

# Millennium Vocabulary

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## Season 1

### Pilot

**Fornication:** 1) voluntary sexual intercourse outside marriage 2) voluntary sexual intercourse between two persons of the opposite sex, where one is or both are unmarried 3) sexual immorality in general, especially adultery

**Peepshow:** 1) an erotic or pornographic movie or show viewed from individual booths 2) a sequence of pictures viewed through a hole or lens in a box, regarded as a form of entertainment in former times

**Calamity:** 1) a disaster or misfortune, especially one causing extreme havoc, distress, or misery 2) a state or feeling of deep distress or misery

**Basset=basset hound:** a long low smooth-haired breed of hound with short strong legs and long ears

**Salient:** (only before a noun) most important or noticeable

**Dissever:** 1) to break off or become broken off 2) to divide up into parts

**Sang-froid:** composure; self-possession; calmness

**Make believe:** to pretend or enact a fantasy: *the children made believe they were doctors*

**Seep in (to something):** [for a fluid] to trickle or leak out of something: *Water is seeping into the basement.*

### Gehenna

**Slosh:** the sound of splashing liquid

**Involved:** difficult to understand; complicated: *The book has a very involved plot.*

**Helix:** the rim of the external ear

**Phosgene:** a colorless easily liquefied poisonous gas, carbonyl chloride, with an odor resembling that of new-mown hay: used in chemical warfare as a lethal choking agent and in the manufacture of pesticides, dyes, and polyurethane resins

**Tetrachloride:** any compound that contains four chlorine atoms per molecule

**Indolent:** 1) disliking work or effort; lazy; idle 2) causing little pain: *an indolent tumor* 3) (especially of a painless ulcer) slow to heal

**Potboiler:** a literary or artistic work of little merit produced quickly in order to make money

**Currency:** 1) general acceptance or circulation; prevalence: *the currency of ideas* 2) the period of time during which something is valid, accepted, or in force

**Squawk:** 1) a loud raucous cry; screech 2) a loud complaint or protest

**Sarin:** isopropyl methylphosphono-fluoridate: used in chemical warfare as a lethal nerve gas producing asphyxia

### Dead Letters

**Upfront:** open, frank, honest

**Acetate=cellulose acetate:** nonflammable material made by acetylating cellulose: used in the manufacture of film, dopes, lacquers, and artificial fibers

**Up yours:** a vulgar expression of contempt or refusal

**Retainer:** a fee paid to reserve the services of a professional, especially an attorney or accountant, whenever needed

**Bite:** (of a fish) to take or attempt to take the bait or lure

**Inadmissible:** not admissible or allowable

## The Judge

**Overhaul:** a thorough examination and repair

**Badger:** any of various stocky omnivorous musteline mammals of the subfamily Melinae, such as *Meles meles* (Eurasian badger), occurring in Europe, Asia, and North America: order Carnivora (carnivores). They are typically large burrowing animals, with strong claws and a thick coat striped black and white on the head

**Sunder:** to break or cause to break apart or in pieces

**Rundown:** a brief review, résumé, or summary

**Rub it in:** to make someone feel even worse about something; rub salt into somebody's wounds: *I wanted to rub it in a bit, so I said, "I'll be thinking of you working as I lie on the beach this afternoon."*

**Topo:** a picture of a mountain with details of climbing routes superimposed on it

**Musclehead:** a stupid man; a man who has muscle where there should be brains

**Joint:** a disreputable establishment, such as a bar or nightclub

**Afterthought:** 1) a comment, reply, etc., that occurs to one after the opportunity to deliver it has passed 2) an addition to something already completed

**Pop-top:** 1) the top or portion of the top of a can that can be removed by pulling an attached ring or tab 2) a can whose top is opened by pulling an attached ring or tab

**Hamstring:** 1) to cripple by cutting the hamstring of 2) to ruin or thwart

### 522666

**Stout:** a strong, very dark, almost black beer made from roasted malted barley

**Semtex:** a pliable plastic explosive originally produced in the Czech Republic

**Kazoo:** a cigar-shaped musical instrument of metal or plastic with a membranous diaphragm of thin paper that vibrates with a nasal sound when the player hums into it

**Triangulation:** 1) a method of surveying in which an area is divided into triangles, one side (the base line) and all angles of which are measured and the lengths of the other lines calculated trigonometrically

**Sirrah:** a contemptuous term used in addressing a man or boy

### Kingdom Come

**Scrapple:** scraps of pork cooked with commel and formed into a loaf

**Man of the cloth:** a member of the clergy and a spiritual leader of the Christian Church

**Catechetical or catechetic:** of or relating to teaching by question and answer

**Jesuit:** a member of a Roman Catholic religious order (the Society of Jesus) founded by the Spanish ecclesiastic Saint Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556) in 1534 with the aims of defending the papacy and Catholicism against the Reformation and to undertake missionary work among the heathen

**Sanbenito:** 1) a yellow garment bearing a red cross, worn by penitent heretics in the Inquisition 2) a black garment bearing flames and devils, worn by impenitent heretics at an auto-da-fé

**Hew:** to strike (something, especially wood) with cutting blows, as with an axe

**Peat:** 1) a) a compact brownish deposit of partially decomposed vegetable matter saturated with water: found in uplands and bogs in temperate and cold

regions and used as a fuel (when dried) and as a fertilizer b) (as modifier) peat bog 2) a piece of dried peat for use as fuel

**Mulligan:** a shot that, against the rules, a golfer allows an opponent to take again

**In the rough:** in a situation that is not comfortable or pleasant: *I do not enjoy a camping vacation in the rough.*

**Semiotic or semeiotic:** 1) relating to signs and symbols, especially spoken or written signs 2) relating to semiotics 3) of, relating to, or resembling the symptoms of disease; symptomatic

**Seminarian:** a student at a seminary

**Wedding band:** wedding ring

**Vestment:** 1) a garment or robe, especially one denoting office, authority, or rank 2) any of various ceremonial garments worn by the clergy at religious services

**Cauterize:** (especially in the treatment of a wound) to burn or sear (body tissue) with a hot iron or caustic agent

**Remove:** the degree of difference separating one person, thing, or condition from another: *only one remove from madness*

**Resigned:** characteristic of or proceeding from an attitude of resignation; acquiescent or submissive

### Blood Relatives

**Calla:** 1) also called **calla lily**, **arum lily**: any southern African plant of the aroid genus *Zantedeschia*, especially *Z. aethiopica*, which has a white funnel-shaped spathe enclosing a yellow spadix 2) an aroid plant, *Calla palustris*, that grows in wet places and has a white spathe enclosing a greenish spadix, and red berries

**Depravity:** the state or an instance of moral corruption

**Strung out:** 1) addicted to a drug 2) (of a drug addict) suffering or distressed because of the lack of a drug

**Prevaricate:** to avoid giving a direct and honest answer or opinion, or a clear and truthful account of a situation, especially by quibbling or being deliberately ambiguous or misleading

### The Well-Worn Lock

**Booster:** a person or thing that supports, assists, or increases power or effectiveness

**Counsel:** a barrister or group of barristers engaged in conducting cases in court and advising on legal matters: *counsel for the prosecution*

### Wide Open

**Hardwood:** 1) the wood of any of numerous broad-leaved dicotyledonous trees, such as oak, beech, ash, etc., as distinguished from the wood of a conifer 2) any tree from which this wood is obtained

**Rifle:** 1) to search (a house, safe, etc.) and steal from it; ransack 2) to steal and carry off: *to rifle goods from a shop*

**Rottweiler:** a breed of large robustly built dog with a smooth coat of black with dark tan markings on the face, chest, and legs. It was previously a docked breed.

**Cat burglar:** a burglar who enters buildings by climbing through upper windows, skylights, etc.

**Bunco:** a swindle, especially one by confidence tricksters

**Identikit:** a trademark for a set of pictures showing varied facial features that can be combined to produce a human likeness, e.g. of a missing person or of a criminal suspect

**Gloat:** (often followed by *over*) to dwell (on) with malevolent smugness or exultation

**Up the ante:** to increase the costs, risks, or considerations involved in taking an action or reaching a conclusion

**Looky-loo:** a person who, out of curiosity, lingers around the scene of an accident, etc., or strives to get a look into the private property of others, especially celebrities

**Book:** to leave a place: *Yo man, let's book!*

**Gurgle:** (of liquids, especially of rivers, streams, etc.) to make low bubbling noises when flowing

**Farm hand:** a person who is hired to work on a farm

### The Wild and the Innocent

**Willow:** 1) any of numerous salicaceous trees and shrubs of the genus *Salix*, such as the weeping willow and osiers of N temperate regions, which have graceful flexible branches, flowers in catkins, and feathery seeds 2) the whitish wood of certain of these trees 3) something made of willow wood, such as a cricket or baseball bat 4) a machine having a system of revolving spikes for opening and cleaning raw textile fibers

**Garrote:** 1) a weapon consisting of a wire or cord with handles at each end, used in strangulation 2) an iron band placed around the neck and tightened in order to execute somebody 3) a method of execution in which an iron band is tightened around somebody's neck until death occurs

**Take up with:** to begin to keep company or associate with

### Weeds

**Labile:** 1) (of a compound) prone to chemical change 2) liable to change or move

**Anxiolytic:** 1) any of a class of drugs that reduce anxiety 2) of or relating to this class of drugs

**Swatch:** a piece cut from a material such as fabric or carpeting, used as a sample

**Single malt:** whiskey unblended with any other malt

### Loin Like a Hunting Flame

**Calf love:** also called **puppy love**: temporary infatuation or love of an adolescent for a member of the opposite sex

**Maître d'hôtel:** 1) the person in a restaurant who oversees the waitpersons and busboys, and who typically handles reservations 2) the manager of a hotel

**Trade up:** to sell a small or relatively inexpensive house, car, etc., and replace it with a larger or more expensive one

**Metabolite:** a substance produced during or taking part in metabolism

**The trots:** diarrhea

**Speed:** a slang word for amphetamine

**Paraphilia:** any abnormal sexual behavior; sexual anomaly or deviation

**Deferential:** marked by or showing deference or respect; respectful

**Methodical:** characterized by method or orderliness; systematic

**To a fault:** excessively

**Smut:** 1) a small dark smudge or stain, especially one caused by soot 2) a speck of soot or dirt 3) something obscene or indecent

**Get (or start) off on the right (or wrong) foot:** make a good (or bad) start at something, especially a task or relationship

**Squalor:** the condition or quality of being squalid; disgusting dirt and filth

**Commingle:** to mix or be mixed; blend

### Force Majeure

**Scout:** to go or cause to go quickly or hastily; dart or cause to dart off or away

**Topology:** 1) the branch of mathematics concerned with generalization of the concepts of continuity, limit, etc. 2) a branch of geometry describing the properties of a figure that are unaffected by continuous distortion, such as stretching or knotting 3) a family of subsets of a given set S, such that S is a topological space 4) the arrangement and interlinking of computers in a computer network 5) the study of the topography of a given place, especially as far as it reflects its history 6) the anatomy of any specific bodily area, structure, or part

**Pugilistic attitude/stance:** a 'defensive' position fancifully likened to that adopted by pugilists (boxers), which is typically seen in severely burned bodies, characterized by flexion of elbows, knees, hip, and neck, and clenching of hand into a fist; it is caused by high-temperatures in fire, resulting in muscle stiffening and shortening; it occurs even if the person was dead before the fire.

**Mandala:** 1) any of various designs symbolizing the universe, usually circular 2) such a symbol expressing a person's striving for unity of the self

**Supplication:** 1) the act of supplicating 2) a humble entreaty or petition; prayer

**Coloboma:** a structural defect of the eye, especially in the choroid, retina, or iris

**Aphasia:** a disorder of the central nervous system characterized by partial or total loss of the ability to communicate, especially in speech or writing

**Estrogen:** any of several steroid hormones, that are secreted chiefly by the ovaries and placenta, that induce estrus, stimulate changes in the female reproductive organs during the estrous cycle, and promote development of female secondary sexual characteristics

**Tease:** to loosen or pull apart (biological tissues, etc.) by delicate agitation or prodding with an instrument

**At a pop:** in one time, at once

### The Thin White Line

**Hot streak:** a period of exceptional performance or luck

**Irredeemable:** 1) (of bonds, debentures, shares, etc.) without a date of redemption of capital; incapable of being bought back directly or paid off 2) (of paper money) not convertible into specie 3) (of a sinner) not able to be saved or reformed 4) (of a loss) not able to be recovered; irretrievable 5) not able to be improved or rectified; irreparable

**Bawl (one's) eyes out:** to sob or weep loudly, uncontrollably, and for a long period of time: *After we broke up, I just lay on my bed and bawled my eyes out.*

### Sacrament

**Skycap:** a porter who works at an airport

**Sod:** 1) a piece of grass-covered surface soil held together by the roots of the grass; turf 2) the ground

### Covenant

**Put in:** to devote (time, effort, etc.) to a task

**Cower:** to crouch or cringe, as in fear

**Recant:** to repudiate or withdraw (a former belief or statement), especially formally in public

**Supposition:** 1) the act of supposing 2) a fact, theory, etc., that is supposed

### Walkabout

**Beach:** to run or haul (a boat) onto a beach

**Shut-in:** 1) a) a person confined indoors by illness b) (as modifier) *a shut-in patient* 2) a condition in which the person is highly withdrawn and unable to express his own feelings

**Clang:** 1) to make or cause to make a loud resounding noise, as metal when struck 2) to move or operate making such a sound

**Diffraction:** a deviation in the direction of a wave at the edge of an obstacle in its path

**Thalidomide:** a synthetic drug formerly used as a sedative and hypnotic but withdrawn from the market when found to cause abnormalities in developing fetuses

**Glen:** a narrow and deep mountain valley, especially in Scotland or Ireland

### Lamentation

**Iliac:** of or relating to the ilium, the uppermost and widest of the three sections of the hipbone

**Touch and go:** (touch-and-go when prenominal) risky or critical: *a touch-and-go situation*

**Rend:** to tear with violent force or to be torn in this way; rip

**Hemodialysis:** dialysis of the blood

**Intimate:** 1) to hint; suggest 2) to proclaim; make known

**Harken=hearken:** to listen to (something)

**Cyanide:** 1) any salt of hydrocyanic acid. Cyanides contain the ion CN<sup>-</sup> and are extremely poisonous 2) another name (not in technical usage) for nitrile

**Nephric:** lacking kidneys

**Commute:** to reduce (a sentence) to one less severe

**Liege:** a liegeman or true subject

### Powers, Principalities, Thrones and Dominions

**Chalice:** 1) a drinking cup; goblet 2) a gold or silver cup containing the wine at Mass 3) the calyx of a flower, especially a cup-shaped calyx

**Grimoire:** a textbook of sorcery and magic

**Ledge:** [C] a narrow shelf underneath a window, or a narrow piece of rock that sticks out on the side of a cliff or mountain

**Canopic jar:** urn or vase (in ancient Egypt) one of four containers with tops in the form of animal heads of the gods, for holding the entrails of a mummy

**Schizoid:** 1) denoting a personality disorder characterized by lack of close relationships with other people and more than usual self-absorption 2) characterized by or showing conflicting or contradictory attitudes, ideas, etc.

**Avail oneself of:** to make use of to one's advantage

**Snotball:** 1) a ball of mucus ejected from the mouth 2) a term of abuse

**Conveyance:** 1) a transfer of the legal title to property 2) the document effecting such a transfer

### Broken World

**Unsaddle:** 1) to remove the saddle from (a horse, mule, etc.) 2) to unhorse

**Rear:** to care for and educate (children) until maturity; bring up; raise

**Loony:** a foolish or insane person

**Augury:** 1) the art of or a rite conducted by an augur 2) a sign or portent; omen

### Maranatha

**Fleck:** 1) a small marking or streak; speckle 2) a small particle; speck: *a fleck of dust*

**Monogram:** a design of one or more letters, especially initials, embroidered on clothing, printed on stationery, etc.

**Wormwood:** 1) also called **absinthe:** any of various plants of the chiefly N temperate genus *Artemisia*, especially *A. absinthium*, a European plant yielding a bitter extract used in making absinthe 2) something that embitters, such as a painful experience

**Hold out on:** to delay in or keep from telling (a person) some new or important information

**Ream:** to reprimand somebody severely

**Faceplate:** 1) an enlarged end or attachment on the end of the mandrel on a lathe, with slots and holes on which work can be mounted 2) the transparent window of a diver's or astronaut's helmet

### Paper Dove

**Cheddar:** (sometimes not capital) any of several types of smooth hard yellow or whitish cheese

**Urchin:** a mischievous roguish child, especially one who is young, small, or raggedly dressed

**Dig:** a cutting or sarcastic remark

**Unburden:** to relieve or make free (one's mind, oneself, etc.) of a worry, trouble, etc., by revelation or confession

**Groundcloth=groundsheet:** 1) a waterproof rubber, plastic, or polythene sheet placed on the ground in a tent, etc., to keep out damp 2) a similar sheet put over a sports field to protect it against rain

**Cacophony:** 1) harsh discordant sound; dissonance 2) the use of unharmonious or dissonant speech sounds in language

**Hyoid bone:** a U-shaped bone positioned at the base of the tongue and above the thyroid cartilage that supports the tongue and its muscles

**Blitz:** 1) a violent and sustained attack, especially with intensive aerial bombardment 2) any sudden intensive attack or concerted effort

**Shutterbug:** an active and enthusiastic amateur photographer

**Glum:** silent or sullen, as from gloom

**Courtesy telephone:** a telephone located in airport terminals, large train stations, hotel lobbies, and other places where many travelers are expected, which is used to relay messages to a specific person

## Season 2

### The Beginning and the End

**Smother:** 1) to suffocate or stifle by cutting off or being cut off from the air 2) to surround (with) or envelop (in): *he smothered her with love* 3) to extinguish (a fire) by covering so as to cut it off from the air 4) to be or cause to be suppressed or stifled: *smother a giggle* 5) to cook or serve (food) thickly covered with sauce, etc.

**Pointer:** a helpful piece of information or advice

**Give (something) a whirl:** to attempt or give a trial to (something)

**Jazz:** rigmarole; paraphernalia: *legal papers and all that jazz*

**Exigent:** 1) urgent; pressing 2) exacting; demanding

### Beware of the Dog

**Coot:** a foolish person, especially an old man (often in the phrase **old coot**)

**Shack:** a roughly built hut

**Involution:** degeneration or structural deformation

### Sense and Antisense

**Antisense:** relating to or having a strand of DNA complementary to other genetic material, so that the expression of a trait can be regulated

**Echopraxia:** the involuntary imitation of the actions of others

**Simmer down:** 1) to grow calmer or quieter, as after intense rage or excitement 2) to reduce the volume of (a liquid) by boiling slowly

**Whip:** to pull, remove, etc., with sudden rapid motion: *to whip out a gun*

**Kicker:** a player in a rugby or occasionally a soccer team whose task is to attempt to kick conversions, penalty goals, etc.

**Adenine:** a purine base present in tissues of all living organisms as a constituent of the nucleic acids DNA and RNA and of certain coenzymes; 6-aminopurine

**Cytosine:** a white crystalline pyrimidine occurring in nucleic acids; 6-amino-2-hydroxy pyrimidine

**Thiamine:** a soluble white crystalline vitamin that occurs in the outer coat of rice and other grains. It forms part of the vitamin B complex and is essential for carbohydrate metabolism: deficiency leads to nervous disorders and to the disease beriberi.

**Guanine:** a white almost insoluble compound: one of the purine bases in nucleic acids

**Mallard:** a duck, *Anas platyrhynchos*, common over most of the N hemisphere, the male of which has a dark green head and reddish-brown breast: the ancestor of all domestic breeds of duck

**Rush:** a sudden surge of sensation, especially produced by a drug

**Dumpy:** in low spirits; depressed; morose

### Monster

**Eat up:** to eat or consume entirely: often used as an exhortation to children

**Leave (someone) in the lurch:** to desert (someone) in trouble

**Lingual frenulum:** a small fold of mucous membrane extending from the floor of the mouth to the midline of the underside of the tongue

**Huff:** to blow or puff heavily

### A Single Blade of Grass

**Ululate:** to howl or wail, as with grief

**Tick off:** to make angry

**Peptide:** any of a group of compounds consisting of two or more amino acids linked by chemical bonding between their respective carboxyl and amino groups

**Caw:** the cry of a crow, rook, or raven

**On the warpath:** a) preparing to engage in battle b) in a state of anger

**Allegory:** a story, play, picture, etc. in which each character or event is a symbol representing an idea or a quality, such as truth, evil, death, etc.; the use of such symbols: *a political allegory; the poet's use of allegory*

**Rough-hew:** to cut or hew (timber, stone, etc.) roughly without finishing the surface

**Long house:** 1) a long communal dwelling of the Iroquois and other North American Indian peoples. It often served as a council house as well. 2) a long dwelling found in other parts of the world, such as Borneo

### The Curse of Frank Black

**Propitious:** 1) favorable; auguring well 2) gracious or favorably inclined

**Suds:** 1) the bubbles on the surface of water in which soap, detergents, etc., have been dissolved; lather 2) soapy water 3) beer or the bubbles floating on it

**Sit out:** 1) to endure to the end: *I sat out the play although it was terrible.* 2) to remain seated throughout (a dance, etc.)

### 19:19

**Winch:** 1) a windlass driven by a hand- or power-operated crank 2) a hand- or power-operated crank by which a machine is driven

**Hallow:** 1) to consecrate or set apart as being holy 2) to venerate as being holy

**Put the hammer down:** to accelerate; go full speed: *Guerrero put the hammer down and passed Unser a few laps later.*

**Gog and Magog:** 1) *Old Testament* a hostile prince and the land from which he comes to attack Israel (Ezekiel 38) 2) *New Testament* two kings, who are to attack the Church in a climactic battle, but are then to be destroyed by God (Revelation 20:8-10) 3) *folklore* two giants, the only survivors of a race of giants destroyed by Brutus, the legendary founder of Britain

**Bauxite:** a white, red, yellow, or brown amorphous claylike substance comprising aluminum oxides and hydroxides, often with such impurities as iron oxides. It is the chief ore of aluminum.

### The Hand of Saint Sebastian

**Labonza:** belly

**Polysaccharide:** any one of a class of carbohydrates whose molecules contain linked monosaccharide units: includes starch, inulin, and cellulose

**Nibble:** an expression of tentative interest

**Salacious:** 1) having an excessive interest in sex 2) (of books, magazines, etc.) erotic, bawdy, or lewd

**Dog-eared:** 1) having dog-ears 2) shabby or worn

### Jose Chung's Doomsday Defense

**Pallid:** 1) lacking color or brightness; wan: *a pallid complexion* 2) lacking vigor; vapid: *a pallid performance*

**Ratfink:** a contemptible or undesirable person

**Encumbrance=incumbrance:** 1) a thing that impedes or is burdensome; hindrance 2) a burden or charge upon property, such as a mortgage or lien 3) a dependent person, especially a child

**Layout:** the arrangement of written material, photographs, or other artwork on an advertisement or page in a book, newspaper, etc.

**Rove:** 1) to wander about (a place) with no fixed direction; roam 2) (of the eyes) to look around; wander

**Fanciful:** 1) not based on fact; dubious or imaginary: *fanciful notions* 2) made or designed in a curious, intricate, or imaginative way 3) indulging in or influenced by fancy; whimsical

**Brooder:** somebody who worries a lot about things

**Unqualified:** 1) lacking the necessary qualifications 2) not restricted or modified: *an unqualified criticism* 3) (usually prenominal) (intensifier) *an unqualified success*

**Rave:** a) enthusiastic or extravagant praise b) (as modifier) *a rave review*

**Downbeat:** 1) *music* the first beat of a bar or the downward gesture of a conductor's baton indicating this 2) *informal* depressed; gloomy 3) *informal* relaxed; unemphatic

**Quatrain:** a stanza or poem of four lines, especially one having alternate rhymes

**Palatial:** of, resembling, or suitable for a palace; sumptuous

**Cackle:** to laugh or chatter raucously

**Glee:** great merriment or delight, often caused by someone else's misfortune

**Fizzle:** to fail or die out, especially after a promising start

**Intuit:** to know or discover by intuition

**Grouchy:** bad-tempered; tending to complain; peevish

**Profundity:** intense intellectual or human insight that deals seriously with the most vital aspects of any question

**Wallow:** 1) (especially of certain animals) to roll about in mud, water, etc., for pleasure 2) to move about with difficulty 3) to indulge oneself in possessions, emotion, etc.: *to wallow in self-pity* 4) (of smoke, waves, etc.) to billow

## Midnight of the Century

**Toot:** to give or cause to give (a short blast, hoot, or whistle)

**Go all out:** to make a great effort to achieve or obtain something: *he went all out to pass the exam*

**Hard sell:** an aggressive insistent technique of selling or advertising

**Fetch:** the ghost or apparition of a living person

**Hark:** to listen; pay attention

**Manger:** a trough or box in a stable, barn, etc., from which horses or cattle feed

**Staid:** 1) of a settled, sedate, and steady character 2) *now rare* permanent

**Eggnog:** a drink that can be served hot or cold, made of eggs, milk, sugar, spice, and brandy, rum, or other spirit

**Beachhead:** 1) an area on a beach that has been captured from the enemy and on which troops and equipment are landed 2) the object of an amphibious operation

## Goodbye Charlie

**Pentothal sodium=thiopental sodium:** a barbiturate drug used in medicine as an intravenous general anesthetic

**Hemostat:** 1) a surgical instrument that stops bleeding by compression of a blood vessel 2) a chemical agent that retards or stops bleeding

**Sake:** a Japanese alcoholic drink made from fermented rice

**Jaundice:** 1) yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes due to the abnormal presence of bile pigments in the blood, as in hepatitis 2) a mental state of bitterness, jealousy, and ill humor resulting in distorted judgment

**Cholelithiasis:** the formation or presence of gallstones in the gallbladder or bile ducts

**Tracheotomy:** surgical incision into the trachea, usually performed when the upper air passage has been blocked

**Haematopoiesis:** the formation of blood

**Malignancy:** 1) the state or quality of being malignant 2) a cancerous growth

**Rack:** to cause great stress or suffering to

## Luminary

**Maelstrom:** 1) a large powerful whirlpool 2) any turbulent confusion

**Huffy:** 1) easily offended or put into a huff 2) annoyed or irritated about something: *a huffy silence* 3) haughtily arrogant and condescending

**Planetarium:** 1) an instrument for simulating the apparent motions of the sun, moon, and planets against a background of stars by projecting images of these bodies onto the inside of a domed ceiling 2) a building in which such an instrument is housed 3) a model of the solar system, sometimes mechanized to show the relative motions of the planets

**Miler:** an athlete, horse, etc., that runs or specializes in races of one mile

**Dainty:** a choice piece of food, especially a small cake or sweet; delicacy

**Conifer:** any gymnosperm tree or shrub of the phylum Coniferophyta, typically bearing cones and evergreen leaves. The group includes the pines, spruces, firs, larches, yews, junipers, cedars, cypresses, and sequoias

**Make out:** to manage or fare: *How did you make out in the contest?*

**Jettison:** 1) to throw away; abandon: *to jettison old clothes* 2) to throw overboard

**Loopy:** 1) full of loops; curly or twisted 2) slightly mad, crazy, or stupid

**Whack:** to completely exhaust

## The Mikado

**Fire power:** 1) the amount of fire that may be delivered by a unit or weapon 2) the capability of delivering fire

**Yank someone's chain:** to tease someone; to lead someone on; to goad someone into overreacting

**Duplex:** permitting the transmission of simultaneous signals in both directions in a radio, telecommunications, or computer channel

**Nom de plume:** another term for pen name

**Shed:** a small building or lean-to of light construction, used for storage, shelter, etc.

**Backbone:** (in computer networks) a large-capacity, high-speed central section by which other network segments are connected

**Semaphore:** 1) an apparatus for conveying information by means of visual signals, as with movable arms or railway signals, flags, etc. 2) a system of signaling by holding a flag in each hand and moving the arms to designated positions to denote each letter of the alphabet

**Slipstream:** a) the stream of air forced backwards by an aircraft propeller b) a stream of air behind any moving object

**Operetta:** a type of comic or light-hearted opera

**Legwork:** work that involves travelling on foot or as if on foot

**Come-on:** anything that serves as a lure or enticement

**Haunt:** a place visited frequently: *an old haunt of hers*

### The Pest House

**Chloroform:** a heavy volatile liquid with a sweet taste and odor, used as a solvent and cleansing agent and in refrigerants: formerly used as an inhalation anesthetic

**Cleaver:** a heavy knife or long-bladed hatchet, especially one used by butchers

**Pare down:** to reduce a total amount or number, usually an amount of money or a number of workers, slowly and steadily

**Bleak:** offering little hope or excitement; dismal: *a bleak future*

### Owls

**Crow:** to utter a shrill squawking sound, as a cock

**Bonk:** 1) to hit 2) to have sexual intercourse (with)

**Intimation:** 1) a hint or suggestion 2) an announcement or notice

**Dossier:** a collection of papers containing information on a particular subject or person

**Crook:** a dishonest person

**Excuse:** to dismiss or allow to leave: *he asked them to excuse him*

### Roosters

**Scission:** the act or an instance of cutting, splitting, or dividing

**Disunion:** 1) the splitting up of something into separate smaller parts or groups  
2) disagreement or discord

**Degenerate:** having declined or deteriorated to a lower mental, moral, or physical level; debased; degraded; corrupt

**Go down the tubes:** go down the toilet: to fail; to degenerate rapidly

**Parsifal:** the hero of a medieval cycle of legends about the Holy Grail. English equivalent: Percival.

**Sig:** signature

**Rune:** 1) any of the characters of an ancient Germanic alphabet, derived from the Roman alphabet, in use, especially in Scandinavia, from the 3rd century AD to the end of the Middle Ages. Each character was believed to have a magical significance. 2) any obscure piece of writing using mysterious symbols 3) a kind of Finnish poem or a stanza in such a poem

**Cuff link:** one of a pair of linked buttons, used to join the buttonholes on the cuffs of a shirt

**Serology:** the science concerned with serums

**Efface:** 1) to obliterate or make dim: *to efface a memory* 2) to make (oneself) inconspicuous or humble through modesty, cowardice, or obsequiousness 3) to rub out (a line, drawing, etc.); erase

**Doth:** a singular form of the present tense of do

**Lot:** any object, such as a straw or slip of paper, drawn from others at random to make a selection or choice (especially in the phrase **draw** or **cast lots**)

### Siren

**Bow:** the forward end or part of a vessel

**Misogyny:** hatred of women

**Intern:** to detain or confine (foreign or enemy citizens, ships, etc.), especially during wartime

### In Arcadia Ego

**Placenta previa:** a condition in which the placenta partially or wholly blocks the neck of the uterus, thus interfering with normal delivery of a baby

### Anamnesis

**Anamnesis:** 1) the ability to recall past events; recollection 2) the case history of a patient

**Thoroughbred:** a British breed of horse the ancestry of which can be traced to English mares and Arab sires; most often used as a racehorse

**Pew:** 1) (in a church) a) one of several long benchlike seats with backs, used by the congregation b) an enclosed compartment reserved for the use of a family or other small group

**Tack on:** to add something to something else either as a supplement or an afterthought

**Parrot:** to repeat or imitate mechanically without understanding

**Inkblot:** an abstract patch of ink, one of ten commonly used in the Rorschach test

**Leyley line:** a line joining two prominent points in the landscape, thought to be the line of a prehistoric track

**Knock heads:** to argue or disagree

**Elm:** 1) any ulmaceous tree of the genus *Ulmus*, occurring in the N hemisphere, having serrated leaves and winged fruits (samaras): cultivated for shade, ornament, and timber 2) the hard heavy wood of this tree

### A Room with No View

**Trim:** the position of an aircraft in flight relative to the horizon

**Flop:** a complete failure

**Vasovagal syncope:** a faint brought on by excessive activity of the vagus nerve, causing the heart to slow and the blood pressure to fall. It can be caused by fear, choking, or stomach cramps and has no lasting effects.

**Radial tire:** a motor-vehicle tire having a radial-ply casing

**Washout:** a) a total failure or disaster b) an incompetent person

### Somehow, Satan Got Behind Me

**Make it snappy:** be quick! hurry up!

**Wager:** to risk or bet (something) on the outcome of an unsettled matter

**Titillate:** 1) to arouse, tease, interest, or excite pleurably and often superficially 2) to cause a tickling or tingling sensation in, especially by touching

**Dim-witted:** stupid

**Hit/strike pay dirt:** to achieve one's objective

**Shebang:** 1) a situation, matter, or affair (especially in the phrase **the whole shebang**) 2) a hut or shack

**Bonkers:** mad; crazy

**Tawdry:** cheap, showy, and of poor quality: *tawdry jewellery*



**Sordid:** 1) dirty, foul, or squalid 2) degraded; vile; base: *a sordid affair* 3) selfish and grasping: *sordid avarice*

**Yokel:** (used chiefly by townspeople) a person who lives in the country, especially one who appears to be simple and old-fashioned

**Bejesus:** an exclamation of surprise, emphasis, etc., regarded as a characteristic utterance of Irish people

**Sow one's (wild) oats:** to indulge in adventure or promiscuity during youth

#### The Fourth Horseman

**Pitch:** to aim to sell (a product) to a specified market or on a specified basis

**Buy in:** to buy goods or securities on the open market against a defaulting seller, charging this seller with any market differences

**Status epilepticus:** a condition in which repeated epileptic seizures occur without the patient gaining consciousness between them. If untreated for a prolonged period it can lead to long-term disability or death.

**Encephalopathy:** any degenerative disease of the brain, often associated with toxic conditions

**Space:** to become distracted, forgetful, or inattentive

**Ear:** the part of a cereal plant, such as wheat or barley, that contains the seeds, grains, or kernels

**Parakeet** or **parrakeet:** any of numerous small usually brightly colored long-tailed parrots, such as *Psittacula krameri* (ring-necked parakeet), of Africa

#### The Time is Now

**Antigenic drift:** changes of a minor nature in the antigenic structure of a virus strain

**Brainiac:** a highly intelligent person

**Entwine:** (of two or more things) to twine together or (of one or more things) to twine around (something else)

**Twine:** to twist together; interweave

**Papule:** a small solid usually round elevation of the skin

**Virulent:** 1) (used about a poison or a disease) very strong and dangerous: *a particularly virulent form of influenza* 2) (formal) very strong and full of anger:  
*a virulent attack on the leader*

## Season 3

### The Innocents

**Hyperventilate:** to breathe in an abnormally deep, long, and rapid manner, sometimes resulting in cramp and dizziness

**Backtrack:** 1) to return by the same route by which one has come 2) to retract or reverse one's opinion, action, policy, etc.

**Aft:** towards or at the stern or rear

**Spotty:** not consistent or uniform; irregular or uneven, often in quality

**A piece of work:** 1) someone or something remarkable or outstanding 2) someone or something unpleasant, troublesome, or strange

**All hands on deck/all hands to the pumps:** something that you say when everyone's help is needed, especially to do a lot of work in a short amount of time: *We've got to get all this cleared up before they arrive so it's all hands on deck.*

### Exegesis

**Exegesis:** explanation or critical interpretation of a text, especially of the Bible

**Mannitol:** a white crystalline water-soluble sweet-tasting alcohol, found in plants and used in diet sweets and as a dietary supplement

**Cinder:** 1) a piece of incombustible material left after the combustion of coal, coke, etc.; clinker 2) a piece of charred material that burns without flames; ember 3) any solid waste from smelting or refining 4) (plural) fragments of volcanic lava; scoriae

**Cut one's losses:** to give up spending time, money, or energy on an unprofitable or unsuccessful activity

**Tantalize:** to tease or make frustrated, as by tormenting with the sight of something greatly desired but inaccessible

### TEOTWAWKI

**Pep rally:** a gathering designed to fire enthusiasm into those attending, especially one held in a school before a sporting event

**Swear up and down:** to say as strongly as possible: *He swore up and down that he didn't know the guy at all.*

**Bugaboo:** an imaginary source of fear; bugbear; bogey

**Table:** to place on a table

**Strong-arm:** 1) (modifier) relating to or involving physical force or violence: *strong-arm tactics*

**Sit on one's hands:** take no action; also, fail to applaud: *Instead of making a new will, George is sitting on his hands. The matinee audience was apathetic, sitting on their hands for the whole performance.*

**Off:** to kill (someone)

**Deed of trust:** a written instrument legally conveying property to a trustee often used to secure an obligation such as a mortgage or promissory note

### Closure

**Pow:** an exclamation imitative of a collision, explosion, etc.

**Derelict:** a person abandoned or neglected by society; a social outcast or vagrant

**Indigent:** an impoverished person

**Draw a bead on:** to aim a rifle or pistol at

## ... Thirteen Years Later

**Ingénue:** an artless, innocent, or inexperienced girl or young woman

**Sleazy:** 1) sordid; disreputable: *a sleazy nightclub* 2) thin or flimsy, as cloth

**Anthrophagite:** a rare word for cannibal

**Slasher movie:** a film in which victims, usually women, are slashed with knives, razors, etc.

### Skull and Bones

**At grade:** a) on the same level b) (of a river profile or land surface) at an equilibrium level and slope, because there is a balance between erosion and deposition

**Malign:** to slander or defame

**Retaining wall:** a wall constructed to hold back earth, loose rock, etc.

**Wind up:** to make nervous, tense, etc.; excite

**Gracile:** 1) gracefully thin or slender 2) a less common word for graceful

**Catabolism:** a metabolic process in which complex molecules are broken down into simple ones with the release of energy; destructive metabolism

**Precipitate:** to cause to happen too soon or sooner than expected; bring on

**Disservice:** an ill turn; wrong; injury, especially when trying to help

### Through a Glass Darkly

**Phone-in:** a) a radio or television program in which listeners' or viewers' questions, comments, etc., are telephoned to the studio and broadcast live b) (as modifier) a phone-in discussion

**Turnover:** a small semicircular or triangular pastry case filled with fruit, jam, etc.

**Feisty:** (of a person, typically one who is relatively small) lively, determined, and courageous: *a love story with a feisty heroine who's more than a pretty face* ■ touchy and aggressive: *he got a bit feisty and tried to hit me*

**Iatrogenic:** 1) (of an illness or symptoms) induced in a patient as the result of a physician's words or actions, especially as a consequence of taking a drug prescribed by the physician 2) (of a problem) induced by the means of treating a problem but ascribed to the continuing natural development of the problem being treated

### Human Essence

**Peep:** 1) (especially of young birds) to utter shrill small noises 2) to speak in a thin shrill voice

**Bindle:** a folded paper containing illegal (usually powdered) drugs

**Constrictor:** 1) any of various nonvenomous snakes, such as the pythons, boas, and anaconda, that coil around and squeeze their prey to kill it 2) any muscle that constricts or narrows a canal or passage; sphincter 3) a person or thing that constricts

**Hardy:** 1) having or demanding a tough constitution; robust 2) bold; courageous 3) foolhardy; rash 4) (of plants) able to live out of doors throughout the winter

**The yips:** (in sport, originally especially golf) nervous twitching or tension that destroys concentration and spoils performance

**Lactose:** a white crystalline disaccharide occurring in milk and used in the manufacture of pharmaceuticals and baby foods

**Cut:** weakened or diluted

**Deglove:** to peel back the skin from part of the body as if removing a glove, especially as the result of an accident

**Opiate:** 1) any of various narcotic drugs, such as morphine and heroin, that act on opioid receptors 2) any other narcotic or sedative drug 3) something that soothes, deadens, or induces sleep

**Lace:** to add a small amount of alcohol or drugs to (food or drink)

### Omertà

**Omertà:** the code requirement alleged to apply to members of the Mafia, by which they must remain silent about any crimes of which they have knowledge

**Grappa:** a spirit distilled from the fermented remains of grapes after pressing

**Notch:** 1) a V-shaped cut or indentation; nick 2) a cut or nick made in a tally stick or similar object

**Mirandize:** to inform somebody being arrested of his or her rights to remain silent and to have an attorney present

**On a roll:** experiencing continued good luck or success

**Crackle:** 1) to make or cause to make a series of slight sharp noises, as of paper being crushed or of a wood fire burning 2) to decorate (porcelain or pottery) by causing a fine network of cracks to appear in the glaze 3) to abound in vivacity or energy

### Borrowed Time

**Wilt:** a singular form of the present tense (indicative mood) of will

**For what it is worth:** considering what limited worth this advice, opinion, or suggestion might have for you. Used to soften the presentation of unsolicited advice or information that may not be relevant.

**Lumbar puncture:** insertion of a hollow needle into the lower region of the spinal cord to withdraw cerebrospinal fluid, introduce drugs, etc.

### Collateral Damage

**Cornea:** the convex transparent membrane that forms the anterior covering of the eyeball and is continuous with the sclera

**Immaterial:** 1) of no real importance; inconsequential 2) not formed of matter; incorporeal; spiritual

### The Sound of Snow

**White noise:** a) sound or electrical noise that has a relatively wide continuous range of frequencies of uniform intensity b) noise containing all frequencies rising in level by six decibels every octave

**Strobe=stroboscope:** 1) an instrument producing a flashing light, the frequency of which can be synchronized with some multiple of the frequency of rotation, vibration, or operation of an object, etc., making it appear stationary. It is used to determine speeds of rotation or vibration, or to adjust objects or parts 2) a similar device synchronized with the opening of the shutter of a camera so that a series of still photographs can be taken of a moving object

**Spittle:** the fluid secreted in the mouth; saliva or spit

### Antipas

**Chorion:** the outer of two membranes (see also amnion) that form a sac around the embryonic reptile, bird, or mammal: contributes to the placenta in mammals

**Gonadotropin=gonadotrophin:** any of several glycoprotein hormones secreted by the pituitary gland and placenta that stimulate the gonads and control reproductive activity

**Frisk:** to search (someone) by feeling for concealed weapons, etc.

**Disabuse:** to rid (oneself, another person, etc.) of a mistaken or misguided idea; set right

**Uppity:** not yielding easily to persuasion or control

**Show and tell:** 1) a classroom exercise in which children display an item and talk about it 2) a public display or demonstration

**Cockeyed:** 1) afflicted with cross-eye, squint, or any other visible abnormality of the eyes 2) appearing to be physically or logically abnormal, absurd, etc.; crooked; askew: *cockeyed ideas* 3) drunk

### Matryoshka

**Chequered=checkered:** marked by fluctuations of fortune (especially in the phrase **a chequered career**)

**Overreach:** to aim for but miss by going too far or attempting too much

**Dotty:** 1) feeble-minded; slightly crazy 2) (followed by *about*) extremely fond (of) 3) marked with dots

**Benzene ring:** the hexagonal ring of bonded carbon atoms in the benzene molecule or its derivatives

### Forcing the End

**Mezuza(h):** 1) a piece of parchment inscribed with biblical passages and fixed to the doorpost of the rooms of a Jewish house 2) a metal case for such a parchment, sometimes worn as an ornament

### Saturn Dreaming of Mercury

**Joust:** a combat between two mounted knights tilting against each other with lances. A tournament consisted of a series of such engagements.

**Lean:** (of meat) having little or no fat

**Butt in:** to interrupt and attempt to join in a conversation or activity without being invited: *He's always trying to butt in on our conversations.*

### Darwin's Eye

**Blow-up:** an enlarged photograph or part of a photograph

**Reflection:** implicit or explicit attribution of discredit or blame

**Abrogate:** to cancel or revoke formally or officially; repeal; annul

**Crop up:** to appear or arrive, especially unexpectedly or from time to time: *Her name keeps cropping up in conversation.*

### Bardo Thodol

**Caucasoid:** denoting, relating to, or belonging to the lighter-complexioned supposed racial group of mankind, which includes the peoples indigenous to Europe, N Africa, SW Asia, and the Indian subcontinent and their descendants in other parts of the world

**Sic=sick:** 1) to turn on or attack: used only in commands, as to a dog 2) to urge (a dog) to attack

### Seven and One

**Locksmith:** a person who makes or repairs locks

**Banisters=bannisters:** the railing and supporting balusters on a staircase; balustrade

### Nostalgia

**Lit up:** 1) drunk 2) drugged, especially on heroin

**Zip:** nothing

### Via Dolorosa

**Etch:** to imprint vividly: *the event was etched on her memory*

**Bureau:** a writing desk with pigeonholes, drawers, etc., against which the writing surface can be closed when not in use

### Goodbye to All That

**Glee club:** a club or society organized for the singing of choral music

**Track:** a) sports performed on a track b) track and field events as a whole

**Drizzle:** to rain lightly