood board

noun a board on which a designer puts together a collage of colours, textures, images, and text, which the designer wishes to use in achieving a design concept, either as an aid to developing an idea or as a presentation of the concept to others.
[MOOD¹ + BOARD]



EATING AND DRINKING

deep-end dining

noun the experiencing of exotic cuisines, such as dishes from remote places, live food such as octopus tentacles, items not commonly thought of as edible, and food porn.

–**deep-end diner**, *noun*

food porn

noun **1.** food that is presented in a way that is visually stimulating or erotic.

2. (*derogatory*) food which is high in calories or fat content. Also, **food pornography**.

japas

plural noun tapas-style servings of Japanese food.

[JA(PANESE) + (T)APAS]

selmelier

noun a waiter who assists diners in choosing the appropriate salt with which to season their meals.

[French *sel* salt + (SOM)MELIER]

thongage

noun a charge to a patron of a restaurant incurred by wearing thongs into the restaurant, usually introduced to discourage the practice as being too informal.

[THONG (def. 3) + -AGE (def. 4)]



GENERAL INTEREST

bill shock

noun the shock to a customer caused by receiving a bill from a service provider for a much greater amount than anticipated.

dual-key

adjective **1.** of or relating to a dwelling with a small common-entry lobby with two doors leading off it, each separately keyed, one providing access to a self-contained accommodation unit with kitchen and laundry facilities, and the other to a non-self-contained unit typically used for short-term accommodation.

2. of or relating to the system of ownership or leasing under which such a property is held: *a dual-key unit*.

pachinko

noun a game similar to pinball.

[Japanese, ? *pachin* imitative of the sound made when a ball is launched by a trigger]

photobomb

verb (t) **1.** to upstage (the intended subject of a photograph) by appearing in it, usually in some theatrical or distracting way.

2. to ruin (a photograph) by such behaviour as a prank.

–*noun* **3.** a picture with such an unwanted inclusion.

–**photobombing**, *noun*

waterscraper

noun a large floating building with the top level at sea level and living quarters underneath, power being generated by the movement of the water; as yet a design concept. [WATER + (SKY)SCRAPER]



HEALTH

argan oil

noun the oil from the seed of the tree *Argania spinosa*, now growing only in semidesert soil in Morocco; used in cooking, cosmetics, and medicine. Also, **Moroccan oil**.

computer shoulder

noun a neck and shoulder disorder causing pain and impairment of movement, brought about by poor posture, tension, and long hours spent at a computer.

fatigue training

noun training, as for shiftworkers, truck drivers, etc., aimed at raising awareness of the danger of fatigue and offering strategies to minimise the effects of fatigue and sleep deprivation.

food coma

noun *Colloquial* a feeling of lethargy brought on by eating a large amount of food, especially rich food that is difficult to digest.

wind farm syndrome

noun a theorised syndrome characterised by elevated blood pressure, insomnia, headaches, tinnitus, vertigo and nausea, caused by infrasound from wind turbines.
[variation on *wind turbine syndrome* coined by US paediatrician, Dr Nina Pierpoint, in 2009]



INTERNET

cloud server

noun a server which handles the applications provided and managed by cloud computing.

cyber safety

noun safety in an online environment achieved by taking precautions in one's dealings online, as by not providing banking details, personal information, etc., and by making correct responses to inappropriate content, bullying, harassment, etc.

[CYBER + SAFETY]

internet meme

noun a concept that spreads swiftly through the internet, as lolcats, rickrolling, etc.

planking

noun the activity of stretching one's body out stiff either on the floor or ground or in a balanced position on a narrow support as a bench, pole, etc., and holding that position, often in hazardous situations as on a high balcony, or on famous landmarks, the activity being photographed and published on the internet.

shill bidding

noun bidding in an online auction which appears to be genuine but is undertaken by someone acting in concert with the seller to raise the price.



POLITICS

announceable

noun Politics an item made public by a government, usually in a media release, as good publicity for the government or as a distraction from bad publicity.

food security

noun the secure provision of sufficient food to maintain a healthy population, which can be threatened by natural disasters, poverty, changes to the environment, wars, population growth, and trade barriers.

NAIRU

noun Economics the lowest point to which the employment rate can drop without fuelling wage pressures leading to inflation.

[*N(on-)A(ccelerating) I(nflation) R(ate of) U(nemployment)*]

PIGS

plural noun Portugal, Italy, Greece, and Spain, originally seen as the group of countries within the European Union located to the south and sharing similar economies, more recently, often including Ireland, seen as the countries in the eurozone with the weakest economies as a result of the global financial crisis which began in 2008. Also (*when including both Italy and Ireland*), **PIIGS**.

[acronym taken as a plural noun]

soy cap intelligentsia

noun (derogatory) a class or group of persons with a comfortable upper middle-class income who espouse left-wing views that have no real impact on their own lives.

[from the supposed tendency, regarded as pretentious, of such people to drink *soy caps* (cappuccinos made with soy milk)]



SOCIAL INTEREST

choice architecture

noun **1.** a framework which influences the decisions people make, as the ordering of options in a form, the positioning of products in a supermarket, etc.

2. a social framework which helps people to achieve better decision-making in areas of health, domestic economy, education, etc., by establishing supportive frameworks such as personal contacts which encourage commitment to a decision, rewards which match the individual investment, public policy in line with such initiatives, etc.

distributive justice

noun *Philosophy* a concept of justice which requires there to be a fundamental fairness in the allocation of wealth and power in a society so that there is no individual whose basic material needs are unmet. Compare **commutative justice**, **social justice**.

frail aged

adjective **1.** designating an elderly person who exhibits symptoms such as muscle weakness, exhaustion, and slowed gait, and who may be prone to increased instability and confusion.

–*noun* **2. the frail aged**, people in this physical and mental state.

network society

noun a society characterised by the development of online social and information networks.

party house

noun a home which is the chosen venue for a party, suitable because there is no constraint such as the presence of parents or other adults, or because it has been rented on a short-term basis for this purpose.



SPORT

junk time

noun (in team sports) a period of time towards the end of a game when the outcome is in no doubt and substitute players are brought on, the aim being to protect the best players and give the substitutes some experience.

kabadi

noun a team sport in which each team of seven occupies half the field and then attempts to invade the opposing team's territory, points being gained by the invaders for breaking the defensive wall formed by players holding hands, or by those invaded by preventing the return of the opposing player. [Malayalam, literally, *kai* hand + *pidi* catch, meaning 'holding hands']

negative exotic betting

noun the practice of placing bets on a number of negative outcomes, as in sports such as football, cricket, etc.

plonk horse

noun *Colloquial* a racehorse which is heavily backed. Also, **plonk**. [PLONK¹ + HORSE]

stair climb

noun a race up the stairs of a skyscraper; skyscraper run-up. Also, **stair race**.



TECHNOLOGY

DNA barcode

noun an identification tool consisting of a short genetic marker which is sufficient to establish an organism's DNA, against which a DNA sample can be compared for matching purposes.

–**DNA barcoding**, *noun*

e-bomb

noun a military device which uses an electromagnetic pulse, microwaves, or radio waves to destroy electronic circuits from a distance, thus disabling enemy infrastructure.

jailbreak

verb (t) (**jailbroke, jailbroken, jailbreaking**) **1.** to remove the restrictions placed by Apple on devices running on their operating system so as to be able to download additional applications, themes, etc., that are not available through the official Apple store.

–*noun* **2.** an instance of jailbreaking. Also, **gaolbreak**.

personal hotspot

noun a feature of a smartphone which turns the phone into a hotspot (def. 11) of limited range.

pressure mat

noun a mat designed to be placed underneath a carpet, bedding, etc., which has inbuilt sensors which respond to pressure either applied to them or removed from them, as, in the first case, for an alarm system to respond to the footsteps of intruders, or, in the second case, for an alert system to sound a warning if a hospital patient leaves a bed.

