

AGRICULTURE

ag gag

–*noun US Colloquial* a law or set of laws which prohibit covert surveillance of factory farms for the purpose of documenting cruelty to animals, and which require any evidence of cruelty to be handed over to proper authorities for investigation without delay.

[AG + GAG¹]

cold treatment

noun a treatment given to fruit and vegetables intended for export, to kill insects and their larvae by subjecting the fruit to low temperatures for periods of time specified according to the kind of fruit or vegetable, thus avoiding fumigation and complying with the quarantine laws of the country to which the fruit is exported.

dining boom

noun the growth of Australian agribusiness, particularly in response to a growing middle class in Asia requiring better quality, higher value food.

[by contrast with MINING BOOM]

precision agriculture

noun the use of technology such as satellite imagery, unmanned aerial vehicles, camera systems, lasers, etc., to improve farm management. *Abbrev.:* PA

produced water

noun saline water which is a by-product of oil and gas drilling and which is discharged in accordance with environmental regulations.



ARTS

cli-fi

noun **1.** a genre of speculative fiction based on the premise that climate change will give rise to fundamental changes in the way human beings live.

–*adjective* **2.** of or relating to cli-fi.

[CLI(MATE) + FI(CTION) modelled on SCI-FI]

fanfic

–*noun* *Colloquial* fiction written by fans of a popular television show or other work, involving characters and settings from that work, and often published on the internet or in a fan magazine.

Also, **fan fiction**. [FAN² + FIC(TION)]

popcorn movie

noun a film intended to be light entertainment appealing to a mass audience.

rephotography

noun a genre of photography, particularly online, in which a photograph from an earlier period is lined up beside a contemporary photograph in the same location, or one in which the subjects dress in the same way and reproduce the surrounds of the original photograph; now-and-then photography.

slash fiction

noun a subgenre of fanfic which focuses on sexual relationships forming between fictional characters of the same sex.

[SLASH (def. 11b) used to link the two names of the fictional characters + FICTION]



BUSINESS**business incubator**

noun an organisation which provides support to start-up companies, as with a physical location in which to work and develop ideas, contacts to use in order to find financial backing, and advice on projects.

dark pool

—*noun Finance* an informal market in which buyers and sellers trade directly, usually executing large securities trades which would incur increased costs if transacted within the organised securities market, and serve to unbalance that market.

shadow banking system

noun financial institutions, viewed collectively, which are not banks, as funds or investment companies, and which are not subject to the same regulation as banks. *Abbrev.:* SBS

showrooming

noun the practice of examining products in a bricks-and-mortar shop, and then purchasing online at a lower price.

[from the notion that the shop is regarded as a showroom in which to view products]

undorse

verb (t) (**undorsed, undorsing**)

1. to make public one's negative opinion of (a politician, cause, product, etc.).
2. (of a celebrity) to agree not to be associated with (a product), usually for a fee, because their public image is considered detrimental to its sales.

—**undorsement**, *noun*



COLLOQUIAL

amazeballs

Colloquial –*interjection* **1.** impressive; excellent.
–*adjective* **2.** very astonishing: *an amazeballs day out.*
[AMAZE + *-balls* (a playful extension)]

facepalm

noun **1.** a gesture of frustration, bemusement, etc., made by slapping one's forehead with an open palm, and dragging it down over one's face.
–*verb* (*i*) **2.** to make such a gesture.

nipple-Nazi

–*noun* *Colloquial* a person who is opposed to women breastfeeding in public.
[NIPPLE + NAZI (def. 3b)]

scrilla

–*noun* *Colloquial* money, especially cash.
[Black American English, perhaps from Spanish: scrip]

yolo

–*interjection* *Colloquial* you only live once.
Also, **YOLO**. [originally an SMS code]



COMMUNICATIONS

churnalism

noun the adoption of unedited pre-packaged material for publication in a newspaper, as press releases, wire stories, etc., under pressure of time and financial constraints.

[CHURN + *al* + -ISM, punning on *journalism*]

digital detox

noun a period during which an individual refrains from using digital devices, to reduce dependency, promote good health, etc.

holo-TV

noun television which interprets a digital signal to produce real-time moving holograms.

native advertising

noun an online advertising technique in which the advertising material is made to match the surrounding website in style and function, thus being less intrusive and more likely to engage the interest of the user of the site.



EATING AND DRINKING**burrata**

noun a sac-shaped soft cheese, with a mozzarella skin and a creamy stretched curd centre.
[Italian *burro* butter]

coffee cupping

noun the practice of tasting a brewed coffee in a style similar to wine-tasting, that is, by sniffing deeply, then taking a mouthful so that it spreads across the tongue while checking for texture, sweetness, acidity, flavour, and aftertaste.

Also, **cupping**. –**coffee cupper**, *noun*

fat washing

noun the process of infusing an alcoholic spirit with the flavour of melted edible fat, as by taking the fat from cooked bacon, mixing it with the spirit, then chilling the mixture so that the fat sets and can be removed, leaving the bacon-flavoured beverage.

kombucha

noun an effervescent fermentation of sweetened tea produced by a microbial culture supported by yeasts, some liquid being drawn off at intervals for consumption; thought to have health benefits.

Also, **kombucha tea**. [Japanese]

white pizza

noun a pizza without the customary tomato base; *pizza bianca*.

[English translation of *pizza bianca* lit., pizza white]



ENVIRONMENT

blobfish

noun a slimy, pink fish, *Psychrolutes microporosus*, living in deep waters off the southern Australian coast; capable of withstanding pressure at depths of up to one kilometre.

carbon bubble

noun a high valuation of the world's oil, coal and gas reserves, leading to speculative activity around energy companies, which could prove to be unreal if in the future it is decided that such reserves should stay underground in order to address climate change issues, and thus be valueless.

[CARBON + BUBBLE (def. 6)]

fire-resistant garden

noun a garden which is designed with regard to the type of plants, the positioning of the plants, the choice of material for pots and containers and the creation of firebreaks with hedges, gravel strips, etc., to slow the progress of a bushfire.

firescape

verb (t) (**firescaped, firescaping**)

to landscape (an area) with the possibility of bushfire in mind, as by growing fire-resistant plants, creating firebreaks with gravel, concrete, etc., eliminating flammable wood or plastic items.

[FIRE + (LAND)SCAPE]

freedom camping

noun the practice of making camp in a location of one's own choosing rather than in an official camping ground, caravan park, etc.



FASHION**Asian blepharoplasty**

noun a type of cosmetic surgery which creates a fold in an upper eyelid; popular in Asia where there is a prevalence of the upper eyelid without a fold, which is regarded by some as less attractive. See **monolid**.

platform shoe

noun a shoe with a thick sole that adds height while at the same time keeping the feet flat, giving stability and comfort.

Also, **flatform**. [FLAT¹ + (PLAT)FORM SHOE]

handbag hook

noun a device with an extendable metal strip which can hook onto a bag while the central disc sits flat on a table.

love ring

noun a ring which is intended to be a token of one's love for another person.

onesie

noun **1.** a loose-fitting one-piece suit, usually of a stretch fabric, gathered at the wrists and ankles and loose at the crotch.

2. a one-piece stretch garment for an infant, with or without legs and sleeves, sometimes enclosing the feet.

[ONE + -s- + -IE]



GENERAL INTEREST

dinobird

noun a creature that has some of the characteristics of a dinosaur, as teeth and a long tail, and some of the characteristics of a bird, as feathers and some form of flight, as *Aurornis xui*, a creature that existed 160 million years ago, predating the archaeopteryx.

kelpie system

noun a system for retrieving abandoned shopping trolleys in a shopping centre by means of a tractor with a trailer onto which the trolleys slide.

[KELPIE¹ + SYSTEM, from the notion that the trolleys are rounded up]

set-jetting

noun tourism to locations first seen in a film or television production.

–**set-jetter**, *noun*

vape

verb (*i*) (**vaped**, **vaping**)

to smoke an e-cigarette.

[VAP(OUR) + -e (to indicate pronunciation)]

–**vaper**, *noun*

watch and act

noun a mid-range bushfire warning in response to a heightened level of threat, advising people in the proximity of the fire to be alert for any further warnings that might be issued and to either leave or take action to protect their property, such as securing any items near the house, providing ladder access to the roof, preparing to extinguish spot fires, etc.



HEALTH

BRCA gene

noun a gene which is involved in tumour suppression, helping to ensure the stability of the cell's genetic material, but which may mutate into genes known as **BRCA1** or **BRCA2**, inheritable harmful mutations which increase the chance of breast and other cancers in both men and women.

[BR(EAST) CA(NCER) + GENE]

chemo brain

–*noun Colloquial* difficulties with memory and concentration that are attributed to a course of chemotherapy.

enabler

noun **1.** someone or something that is enabling.

2. a person who, by their actions and attitude, makes it easier for an addicted person to maintain their addiction.

epigenome

noun the set of chemical compounds surrounding the genome which can modify it without altering its basic DNA structure, and which switches genes on and off.

[EPI- + GENOME]

5:2 diet

noun a dieting regime in which the person dieting eats normally (about 2000 calories a day) for five days and reduces their intake to 500 calories per day for two days in the week.



INTERNET

darknet

noun a hidden network on the internet accessed by specialised applications designed to encrypt and decrypt messages.

infovore

noun a person who craves information, especially one who takes advantage of their ready access to it on digital devices.

MOOC

noun a free online course which is open to a very large number of students, offering instruction in a variety of subjects but tending not to offer academic credit.

[*m(assive) o(pen) o(nline) c(ourse)*]

Streisand effect

noun the paradoxical effect of an unwelcome increase in public attention caused by efforts to suppress information which has escaped into the public arena.

[from the 2003 case of Barbra STREISAND who tried to suppress online images of her Malibu home taken in an aerial survey but found, as a consequence, more and more people became aware of the existence of the images and viewed them]

tl;dr

(an indication from the reader to a writer that the text is considered too long and therefore has not been read).

Also, **tl;dr**. [originally an SMS code for *too long; didn't read*]



POLITICS

anti-fortification laws

plural noun laws which give police the authority, having obtained a court order, to forcibly remove physical barriers and closed-circuit television systems set up to protect what police have reason to believe is an organisation conducting illegal activities.

choke point

noun **1.** a geographical feature such as a defile on land or a strait at sea, which provides a narrow passage.

2. a point in the counting of a vote where a candidate is excluded on the basis of the low number of votes received.

marriage equality

noun the legal status of marriage as a union between same-sex couples just as it is between heterosexual couples.

micro-party

noun a political party, usually a single-platform party, which secures a small number of votes at an election but which may win a seat in the Australian Senate because of the system of securing preference votes from other parties.

Also, **micro party**.

one-punch law

noun a law creating a special category of manslaughter for perpetrators of fatal king-hit assaults, with harsher penalties than are possible for manslaughter.

Also, **king-hit law**.



SOCIAL INTEREST

atheist church

noun an organisation with similarities to a church in that the members congregate to listen to inspirational talks, sing songs, and share a social occasion, but which celebrates life rather than worshipping a particular deity.

frogger

noun a volunteer representative of Red Frogs Australia, an organisation established to provide protection and guidance to young people gathered together in social situations in which they may be at risk, in particular from alcohol and drug use.

[from the red *frog* lollies which the volunteers hand out to strike up an acquaintance with the young people they are seeking to help]

gender reveal party

noun a party at which an expectant mother and her partner reveal the sex of the unborn baby to a gathering of family and friends.

generation debt

noun generation Y viewed as living beyond their means to support their current lifestyle, without consideration of their future financial situation.

mud army

noun (plural **mud armies**)

volunteers who clear the mud from dwellings inundated by floodwaters once the waters have receded.



SPORT**athlete biological passport**

noun an ongoing electronic record of an athlete's biological profile obtained from regular collections of blood samples, which could indicate past doping practice even if the athlete is, at the time of a current blood test, free of illegal drugs.

barefoot running

noun running in bare feet, especially as a sport or health activity requiring a particular technique which also avoids the injuries associated with running shoes such as heel strike injury and repetition strain injury.

competitive eating

noun a sport in which participants compete against each other to determine who can eat the most of a specified food in a given amount of time, or a given amount of food in the shortest time.
Also, **speed eating**. –**competitive eater**, *noun*

mud run

noun a race on an obstacle course that features sections where the contestants have to go through mud.
–**mud running**, *noun*
–**mud runner**, *noun*

tarp surfing

noun the sport of riding a skateboard on a tarpaulin that is being dragged by one corner over the skateboarder who rides on the tarp within the curl of the overhang.



TECHNOLOGY**dumb phone**

noun a mobile phone which is capable only of voice calling and text messaging.
[play on SMART PHONE]

eye tracking

noun the process of measuring the visual activity of a person by mapping the points at which their gaze falls on something and the pathways that they take between different points of focus; used in vision testing, cognitive studies, driver-fatigue detection, etc.

gamify

–*verb* (*t*) (**gamified, gamifying**)

Computers to convert (an activity) into a computer game, often in an attempt to make it more appealing.

tech togs

plural noun clothing which has technology built into it, as a calculator watch, earrings with a hidden microphone, glasses with inbuilt internet access and display on one of the lenses, etc.

video drone

noun an unmanned aerial vehicle used to make aerial video recordings.

