

# The X-Files Vocabulary

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## Season 1

### Pilot

**Spooky:** 1) frightening or unnerving because suggesting the presence of supernatural forces 2) strange or amazing, often in a way that seems supernatural 3) easily frightened or startled

### Deep Throat

**Spud:** 1) an informal word for potato 2) a narrow-bladed spade for cutting roots, digging up weeds, etc. 3) also called **spudder:** a tool, resembling a chisel, for removing bark from trees

**Stripper:** a device or substance for removing paint, varnish, etc.

**Hooey:** nonsense; rubbish

**Concomitant:** 1) existing or occurring together; associative 2) a concomitant act, person, etc.

### Squeeze

**Stakeout:** 1) a police surveillance of an area, house, or criminal suspect 2) an area or house kept under such surveillance

**Down to earth:** with no illusions or pretensions; practical and realistic: *a down-to-earth view of marriage*

**Finagle:** 1) to get or achieve by trickery, craftiness, or persuasion; wangle 2) to use trickery or craftiness on (a person)

**Snag:** 1) catch or tear (something) on a sharp projection: *thorns snagged his sweater* ■ [no obj.] become caught on a sharp projection: *radio aerials snagged on bushes and branches* 2) catch or obtain: *it's the first time they've snagged the star for a photo*

### Conduit

**Bundt:** a baking pan with a hollow, circular, raised area in the middle

**Singe:** 1) to burn or be burnt superficially; scorch: *to singe one's clothes* 2) to burn the ends of (hair, etc.) 3) to expose (a carcass) to flame to remove bristles or hair

**Trailhead:** the place where a trail begins

### The Jersey Devil

**Scat:** an animal dropping

**Hustle:** 1) to shove or crowd (someone) roughly 2) to move or cause to move hurriedly or furtively: *he hustled her out of sight* 3) to deal with or cause to proceed hurriedly: *to hustle legislation through* 4) to earn or obtain (something) forcefully 5) (of procurers and prostitutes) to solicit 6) an instance of hustling 7) undue activity 8) a disco dance of the 1970s

**Vagrant:** 1) a person of no settled abode, income, or job; tramp 2) a migratory animal that is off course

**Panhandle:** to accost and beg from (passers-by), especially on the street

**Spite:** 1) maliciousness involving the desire to harm another; venomous ill will 2) an instance of such malice; grudge 3) to annoy in order to vent spite

**Requisition:** 1) a request or demand, especially an authoritative or formal one 2) an official form on which such a demand is made 3) the act of taking something over, especially temporarily for military or public use in time of emergency 4) a necessary or essential condition; requisite 5) a formal request by one government to another for the surrender of a fugitive from justice

### Shadows

**Soma:** the body of an organism, especially an animal, as distinct from the germ cells

**Knock oneself out:** 1) (idiomatic) to go ahead; to do as one pleases 2) (idiomatic, in the imperative) to grant permission for or to give endorsement of a suggestion or proposal, especially when the speaker is not interested in its outcome. *I'm going to the store. / Knock yourself out.*

### Ghost in the Machine

**Mange:** an infectious disorder mainly affecting domestic animals, characterized by itching, formation of papules and vesicles, and loss of hair: caused by parasitic mites

**Egomaniac:** egoist

**Scruffy:** unkempt or shabby

**Kook:** an eccentric, crazy, or foolish person

**Obviate:** to do away with or counter

**Thumb one's nose at:** to deride or mock, especially by placing the thumb on the nose with fingers extended

**Acquisitive:** inclined or eager to acquire things, especially material possessions

**Resolve:** firmness of purpose; determination: *nothing can break his resolve*

**Exonerate:** 1) to clear or absolve from blame or a criminal charge 2) to relieve from an obligation or task; exempt

**Consign:** 1) to hand over or give into the care or charge of another; entrust 2) to commit irrevocably: *he consigned the papers to the flames* 3) to commit for admittance: *to consign someone to jail* 4) to address or deliver (goods) for sale, disposal, etc.: *it was consigned to his London address* 5) to assent; agree

### Ice

**Mitten:** 1) a glove having one section for the thumb and a single section for the other fingers. Sometimes shortened to: mitt 2) a boxing glove

**Credentials:** a letter or certificate giving evidence of the bearer's identity or competence

**Keg:** a small barrel used for storing liquids

**Scolex:** the head of a tapeworm, with suckers or hooks that enable the parasitic worm to attach itself to its host

**Wired:** full of nervous energy or excitement

**Sweltering:** oppressively hot

### Space

**Cloak-and-dagger:** involving secrecy or intrigue, often as part of an espionage operation

**Crucible:** 1) a vessel in which substances are heated to high temperatures 2) the hearth at the bottom of a metallurgical furnace in which the metal collects 3) a severe trial or test

**Specious:** 1) apparently correct or true, but actually wrong or false 2) deceptively attractive in appearance

**Payload:** 1) that part of a cargo earning revenue 2) a) the passengers, cargo, or bombs carried by an aircraft b) the equipment carried by a rocket, satellite, or spacecraft 3) the explosive power of a warhead, bomb, etc., carried by a missile or aircraft: *a missile carrying a 50-megaton payload*

**Grotesque:** 1) strangely or fantastically distorted; bizarre: *a grotesque reflection in the mirror* 2) of or characteristic of the grotesque in art 3) absurdly incongruous; in a ludicrous context: *a grotesque turn of phrase*

**Telemetry:** 1) the use of radio waves, telephone lines, etc., to transmit the readings of measuring instruments to a device on which the readings can be indicated or recorded 2) the measurement of linear distance using a tellurometer

**So much for:** a) no more can or need be said about b) used to express contempt for something that has failed: *so much for your bright idea*

## Fallen Angel

**Bogey:** 1) an evil or mischievous spirit 2) something that worries or annoys

**Intrepid:** fearless; daring; bold

**Flexion:** 1) the act of bending a joint or limb 2) the condition of the joint or limb so bent

**Residency:** the period, following internship, during which a physician undergoes further clinical training, usually in one medical speciality

**Inquest:** 1) an inquiry into the cause of an unexplained, sudden, or violent death, or as to whether or not property constitutes treasure trove, held by a coroner, in certain cases with a jury 2) any inquiry or investigation

**Waterfront:** the area of a town or city alongside a body of water, such as a harbor or dockyard

**Gallows:** a frame for hanging criminals

**Countermand:** 1) to revoke or cancel (a command, order, etc.) 2) to order (forces, etc.) to return or retreat; recall

## Eve

**Hypovolemia:** a state of decreased blood volume

**Jugular, jugular vein:** any of three large veins of the neck that return blood to the heart from the head and face

**Digitalis:** 1) a drug containing glycoside, prepared from dried foxglove leaves. Use: heart stimulant. 2) a plant such as the foxglove. Native to: Europe, Asia.

**Exsanguinate:** to drain the blood from

**Even money:** equally likely or unlikely

**In vitro:** (of biological processes or reactions) made to occur outside the living organism in an artificial environment, such as a culture medium

**Censure:** to criticize (someone or something) severely; condemn

**Sleep on it:** to give (something) extended consideration, especially overnight

**Foxglove:** a tall plant that is the source of the drug digitalis. Flowers: purple or white, thimble-shaped.

## Fire

**Plastique or plastic explosive:** an explosive with the consistency of putty that allows it to be easily molded

**Stake:** a thin wooden or metal post that is driven into the ground to mark or support something

**Extraneous:** 1) not essential 2) not pertinent or applicable; irrelevant 3) coming from without; of external origin 4) not belonging; unrelated to that to which it is added or in which it is contained

**Accelerant:** a substance that is used to intensify a fire

**Dusting:** 1) a thin, sometimes patchy covering of a powdery substance: *a dusting of snow on the ground* 2) a defeat or setback: *a candidate who took a real dusting at the polls*

**Aliphatic:** (of an organic compound) not aromatic, especially having an open chain structure, such as alkanes, alkenes, and alkynes

**Pyrolysis:** 1) the application of heat to chemical compounds in order to cause decomposition 2) chemical decomposition of compounds caused by high temperatures

**Exothermic:** (of a chemical reaction or compound) occurring or formed with the evolution of heat

**Caretaker:** 1) a person who is in charge of a place or thing, especially in the owner's absence: *the caretaker of a school* 2) (modifier) holding office temporarily; interim: *a caretaker government* 3) a person who takes care of a vulnerable person, often a close relative

**Cur:** 1) any vicious dog, especially a mongrel 2) a despicable or cowardly person

**Extraordinaire:** excellent or outstanding (used after nouns): *a piano player extraordinaire*

**Bum:** to get something by asking or begging

**Lozenge:** a medicated tablet held in the mouth until it has dissolved

**Composite:** an image of a suspect's face that is created by a police artist or photographer, based on input from witnesses

**Deftly:** in a deft manner; quickly and neatly in action

**Cheap shot:** an unfair or malicious attack on somebody or something, either in print or in speech

**Dredge up:** 1) to bring to notice, especially with considerable effort and from an obscure, remote, or unlikely source: *to dredge up worthless ideas* 2) to raise with or as if with a dredge: *they dredged up the corpse from the lake*

**Maladjustment:** 1) a failure to meet the demands of society, such as coping with problems and social relationships: usually reflected in emotional instability 2) faulty or bad adjustment

**Discreet:** careful to avoid social embarrassment or distress, especially by keeping confidences secret; tactful

**Have one's hands full:** a) to be completely occupied b) to be beset with problems

**Edification:** 1) improvement, instruction, or enlightenment, especially when morally or spiritually uplifting 2) the act of edifying or state of being edified

**Dole:** money received from the state while out of work

**Tenement:** 1) also called **tenement building:** (now especially in Scotland) a large building divided into separate flats 2) a dwelling place or residence, especially one intended for rent 3) a room or flat for rent 4) any form of permanent property, such as land, dwellings, offices, etc.

## Beyond the Sea

**Shove off:** (often imperative) 1) to move from the shore in a boat 2) to go away; depart

**Coronary:** a heart attack

**Stay:** something that acts to stop or delay something negative happening

**Strangle:** to kill by compressing the windpipe; throttle

**Twine:** a string

**Femur:** the longest thickest bone of the human skeleton, articulating with the pelvis above and the knee below; a thighbone

**Palpate:** to examine (an area of the body) by the sense of touch and pressure

**Gurney:** a wheeled stretcher for transporting hospital patients

**Vat:** a large container for holding or storing liquids

## Gender Bender

**Chippy=chippie:** a promiscuous young woman, especially a prostitute

**Egress:** 1) the action of going out of or leaving a place: *direct means of access and egress for passengers* ■ [count noun] a way out: *a narrow egress*

**Pheromone:** a chemical substance produced and released into the environment by an animal, especially a mammal or an insect, affecting the behavior or physiology of others of its species

**Aphrodisiac:** 1) a drug, food, etc., that excites sexual desire 2) exciting or heightening sexual desire

**Admonish:** 1) to reprove firmly but not harshly 2) to advise to do or against doing something; warn; caution

**Look-see:** a brief inspection or look

**Whinny:** a gentle, high-pitched neigh

**Transvestite:** a person who seeks sexual pleasure from wearing clothes that are normally associated with the opposite sex

## Lazarus

**Cursive:** 1) written with the characters joined: *cursive script* 2) [mass noun] cursive writing

**Operatic:** relating to or characteristic of opera: *operatic arias* ■ extravagantly theatrical; histrionic: *she wrung her hands in operatic despair*

**Squelch:** make a soft sucking sound such as that made by walking heavily through mud: *bedraggled guests squelched across the lawn to seek shelter* ■ forcefully silence or suppress: *property developers tried to squelch public protest*

## Young at Heart

**Waybill:** a document attached to goods in transit specifying their nature, point of origin, and destination as well as the route to be taken and the rate to be charged

**Coop:** cage

**Ascenders and descenders:**



**Haiku:** an epigrammatic Japanese verse form in 17 syllables

**Point-blank:** 1) a) aimed or fired at a target so close that it is unnecessary to make allowance for the drop in the course of the projectile b) permitting such aim or fire without loss of accuracy: *at point-blank range* 2) plain or blunt: *a point-blank question*

**Spite:** ill-will

**Infirmary:** a place for the treatment of the sick or injured; dispensary; hospital

**Hip:** 1) very fashionable: *it's hip to be environmentally conscious* 2) aware of or informed about: *he's trying to show how hip he is to Americana*

**Prosthesis:** a) the replacement of a missing bodily part with an artificial substitute b) an artificial part such as a limb, eye, or tooth

**Myelin:** a mixture of proteins and phospholipids forming a whitish insulating sheath around many nerve fibers, which increases the speed at which impulses are conducted

## E.B.E.

**Knoll:** a small hill or mound

## Miracle Man

**Penance:** if you do penance for something wrong that you have done, you do something that you find unpleasant to show that you are sorry: *a time of*

*fasting, penance and pilgrimage. The Koran recommends fasting as a penance before pilgrimages.*

**Recognizance:** a bond by which a person undertakes before a court or magistrate to observe some condition, especially to appear when summoned

**Pulpit:** a raised enclosed platform in a church or chapel from which the preacher delivers a sermon ■ (the pulpit) religious teaching as expressed in sermons: *the movies could rival the pulpit as an agency moulding the ideas of the mass public*

**Smorgasbord:** a range of open sandwiches and delicacies served as hors d'oeuvres or a buffet ■ a wide range of something; a variety: *the album is a smorgasbord of different musical styles*

**Paraplegia:** paralysis of the legs and lower body, typically caused by spinal injury or disease

**Pinprick:** a prick caused by a pin ■ a cause of minor irritation

**Gaping:** (of a hole, wound, etc.) wide open: *there was a gaping hole in the wall*

**Embolism:** obstruction of an artery, typically by a clot of blood or an air bubble

**Hypoxia:** deficiency in the amount of oxygen reaching the tissues

**Sodium:** Na

**Potassium:** K

**Arsenic:** As

**Sacrilege:** 1) the misuse or desecration of anything regarded as sacred or as worthy of extreme respect: *to play Mozart's music on a kazoo is sacrilege* 2) the act or an instance of taking anything sacred for secular use

**Jailer:** a person in charge of a jail or of the prisoners in it

**Hew:** 1) [with obj.] chop or cut (something, especially wood or coal) with an axe, pick, or other tool ■ make or shape by cutting a hard material such as wood: *a seat hewn out of a fallen tree trunk* 2) [no obj.] (hew to) conform or adhere to: *his administration would hew to high ethical standards*

**Tarnation:** a euphemism for damnation

**Ravening:** (of a ferocious wild animal) extremely hungry and hunting for prey: *they turned on each other like ravening wolves*

**Delirious:** in an acutely disturbed state of mind characterized by restlessness, illusions, and incoherence; affected by delirium ■ in a state of wild excitement or ecstasy: *there was a great roar from the delirious crowd*

## Shapes

**Corral:** 1) an enclosure for confining cattle or horses 2) (formerly) a defensive enclosure formed by a ring of covered wagons

**Cuspid:** a tooth with a single cusp or point; a canine tooth

**Lycanthropy:** 1) the supposed magical transformation of a person into a wolf 2) a delusion in which a person believes that he is a wolf

**Bourbon:** a kind of American whisky distilled from maize and rye

## Darkness Falls

**(Make a) run for it:** attempt to escape someone or something by running away

**Monkey wrench:** sabotage (something), especially as a form of protest

**Ecoterrorist:** a person who uses violence in order to achieve environmentalist aims

**Condone:** 1) to overlook or forgive (an offence) 2) law (especially of a spouse) to pardon or overlook (an offence, usually adultery)

**Sapling:** 1) a young tree 2) *literary* a youth

**Cocoon:** 1) a silky case spun by the larvae of many insects for protection as pupae ■ something that envelops someone in a protective or comforting way: *a cocoon of bedclothes*

**Desiccate:** 1) remove the moisture from (something), typically in order to preserve it: *desiccated coconut* 2) (as adj. desiccated) lacking interest, passion, or energy: *a desiccated history of ideas*

**Itsy-bitsy** or **itty-bitty:** very small; tiny

**Borer:** 1) a worm, mollusk, insect, or insect larva that bores into wood, other plant material, or rock 2) a tool for boring

**Sanctimonious:** affecting piety or making a display of holiness

**Luciferin:** a substance occurring in bioluminescent organisms, such as glow-worms and fireflies. It undergoes an enzyme-catalysed oxidation and emits light on decaying to its ground state

## Tooms

**Untenable:** (especially of a position or view) not able to be maintained or defended against attack or objection

**Saving grace:** [mass noun] the redeeming grace of God ■ [count noun] a redeeming quality or characteristic

**Elkhound:** a large hunting dog of a Scandinavian breed with a shaggy gray coat

**Inordinate:** 1) unusually or disproportionately large; excessive: *the case had taken up an inordinate amount of time* 2) (of a person) unrestrained in feelings or behavior

**Liverwurst:** a seasoned meat paste in the form of a sausage containing cooked liver, or a mixture of liver and pork

## Born Again

**Eel:** a snakelike fish with a slender elongated body and poorly developed fins, proverbial for its slipperiness

**Shrink:** a slang word for psychiatrist

**Sternum:** the breastbone

**Necrosis:** 1) the death of one or more cells in the body, usually within a localized area, as from an interruption of the blood supply to that part 2) death of plant tissue due to disease, frost, etc.

**Gangland:** [mass noun] the world of criminal gangs [as modifier] *he was the victim of a gangland killing*

**Smack:** heroin

**Brush-off:** an abrupt dismissal or rejection

**Actionable:** 1) giving sufficient reason to take legal action: *an actionable assertion* 2) able to be done or acted on; having practical value: *insightful and actionable information on the effect advertising is having on your brand*

**Wanting:** deficient in intelligence

**Windup:** an act of concluding or finishing something: *the windup of the convention*

**Bradycardia:** abnormally slow heart action

**Hey presto=presto:** *exclamation* a phrase announcing the successful completion of a trick, or to suggest that something has been done so easily that it seems to be magic: *press the start button and, hey presto, a copy comes out the other end*

## Roland

**Zilch:** nothing

**Savant:** a learned person, especially a distinguished scientist

**Funk:** avoid (a task or thing) out of fear

**Egghead:** *informal, often derogatory* a person who is highly academic or studious; an intellectual

**Widow's peak:** a V-shaped growth of hair toward the center of the forehead, especially one left by a receding hairline in a man

**Volition:** choosing

## The Erlenmeyer Flask

**Erlenmeyer flask:** a conical flat-bottomed laboratory flask with a narrow neck

**Peridotite:** a dense, coarse-grained plutonic rock containing a large amount of olivine, believed to be the main constituent of the earth's mantle

**Caduceus:** 1) *classical mythology* a staff entwined with two serpents and bearing a pair of wings at the top, carried by Hermes (Mercury) as messenger of the gods 2) an insignia resembling this staff used as an emblem of the medical profession

**Deep throat:** a person who anonymously supplies information about covert or illegal action in the organization where they work

**Dyspnea:** difficult or labored breathing

**Cannula:** a thin tube inserted into a vein or body cavity to administer medication, drain off fluid, or insert a surgical instrument

**Nucleotide:** a compound consisting of a nucleoside linked to a phosphate group. Nucleotides form the basic structural unit of nucleic acids such as DNA.

**Smokescreen:** a cloud of smoke created to conceal military operations ■ a ruse designed to disguise someone's real intentions or activities

**Wellspring:** 1) the source of a spring or stream; fountainhead 2) a source of continual or abundant supply

## Season 2

### Little Green Men

**Rigor mortis:** stiffening of the joints and muscles of a body a few hours after death, usually lasting from one to four days

**Degauss:** 1) to neutralize the magnetic field of a ship's hull (as a protection against magnetic mines) using equipment producing an opposing magnetic field 2) another word for *demagnetize*

### The Host

**Rub someone's nose in it:** to remind someone unkindly of his failing or error

**In extremis:** in an extremely difficult situation ■ at the point of death

**Nodule:** a small swelling or aggregation of cells in the body, especially an abnormal one

**Tetanus:** a bacterial disease marked by rigidity and spasms of the voluntary muscles

**Fluke:** flatworm

**Sirloin:** a piece of beef which is cut from the bottom and side parts of a cow's back

**Endoparasite:** a parasite, such as the tapeworm, that lives within the body of its host

**Catacomb:** an underground cemetery consisting of a subterranean gallery with recesses for tombs, as constructed by the ancient Romans

**Runt:** a small pig or other animal, especially the smallest in a litter ■ an undersized or weak person

**Vestigial:** forming a very small remnant of something that was once much larger or more noticeable: *he felt a vestigial flicker of anger from last night*

**Bupkis=bupkes:** nothing at all

**Reek:** stink

**Primordial:** 1) existing at or from the beginning; earliest; primeval 2) constituting an origin; fundamental 3) *biology* of or relating to an early stage of development: *primordial germ cells*

### Blood

**Adrenal:** relating to or denoting a pair of ductless glands situated above the kidneys. Each consists of a core region (adrenal medulla) secreting adrenalin and noradrenalin, and an outer region (adrenal cortex) secreting corticosteroids

**Lysergic acid:** a crystalline compound prepared from natural ergot alkaloids or synthetically, from which the drug LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide) can be made

**Electroencephalograph:** an instrument for recording the electrical activity of the brain, usually by means of electrodes placed on the scalp: used to diagnose tumors of the brain, to study brain waves, etc. Abbreviation: EEG

### Sleepless

**Atrioventricular:** relating to the atrial and ventricular chambers of the heart, or the connection or coordination between them

**Occipital:** of or relating to the back of the head or skull

**Pugilism:** the profession or hobby of boxing: *I do not go to displays of pugilism.*

**Extradural=epidural:** in or around the dura mater, in particular (of an anaesthetic) introduced into the space around the dura mater of the spinal cord

**Baguette:** 1) a long, narrow French loaf 2) [often as modifier] a gem, especially a diamond, cut in a long rectangular shape: *a baguette diamond*

**Iniquity:** immoral or grossly unfair behavior: *a den of iniquity*

**Circadian:** (of biological processes) recurring naturally on a twenty-four-hour cycle, even in the absence of light fluctuations: *a circadian rhythm*

**Antsy:** agitated, impatient, or restless

**Serotonin:** a compound present in blood platelets and serum, which constricts the blood vessels and acts as a neurotransmitter

**Surmise:** suppose that something is true without having evidence to confirm it: *he surmised that something must be wrong*

**AWOL:** an abbreviation for 'absent without leave'. If someone in the Armed Forces goes AWOL, they leave their post without the permission of a superior officer. *The troops went AWOL to express their complaints about the camp.*

### Duane Barry

**Lucid:** expressed clearly; easy to understand: *a lucid account; write in a clear and lucid style* ■ showing ability to think clearly, especially in the intervals between periods of confusion or insanity: *he has a few lucid moments every now and then*

**Ambient:** relating to the immediate surroundings of something: *the liquid is stored at below ambient temperature*

**Medulla oblongata:** the continuation of the spinal cord within the skull, forming the lowest part of the brainstem and containing control centers for the heart and lungs

### Ascension

**Cog:** a wheel with square or triangular teeth around the edge, which is used in a machine to turn another wheel or part.

**Doze off:** fall asleep

**Asphyxiation:** suffocation, smothering

**Hypoxemia:** an abnormally low concentration of oxygen in the blood

**Etiology:** the etiology of a disease or a problem is the study of its cause: *the etiology of psychiatric disorder*

**Recourse:** having to use something or ask somebody for help in a difficult situation: *She made a complete recovery without recourse to surgery.*

**Suborn:** bribe or otherwise induce (someone) to commit an unlawful act such as perjury: *he was accused of conspiring to suborn witnesses*

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**Edema:** a condition characterized by an excess of watery fluid collecting in the cavities or tissues of the body

**Porphyria:** a rare hereditary disease in which there is abnormal metabolism of the blood pigment hemoglobin. Porphyrins are excreted in the urine, which becomes dark; other symptoms include mental disturbances and extreme sensitivity of the skin to light

**Cutaneous:** relating to or affecting the skin

### One Breath

**Irrevocable:** not able to be changed, reversed, or recovered; final: *an irrevocable step*

### Firewalker

**Come to blows:** start fighting after a disagreement



**Beauteous:** beautiful

**Caldera:** a large volcanic crater, especially one formed by a major eruption leading to the collapse of the mouth of the volcano

**Porous:** spongy

**Obsidian:** a hard, dark, glass-like volcanic rock formed by the rapid solidification of lava without crystallization

**Pulverize:** reduce to fine particles

### Red Museum

**Toil:** hard or exhausting work

**Transcendent:** 1) exceeding or surpassing in degree or excellence 2) a) (in the philosophy of Kant) beyond or before experience; a priori b) (of a concept) falling outside a given set of categories c) beyond consciousness or direct apprehension 3) (of God) having continuous existence outside the created world 4) free from the limitations inherent in matter 5) a transcendent thing

**Subscribe to:** to give support or approval: *to subscribe to the theory of transubstantiation*

**Posse:** short for **posse comitatus**, the able-bodied men of a district assembled together and forming a group upon whom the sheriff may call for assistance in maintaining law and order

**Pen:** an enclosure in which domestic animals are kept: *sheep pen*

**Fracas:** a noisy quarrel; brawl

**Vial=phial:** a small bottle for liquids

### Excelsis Dei

**Get off:** to become high on or as on heroin or some other drug

**Convalescent:** a patient who is recovering from an illness or the effects of medical treatment

**Not give a rat's ass:** to not care at all: *Frankly, I don't give a rat's ass about her.*

**Fibrillation:** 1) a local and uncontrollable twitching of muscle fibres, especially of the heart, not affecting the entire muscle. Atrial fibrillation results in rapid and irregular heart and pulse rate. In ventricular fibrillation, the heart stops beating 2) irregular twitchings of the muscular wall of the heart, often interfering with the normal rhythmic contractions

**Lidocaine:** a powerful local anesthetic administered by injection, or topically to mucous membranes

**Epinephrine:** adrenaline

**Cyanosis:** a bluish-purple discoloration of skin and mucous membranes usually resulting from a deficiency of oxygen in the blood

**Acetylcholine:** a chemical substance secreted at the ends of many nerve fibers, especially in the autonomic nervous system, and responsible for the transmission of nervous impulses

**Goose egg:** zero

**Cholinergic:** 1) denoting nerve fibers that release acetylcholine when stimulated 2) of or relating to the type of chemical activity associated with acetylcholine and similar substances

**Hematoma:** a tumor of clotted or partially clotted blood

**Orderly:** a male hospital attendant

**Atropine:** a poisonous alkaloid obtained from deadly nightshade, having an inhibitory action on the autonomic nervous system. It is used medicinally in pre-anaesthetic medication, to speed a slow heart rate, and as an emergency first-aid counter to exposure to chemical warfare nerve agents

**Remand:** (of a court or magistrate) to send (a prisoner or accused person) back into custody or admit him to bail, especially on adjourning a case for further inquiries to be made

### Aubrey

**Occlusal:** relating to the biting surface of a molar or premolar tooth

**Bicuspid:** having or terminating in two cusps or points

**Cryptomnesia:** the reappearance of a suppressed or forgotten memory which is mistaken for a new experience

**Stigma** (pl. **stigmata**): marks resembling the wounds of the crucified Christ, believed to appear on the bodies of certain individuals

**APB (All Points Bulletin):** a broadcast issued from one American law enforcement agency to another. It typically contains information about a wanted suspect who is to be arrested or a person of interest, for whom law enforcement officers are to look. They are usually dangerous or missing persons.

**Amnio=Amniocentesis:** removal of some amniotic fluid by the insertion into the womb of a hollow needle, for therapeutic or diagnostic purposes

### Irresistible

**Pepper shaker=peppercot:** a small container with holes in the top, used for shaking pepper onto food

**Pinking shears:** scissors with a serrated edge on one or both blades, producing a wavy edge to material cut, thus preventing fraying

### Die Hand Die Verletzt

**Infernal:** 1) of or relating to an underworld of the dead 2) deserving hell or befitting its occupants; diabolic; fiendish 3) *informal* irritating; confounded

**Shellac:** a yellowish resin secreted by the lac insect, especially a commercial preparation of this used in varnishes, polishes, and leather dressings

**Rattle:** to disconcert; make frightened or anxious

**Portent:** 1) a sign or indication of a future event, especially a momentous or calamitous one; omen 2) momentous or ominous significance: *a cry of dire portent* 3) a miraculous occurrence; marvel

**Formaldehyde:** a colorless poisonous irritating gas with a pungent characteristic odor, made by the oxidation of methanol and used as formalin and in the manufacture of synthetic resins.

**Fasciitis:** inflammation of the fascia of a muscle

### Fresh Bones

**Peony:** 1) any of various ranunculaceous shrubs and plants of the genus *Paeonia*, of Eurasia and North America, having large pink, red, white, or yellow flowers 2) the flower of any of these plants

**Tetrodotoxin:** a highly lethal neurotoxin found in certain puffer fish and in newts of the genus *Taricha*

**Potion:** 1) a drink, especially of medicine, poison, or some supposedly magic beverage 2) a rare word for beverage

**Apprise:** to inform somebody

### Colony

**Hit the roof:** a) to get extremely angry; become furious b) to rise or increase steeply

**Polycythemia:** [mass noun] an abnormally increased concentration of hemoglobin in the blood, either through reduction of plasma volume or increase in red cell numbers. It may be a primary disease of unknown cause,

or a secondary condition linked to respiratory or circulatory disorder or cancer

**Curdle:** separate or cause to separate into curds or lumps: *take care not to let the soup boil or it will curdle*

### End Game

**Digoxin:** a poisonous compound present in the foxglove and other plants. It is a steroid glycoside and is used in small doses as a cardiac stimulant.

**Heparin:** a compound occurring in the liver and other tissues which inhibits blood coagulation. A sulphur-containing polysaccharide, it is used as an anticoagulant in the treatment of thrombosis

**Recon=Reconnaissance:** [C, U] the study of a place or area for military reasons: *The plane was shot down while on a reconnaissance mission over enemy territory.*

### Fearful Symmetry

**Field day:** a day or time of exciting or successful activity: *the children had a field day with their new toys*

**Craven:** cowardly; mean-spirited

**Unabashed:** not ashamed, embarrassed, or ill at ease

**Hypoplasia:** incomplete development of an organ or part

**Corpus luteum:** a yellow glandular mass of tissue that forms in a Graafian follicle following release of an ovum. It secretes progesterone, a hormone necessary to maintain pregnancy

**Cattle prod:** a hand-held electrified rod with low voltage used to control cattle

**Pall:** a depressing or oppressive atmosphere: *her bereavement cast a pall on the party*

### Død Kalm

**Cast off:** (of a boat or ship) be set free from its moorings: *the ferry cast off and made a beeline for the pier*

**Trawler:** 1) a fishing boat that uses a trawl net or dragnet to catch fish. 2) a fisherman who uses a trawl net.

**Beluga:** a small white toothed whale related to the narwhal, living in herds mainly in Arctic coastal waters. Also called **white whale**.

**Senescence:** the condition or process of deterioration with age ■ loss of a cell's power of division and growth

### Humbug

**Ichthyosis:** a congenital skin condition which causes the epidermis to become dry and horny like fish scales

**Wake:** a watch or vigil held beside the body of someone who has died, sometimes accompanied by ritual observances

**Rube:** a country bumpkin

**Rinky-dink:** old-fashioned, amateurish, or shoddy

**Tabernacle:** a church used by certain Christian Protestant groups and by Mormons

**Humbug:** 1) a person or thing that tricks or deceives 2) nonsense; rubbish

**Hawk:** carry about and offer (goods) for sale, typically advertising them by shouting: *street traders were hawking costume jewellery*

**Simian:** relating to or affecting apes or monkeys

**Big top:** *informal* 1) the main tent of a circus 2) the circus itself

**Dour:** relentlessly severe, stern, or gloomy in manner or appearance

**Blockhead:** a very stupid person

**Lobotomy:** a surgical operation involving incision into the prefrontal lobe of the brain, formerly used to treat mental illness

**Yogi:** a person who is proficient in yoga

**Swami:** a Hindu male religious teacher

**Gaff:** to cheat; hoax

**Vicarious:** 1) experienced in the imagination through the feelings or actions of another person: *this catalogue brings vicarious pleasure in luxury living* 2) acting or done for another: *a vicarious atonement*

**Lanky:** (of a person) ungracefully thin and tall

**Feral:** savage

**Nondescript:** lacking distinctive or interesting features or characteristics

**Hypertrichosis:** excessive growth of hair

**Futon:** a padded unsprung mattress originating in Japan, that can be rolled up or folded in two

**Cirrhosis:** a chronic disease of the liver marked by degeneration of cells, inflammation, and fibrous thickening of tissue. It is typically a result of alcoholism or hepatitis

**Lay off:** give up or stop doing something: *I laid off smoking for seven years*

### The Calusari

**Gammadion:** a decorative figure composed of a number of Greek capital gammas, especially radiating from a centre, as in a swastika

**Fylfot:** a swastika

**Munchausen's syndrome:** a mental disorder in which a person repeatedly feigns severe illness so as to obtain hospital treatment ■ **Munchausen's syndrome by proxy:** a mental disorder in which a person seeks attention by inducing or feigning illness in another person, typically a child

**Dote on:** love dearly

**Apport:** a material object produced supposedly by occult means, especially at a séance

**Bilocation:** the supposed phenomenon of being in two places simultaneously

**Mugwork:** a plant of the daisy family, with aromatic divided leaves that are dark green above and whitish below, native to north temperate regions

### F. Emasculata

**Crib:** a person's apartment or house

**Basal:** forming or belonging to a bottom layer or base

**Decon:** decontamination

**Crack:** a sharp blow, especially one that makes a noise

**Parasitoid:** an insect whose larvae live as parasites which eventually kill their hosts, e.g. an ichneumon wasp

**Pustule:** a small blister or pimple on the skin containing pus

### Soft Light

**At first blush:** when first seen; as a first impression

**Prophylactic:** 1) protecting from or preventing disease 2) protective or preventive 3) a prophylactic drug or device, especially a condom

**Maglev:** a transport system in which trains glide above a track, supported by magnetic repulsion and propelled by a linear motor

**Neutrino:** a neutral subatomic particle with a mass close to zero and half-integral spin, which rarely reacts with normal matter. Three kinds of neutrinos are known, associated with the electron, muon, and tau particle

**Gluon:** a hypothetical massless subatomic particle believed to transmit the force binding quarks together in a hadron

**Meson:** a subatomic particle which is intermediate in mass between an electron and a proton and transmits the strong interaction that binds nucleons together in the atomic nucleus

**Quark:** any of a number of subatomic particles carrying a fractional electric charge, postulated as building blocks of the hadrons. Quarks have not been directly observed but theoretical predictions based on their existence have been confirmed experimentally

**(Someone's) beck and call:** ready to obey (someone's) orders instantly; subject to (someone's) slightest whim

### Our Town

**Foxfire:** a luminescent glow emitted by certain fungi on rotting wood

**When push comes to shove:** when matters become critical; when a decision needs to be made

**Fool's errand:** a fruitless undertaking

**Layabout:** a lazy person; loafer

**Prion:** a protein in the brain, an abnormal form of which is thought to be the transmissible agent responsible for certain spongiform encephalopathies, such as BSE, scrapie, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, and kuru

**Blow over:** 1) to cease or be finished: *the storm blew over* 2) to be forgotten: *the scandal will blow over*

### Anasazi

**Snoop:** a person who pries into the business of others

**Shag:** 1) a matted tangle, especially of hair, wool, etc. 2) a napped fabric, usually a rough wool 3) shredded coarse tobacco

**Double talk:** 1) rapid speech with a mixture of nonsense syllables and real words; gibberish 2) empty, deceptive, or ambiguous talk, especially by politicians

**Stake:** the method of execution in which somebody was tied to a post and burned

**Slug:** a bullet or pellet larger than a pellet of buckshot

**Dialysis:** the separation of small molecules from large molecules and colloids in a solution by the selective diffusion of the small molecules through a semipermeable membrane

### Season 3

#### The Blessing Way

**Buzzard:** 1) any diurnal bird of prey of the genus *Buteo*, typically having broad wings and tail and a soaring flight: family Accipitridae (hawks, etc.) 2) a mean or cantankerous person

**Jack rabbit:** any of various W North American hares, such as *Lepus townsendi* (**white-tailed jack rabbit**), having long hind legs and large ears

**Hogan:** a wooden dwelling covered with earth, typical of the Navaho Indians

**Woodpile:** a pile or heap of firewood

**Pox:** any disease characterized by the formation of pustules on the skin that often leave pockmarks when healed

**Smoking gun:** a piece of irrefutable incriminating (accusatory) evidence

#### Paper Clip

**Vouchsafe:** to promise, give or allow something

**Venal:** 1) easily bribed or corrupted; mercenary: *a venal magistrate* 2) characterized by corruption: *a venal civilization* 3) open to purchase, especially by bribery: *a venal contract*

**Ignominious:** shameful

**Double-cross:** to cheat or betray

**Bluff:** to pretend to be confident about an uncertain issue or to have undisclosed resources, in order to influence or deter (someone)

**Botulism:** severe poisoning from ingestion of botulin, which affects the central nervous system producing difficulty in swallowing, visual disturbances, and respiratory paralysis: often fatal

**Pucker (up):** to gather or contract (a soft surface such as the skin of the face) into wrinkles or folds, or (of such a surface) to be so gathered or contracted

#### D.P.O.

**Whiz:** an act of urinating

**Pinhead:** 1) the head of a pin 2) something very small 3) *informal* a stupid or contemptible person

**Squat=diddly-squat:** pronoun [usu. with negative] anything: *Hiram didn't care diddly-squat about what Darrel thought.*

**Fulgurite:** vitreous material formed of sand or other sediment fused by lightning ■ [count noun] a piece of fulgurite

**Cherub:** a winged angelic being described in biblical tradition as attending on God, represented in ancient Middle Eastern art as a lion or bull with eagles' wings and a human face and regarded in traditional Christian angelology as an angel of the second highest order of the ninefold celestial hierarchy

**Thready:** (of a sound, especially the voice) scarcely audible: *he managed a thready whisper* ■ (of a person's pulse) scarcely perceptible

**Hypokalemia:** deficiency of potassium in the bloodstream

#### Clyde Bruckman's Final Repose

**Repose:** 1) a state of quiet restfulness; peace or tranquility 2) dignified calmness of manner; composure

**Malt:** cereal grain, such as barley, that is kiln-dried after it has germinated by soaking in water

**Entrails:** 1) the internal organs of a person or animal; intestines; guts 2) the innermost parts of anything

**To divine:** to guess

**Vivisection:** the act or practice of performing experiments on living animals, involving cutting into or dissecting the body

**Prognosticator:** someone who predicts the future

**Stupendous:** astounding, wonderful, huge, etc.

**Cockamamie:** ridiculous or nonsensical: *a cockamamie story*

**Lance=lancet:** a small, broad two-edged surgical knife or blade with a sharp point

**Instigate:** 1) to bring about, as by incitement or urging: *to instigate rebellion* 2) to urge on to some drastic or inadvisable action

**Meringue:** an item of sweet food made from a mixture of egg whites and sugar baked until crisp: *chocolate meringues*

**Doily:** small ornamental mat made of lace or paper with a lace pattern, put on a plate under cakes or other sweet food

**Contrive:** create or bring about (an object or a situation) by deliberate use of skill and artifice: *his opponents contrived a cabinet crisis*

**Putridity:** 1) (of organic matter) in a state of decomposition, usually giving off a foul smell: *putrid meat* 2) morally corrupt or worthless 3) sickening; foul: *a putrid smell* 4) deficient in quality or value: *a putrid film*

**Liquescent:** becoming or apt to become liquid

**Tarot:** 1) one of a special pack of cards, now used mainly for fortune-telling, consisting of 78 cards (4 suits of 14 cards each (the minor arcana), and 22 other cards (the major arcana)) 2) a card in a tarot pack with distinctive symbolic design, such as the Wheel of Fortune

**Lackadaisical:** lacking enthusiasm and determination; carelessly lazy: *a lackadaisical defense left the Spurs adrift in the second half*

**Happenstance:** 1) chance 2) a chance occurrence

#### The List

**Chaplain:** a member of the clergy attached to a private chapel, institution, ship, regiment, etc.

**Death row:** the part of a prison where those sentenced to death are confined

**Putty knife:** a tool similar to a knife with a blunt wide flexible blade, especially one used by glaziers to spread putty onto wooden window frames

**Altogether:** 1) with everything included: *altogether he owed me sixty pounds* 2) completely; utterly; totally: *he was altogether mad* 3) on the whole: *altogether it was a very good party*

**Anaerobic:** relating to or requiring an absence of free oxygen: *anaerobic bacteria*

**Shiv:** a knife or razor used as a weapon

**Catechism:** a summary of the principles of Christian religion in the form of questions and answers, used for religious instruction ■ (in Roman Catholic use) religious instruction in general ■ a series of fixed questions, answers, or precepts used for instruction

**Sway:** rule; control: *the country was under the sway of rival warlords*

**Mojo:** a magic charm, talisman, or spell: *someone must have their mojo working over at the record company* ■ [mass noun] influence, especially magic power

**Call off the dogs:** to stop attacking or criticizing someone: *The bank has agreed to call off the dogs until we can get the business up and running again.*

**Overture:** (often plural) a proposal, act, or gesture initiating a relationship, negotiation, etc.

**Shack up:** to live or take up residence, especially with a mistress or lover

## 2Shy

**Homebody:** a person who likes to stay at home, especially one who is perceived as unadventurous

**Dopey:** stupefied by sleep or a drug: *she was under sedation and a bit dopey* ■ idiotic

**Cock-a-doodle-doo:** an imitation or representation of a cock crowing

**Handyman:** a person able or employed to do occasional domestic repairs and minor renovations

**Metacarpal:** any of the five bones of the hand ■ any of the bones in an animal's forelimb equivalent to the metacarpals

**Mucosa:** a mucous membrane: *the intestinal mucosa*

**Autolysis:** the destruction of cells or tissues by their own enzymes, especially those released by lysosomes

**Adipose:** (especially of body tissue) used for the storage of fat

**Jibe:** to agree; accord; harmonize

**Aftershave:** a liquid applied after shaving to soothe and scent the skin of the face

**Divvy up:** divide something to share

**Steeple:** a church tower and spire ■ a spire on the top of a church tower or roof ■ a tall tower of a church or other building

## The Walk

**Stand at attention:** to stand silently with the body stiff and straight, the feet together, and both arms at the sides

**Crip:** a disabled person

**Turret:** a small tower on top of a larger tower or at the corner of a building or wall, typically of a castle ■ a low armored tower, typically one that revolves, for a gun and gunners in a ship, aircraft, fort, or tank ■ a rotating holder for tools, especially on a lathe

**Germane:** (postpositive; usually followed by *to*) related (to the topic being considered); akin; relevant: *an idea germane to the conversation*

**Adjutant:** a military officer who acts as an administrative assistant to a senior officer ■ a person's assistant or deputy

**Snaky:** 1) of or like a snake; sinuous 2) treacherous or insidious 3) infested with snakes

**Corporeal:** relating to a person's body, especially as opposed to their spirit

**Shuteye:** an informal term for sleep

**Stand down:** 1) to resign or withdraw, especially in favor of another 2) to leave the witness box in a court of law after giving evidence

**Inter:** to place (a body) in the earth; bury, especially with funeral rites

## Oubliette

**Oubliette:** a dungeon the only entrance to which is through the top

**Glossolalia:** 1) another term for gift of tongues 2) babbling in a nonexistent language

**Big on:** enthusiastic about: *that company is big on research*

**Wacko:** 1) mad or eccentric 2) a mad or eccentric person

## Nisei

**Nisei:** a native-born citizen of the United States or Canada whose parents were Japanese immigrants

**Hokey:** (hokier, hokiest) sentimental: *a hokey tear-jerker* ■ noticeably contrived: *a hokey country-western accent*

**Put (out) to sea:** to embark on a sea voyage

**Pallet:** a portable platform on which goods can be moved, stacked, and stored, especially with the aid of a forklift

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**Doofus:** a slow-witted or stupid person

**Most:** almost: *most every town in this state*

**Field:** to deal with or handle, especially adequately and by making a reciprocal gesture to: *field a question*

## Revelations

**Credence:** 1) acceptance or belief, especially with regard to the truth of the evidence of others: *I cannot give credence to his account* 2) something supporting a claim to belief; recommendation; credential (especially in the phrase **letters of credence**)

**Wondrous:** 1) exciting wonder; marvellous 2) (intensifier) *it is wondrous cold*

**Ligature:** something used to bind

**Come full circle:** to arrive back at one's starting point

**Pitchfork:** a long-handled fork with two or three long curved tines for lifting, turning, or tossing hay

**Livid:** 1) (of the skin) discoloured, as from a bruise or contusion 2) of a greyish tinge or colour: *livid pink* 3) angry or furious

**Hagiography:** 1) the writing of the lives of the saints 2) biography of the saints 3) any biography that idealizes or idolizes its subject

**Jerusalem syndrome:** a delusive condition affecting some visitors to Jerusalem in which the sufferer identifies with a major figure from his or her religious background

**Tuck:** to push or fold into a small confined space or concealed place or between two surfaces: *to tuck a letter into an envelope*

**Acetylene:** a colorless flammable gas used in the manufacture of organic chemicals and in cutting and welding metals

**Exasperate:** 1) to cause great irritation or anger to; infuriate 2) to cause (an unpleasant feeling, condition, etc.) to worsen; aggravate

**Run:** to perform or accomplish by or as if by running: *to run an errand*

## War of the Coprophages

**Coprophagy:** the eating of feces or dung

**Fumigate:** to treat (something contaminated or infected) with fumes or smoke

**Fortuitous:** happening by chance, especially by a lucky chance; unplanned; accidental

**The boondocks:** 1) wild, desolate, or uninhabitable country 2) a remote rural or provincial area

**Anaphylaxis:** an acute allergic reaction to an antigen (e.g. a bee sting) to which the body has become hypersensitive

**Hoot:** an amusing situation or person: *your mum's a real hoot*

**Moult or molt:** (of birds, mammals, reptiles, and arthropods) to shed (feathers, hair, skin, or cuticle)

**Scarab:** a large dung beetle of the eastern Mediterranean area, regarded as sacred in ancient Egypt

**Epiphany:** 1) the manifestation of a supernatural or divine reality 2) any moment of great or sudden revelation

**Uber-** or **über-**: indicating the highest, greatest, or most extreme example of something

**Pang:** a sudden strong feeling of emotional or physical pain

**Ruminate:** 1) think deeply about something: *we sat ruminating on the nature of existence* 2) (of a ruminant) chew the cud

### Syzygy

**Syzygy:** either of the two positions (conjunction or opposition) of a celestial body when sun, earth, and the body lie in a straight line: *the moon is at syzygy when full*

**Incredulity:** the state of being unwilling or unable to believe something *he stared down the street in incredulity*

**Bleachers:** 1) (sometimes singular) a tier of seats in a sports stadium, etc., that are unroofed and inexpensive 2) the people occupying such seats

**Angst:** [mass noun] a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general: *angst-ridden sixth-formers* ■ a feeling of persistent worry about something trivial: *my hair causes me angst*

**Simpatico:** (of a person) likeable and easy to get on with ■ having or characterized by shared attributes or interests; compatible: *a simpatico relationship*

**Vortex:** (pl. vortices or vortices [-tsi:z]) a whirling mass of fluid or air, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind: *we were caught in a vortex of water; a swirling vortex of emotions*

**Blow off:** to reject or jilt (someone)

### Grotesque

**Gash:** a long deep slash, cut, or wound: *a bad gash in one leg became infected*

**Brindle:** (especially of a domestic animal) brownish or tawny with streaks of other color: *a brindle pup*

**Snap:** if you snap your fingers, you make a sharp sound by moving your middle finger quickly across your thumb, for example in order to accompany music or to order someone to do something. *She had millions of listeners snapping their fingers to her first single. He snapped his fingers, and Wilson produced a sheet of paper. She snapped her fingers at a passing waiter.* Syn: **click**

**Indulge:** 1) [I, T] **indulge (yourself) (in something)** to allow yourself to have or do something for pleasure: *I'm going to indulge myself and go shopping for some new clothes.* • *Maria never indulges in gossip.* 2) [T] to give somebody/something what he/she/it wants or needs: *You shouldn't indulge that child. It will make him very selfish.* • *At the weekends he indulges his passion for fishing.*

**Fair-haired:** 1) having light-colored hair 2) (of a person) favorite; cherished: *the fair-haired boy of American advertising*

**Strike out:** to fail utterly

### Piper Maru

**Limp:** (of a damaged ship, aircraft, or vehicle) proceed with difficulty: *the badly damaged aircraft limped back to Sicily*

**Somatic:** relating to the body, especially as distinct from the mind ■ relating to the soma (soma: the parts of an organism other than the reproductive cells ■ the body as distinct from the soul, mind, or psyche)

**To pull a stunt or a trick on someone:** to do something dramatic or silly in order to get their attention or trick them. *Everyone saw the stunt you pulled on me.*

**Pore:** be absorbed in reading or studying (something): *I spent hours poring over cookery books.*

**Bilge:** the flat bottom part of a ship or boat

**Call in:** to take (something) out of circulation, because it is defective or no longer useful

### Apocrypha

**Apocrypha:** biblical or related writings not forming part of the accepted canon of Scripture ■ (apocrypha) writings or reports not considered genuine

**Depth charge:** an explosive charge designed to be dropped from a ship or aircraft and to explode under water at a preset depth, used for attacking submarines

**Secretor:** a person in whose saliva and other body fluids are found traces of the water-soluble A, B, or O agglutinogens that determine blood group

**Keep one's head:** remain calm

**Mylar:** a form of polyester resin used to make heat-resistant plastic films and sheets. It is made by copolymerizing ethylene glycol and terephthalic acid

**Foo fighter:** an unidentified flying object, originally one of a kind reported by US pilots during the Second World War, usually described as a bright light or ball of fire

**Silo:** an underground chamber in which a guided missile is kept ready for firing

### Pusher

**Cerulean:** a) a deep blue color; azure b) (as adjective) *a cerulean sea*

**Put a sock in it:** be quiet!

**Cold call:** a call made by a salesman on a potential customer without making an appointment

**Crank:** a person with strange ideas or who behaves in a strange way

**Ronin:** (in feudal Japan) a wandering samurai who had no lord or master

**Run by:** If you run something by someone, you tell them about it or mention it, to see if they think it is a good idea, or can understand it. *I'm definitely interested, but I'll have to run it by Larry Estes. Run that by me again.*

**Whammy:** 1) something which has great, often negative, impact: *the double whammy of high interest rates and low wage increases* 2) an evil spell or curse: *she was convinced he had put the whammy on her*

**Mundane:** 1) everyday, ordinary, or banal 2) relating to the world or worldly matters

**Hit the bricks:** 1) to start walking; to go into the streets. *I have a long way to go. I'd better hit the bricks. Go on! Hit the pavement! Get going!* 2) to go out on strike. *The workers hit the pavement on Friday and haven't been back on the job since. Agree to our demands, or we hit the bricks.*

**Lapel:** the continuation of the turned or folded back collar on a suit coat, jacket, etc.

**Fireplug:** a hydrant for a fire hose

**Pachyemia:** thickening of the blood

### Teso Dos Bichos

**Squirrelly:** an offensive term meaning very irrational or odd

**Jejunum:** the part of the small intestine between the duodenum and the ileum

**Ileum:** the part of the small intestine between the jejunum and the caecum

**Chowder:** a thick soup or stew containing clams or fish

**Eviscerate:** to remove the internal organs of; disembowel

**Epithelium:** an animal tissue consisting of one or more layers of closely packed cells covering the external and internal surfaces of the body. The cells vary in structure according to their function, which may be protective, secretory, or absorptive

**Trip:** to experience the effects of LSD or any other hallucinogenic drug

## Hell Money

**Tacky or tackey:** I) slightly sticky or adhesive: *the varnish was still tacky* II) 1) shabby or shoddy 2) ostentatious and vulgar 3) (of a person) dowdy; seedy

**Ginseng:** 1) either of two araliaceous plants, *Panax schinseng* of China or *P. quinquefolius* of North America, whose forked aromatic roots are used medicinally 2) the root of either of these plants or a substance obtained from the roots, believed to possess stimulant, tonic, and energy-giving properties

**Turmeric:** 1) a tropical Asian zingiberaceous plant, *Curcuma longa*, having yellow flowers and an aromatic underground stem 2) the powdered stem of this plant, used as a condiment and as a yellow dye 3) any of several other plants with similar roots

**Skullcap:** any of various perennial plants of the genus *Scutellaria*, especially *S. galericulata*, that typically have helmet-shaped flowers

**Buy off:** to pay (a person or group) to drop a charge, end opposition, relinquish a claim, etc.

**Lacquer:** 1) a hard glossy coating made by dissolving cellulose derivatives or natural resins in a volatile solvent 2) a black resinous substance, obtained from certain trees, used to give a hard glossy finish to wooden furniture 3) lacquer tree 4) also called **hair lacquer:** a mixture of shellac and alcohol for spraying onto the hair to hold a style in place 5) decorative objects coated with such lacquer, often inlaid

**Twiddle:** turn back and forth

**Tack:** a short sharp-pointed nail, usually with a flat and comparatively large head

**Firetrap:** a building that would burn easily or one without fire escapes

**Jumpy:** nervous

**Drag one's heels:** to act with deliberate slowness

**Ruse:** an action intended to mislead, deceive, or trick; stratagem

**Hemo:** relating to blood

**Work-up:** a complete diagnostic medical examination

**Rubbing alcohol:** a liquid usually consisting of 70 per cent denatured ethyl alcohol, used by external application as an antiseptic or rubefacient

## Jose Chung's From Outer Space

**Confabulation:** the invention of circumstantial but fictitious detail about events supposed to have occurred in the past. Usually this is to disguise an inability to remember past events. It may be a symptom of any form of loss of memory, but typically occurs in Korsakoff's syndrome

**Bleep:** *broadcasting* to remove offensive material from a broadcast, and replace it with a short high-pitched electronic sound: *They bleeped most of his comments*

**Blankety-blank:** used in place of a word that is considered too rude to say or write

**Tortuous:** full of twists and turns: *the route is remote and tortuous* ■ excessively lengthy and complex: *a tortuous argument*

**Brazen:** 1) shameless and bold 2) made of or resembling brass 3) having a ringing metallic sound like that of a brass trumpet

**Shudder:** [I] to suddenly shake hard, especially because of an unpleasant feeling or thought: *Just to think about the accident makes me shudder.* • *The engine shuddered violently and then stopped.*

**Flaunt:** [T] to show something that you are proud of so that other people will admire it

**Orgy:** a wild gathering marked by promiscuous sexual activity, excessive drinking, etc.

**Rigmarole** or **rigamarole:** 1) any long complicated procedure 2) a set of incoherent or pointless statements; garbled nonsense

**Nonplussed:** 1) so surprised and confused that one is unsure how to react: *Henry looked completely nonplussed.* 2) not disconcerted; unperturbed

## Avatar

**Tonic water:** a carbonated soft drink with a bitter flavour, used as a mixer with gin or other spirits (originally used as a stimulant of appetite and digestion)

**Lime:** a rounded citrus fruit similar to a lemon but greener, smaller, and with a distinctive acid flavor

**Cervix:** the neck

**Indiscretion:** If you talk about someone's indiscretion, you mean that they have done or said something that is risky, careless, or likely to upset people

**Moonlight:** have a second job in addition to one's regular employment: *many instructors moonlight as professional consultants*

**Rifle:** turn over something, especially the pages of a book, quickly and casually: *he rifled through the pages*

**Succubus, -bi:** 1) also called **succubae:** a female demon fabled to have sexual intercourse with sleeping men

**Incubus:** a demon believed in folklore to lie upon sleeping persons, especially to have sexual intercourse with sleeping women

**Amylase:** an enzyme, found chiefly in saliva and pancreatic fluid, that converts starch and glycogen into simple sugars

**Trump up:** to concoct or invent (a charge, accusation, etc.) so as to deceive or implicate someone

**Do a number on:** treat someone badly, typically by deceiving, humiliating, or criticizing them in a calculated way

## Quagmire

**Quagmire:** 1) a soft marshy area of land that gives way when walked on 2) an awkward, complicated, or dangerous situation from which it is difficult to escape

**Croak:** a deep hoarse sound made by a frog or a crow ■ a sound resembling this, especially one made by a person: *Lorton tried to laugh — it came out as a croak*

**Cove:** small sheltered bay

**Kennel:** a small shelter for a dog

**Defection:** the desertion of one's country or cause in favour of an opposing one: *his defection from the Labour Party*

**Sleight of hand:** manual dexterity, typically in performing tricks: *a nifty bit of sleight of hand got the ashtray into the correct position* ■ skillful deception: *this is financial sleight of hand of the worst sort*

**Rambling:** 1) (of writing or speech) lengthy and confused or inconsequential 2) (of a plant) putting out long shoots and growing over walls or other plants: *rambling roses* ■ (of a building or path) spreading or winding irregularly in various directions: *a big old rambling house*

**Diatribes:** a forceful and bitter verbal attack against someone or something: *a diatribe against the Roman Catholic Church*

**Carapace:** the hard upper shell of a tortoise, crustacean, or arachnid

**Trout:** any of various game fishes, especially *Salmo trutta* and related species, mostly of fresh water in northern regions: family Salmonidae (salmon). They resemble salmon but are smaller and spotted

**Spool:** a cylindrical device on which film, magnetic tape, thread, or other flexible materials can be wound; a reel: *spools of electrical cable*

**Megalomaniac:** a person who has an obsessive desire for power ■ a person who suffers delusions of their own power or importance

**Come on to:** make sexual advances toward

**Peg leg:** an artificial leg, especially a wooden one ■ a person with such an artificial leg

**Flippant:** not taking somebody seriously enough

**Send on:** send forward

**Nick:** a small cut or notch

## Wetwired

**Blind date:** 1) a social meeting between two people who have not met before 2) either of the persons involved

**Thorazine:** chlorpromazine, a synthetic drug used as a tranquilizer, sedative, and anti-emetic

**Methamphetamine:** a synthetic drug with more rapid and lasting effects than amphetamine, used illegally as a stimulant and as a prescription drug to treat narcolepsy and maintain blood pressure.

**Cut:** to absent oneself from (an activity, location, etc.), especially without permission or in haste: *to cut class*

**Wiggy:** emotionally uncontrolled or weird

**Berserk:** frenziedly violent or destructive (especially in the phrase **go berserk**)

**Attenuate:** make or become weaker

**Touchdown:** a six-point score made by carrying or passing the ball into the end zone of the opposing side

**Bring something home to someone:** make someone realize the full significance of something: *her first-hand account brought home to me the pain of the experience*

**Tachistoscope:** an instrument used for exposing objects to the eye for a very brief measured period of time

**In on:** acquainted with or sharing in: *I was in on all his plans*

## Talitha Cumi

**Stick up for:** support or defend (a person or cause)

**Repress:** subdue (someone or something) by force: *the uprisings were repressed* ■ restrain, prevent, or inhibit (the expression or development of something) *Isabel couldn't repress a sharp cry of fear.* ■ suppress (a thought or desire) so that it becomes or remains unconscious: *the thought that he had killed his brother was so terrible that he repressed it*

**Subarachnoid:** denoting or occurring in the fluid-filled space around the brain between the arachnoid membrane and the pia mater, through which major blood vessels pass

**Up to speed:** operating at full speed ■ (of a person or company) performing at an anticipated rate or level ■ (of a person) fully informed or up to date: *that reminds me to bring you up to speed on the soap opera*

**Penitence:** the action of feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong; repentance: *a public display of penitence*

**Mete out:** to mete out a punishment means to order that someone should be punished in a certain way

**Cataloguer=cataloger:** a librarian who classifies publication according to a categorial system

**Chattel:** movable property



## Season 4

### Herrenvolk

**Master race:** a race, nation, or group, such as the Germans or Nazis as viewed by Hitler, believed to be superior to other races. German name: **Herrenvolk**

**Take the cake:** to surpass all others, especially in stupidity, folly, etc.

**Hegemony:** ascendancy or domination of one power or state within a league, confederation, etc., or of one social class over others

**Cryptogram:** a text written in code

**Epithet:** an adjective or phrase expressing a quality or attribute regarded as characteristic of the person or thing mentioned: *old men are often unfairly awarded the epithet 'dirty'* ■ an epithet used as a term of abuse: *the woman begins to hurl racial epithets at them*

**Apiary:** a bee-garden

**Confocal:** having a common focus or foci: *confocal ellipses* ■ denoting or using a microscope whose imaging system only collects light from a small spot on the specimen, giving greater resolution

**Reductive:** 1) tending to present a subject or problem in a simplified form, especially one viewed as crude: *such a conclusion by itself would be reductive* ■ (with reference to art) minimal: *he combines his reductive abstract shapes with a rippled surface* 2) relating to chemical reduction

**Rustle:** 1) [no obj.] make a soft, muffled crackling sound like that caused by the movement of dry leaves or paper: *she came closer, her skirt swaying and rustling* ■ [with adverbial of direction] move with a rustling sound: *a nurse rustled in* ■ [with obj.] cause (something) to make a rustling sound: *Dolly rustled the paper irritably.* 2) [with obj.] round up and steal (cattle, horses, or sheep) 3) [no obj.] move or act quickly or energetically; hustle: *rustle around the kitchen, see what there is*

### Home

**Sandlot:** a piece of unoccupied land used by children for games ■ [as modifier] denoting or relating to sport played by amateurs: *sandlot baseball*

**Bologna:** a large smoked sausage made of bacon, veal, pork suet, and other meats

**Catatonic:** If you describe someone as being in a catatonic state, you mean that they are not moving or responding at all, usually as a result of illness, shock, or drugs: *and the traumatised heroine sinks into a catatonic trance*

**Iffy:** full of uncertainty; doubtful: *the prospect for classes resuming next Wednesday seems iffy*

**Atrophy:** to weaken or waste away through disuse or the effects of disease

**Cloaca:** a common cavity at the end of the digestive tract for the release of both excretory and genital products in vertebrates (except most mammals) and certain invertebrates. Specifically, the cloaca is present in birds, reptiles, amphibians, most fish, and monotremes

**Occlusion:** the blockage or closing of a blood vessel or hollow organ

**Second-guess:** 1) to criticize or evaluate with hindsight 2) to attempt to anticipate or predict (a person or thing)

**Pass muster:** to be acceptable

**Polygene:** a gene whose individual effect on a phenotype is too small to be observed, but which can act together with others to produce observable variation

**Autosome:** any chromosome that is not a sex chromosome

**Bolt:** rush away

**Raspy:** If someone has a raspy voice, they make rough sounds as if they have a sore throat or have difficulty in breathing

**Shaving:** 1) a thin strip cut off a surface: *she brushed wood shavings from her knees* 2) the action of shaving

**Cranium:** the skull, especially the part enclosing the brain

**Centromere:** the point on a chromosome by which it is attached to a spindle fiber during cell division

### Teliko

**Slice and dice:** divide a quantity of information up into smaller parts, especially in order to analyze it more closely or in different ways: *each network has analysis teams that slice and dice the exit poll information to find a conclusion*

**Stiff:** corpse

**Melanocyte:** a mature melanin-forming cell, especially in the skin

**Inveigle:** (often followed by *into* or an infinitive) to lead (someone into a situation) or persuade (to do something) by cleverness or trickery; cajole: *to inveigle customers into spending more*

**Obfuscate:** 1) to obscure or darken 2) to perplex or bewilder

**Passionflower:** an evergreen climbing plant of warm regions that bears distinctive flowers with parts that supposedly resemble instruments of the Crucifixion

**Glycoside:** a compound formed from a simple sugar and another compound by replacement of a hydroxyl group in the sugar molecule. Many drugs and poisons derived from plants are glycosides

**Pituitary gland=the pituitary:** a gland that is attached to the base of the brain. It produces hormones which affect growth, sexual development, and other functions of the body.

**Out of it:** 1) not included; rejected: *I hate feeling out of it.* 2) unaware of what is happening as a result of being uninformed ■ unable to think or react properly, especially as a result of taking drugs or drinking too much alcohol

**Knapsack:** rucksack

**Cortical:** 1) of, relating to, or consisting of cortex 2) involving or resulting from the action or condition of the cerebral cortex

**Sagittal:** 1) relating to or denoting the suture on top of the skull which runs between the parietal bones in a front to back direction 2) of or in a plane parallel to the sagittal suture, especially that dividing the body into left and right halves

**Hypothalamus:** a region of the forebrain below the thalamus which coordinates both the autonomic nervous system and the activity of the pituitary, controlling body temperature, thirst, hunger, and other homeostatic systems, and involved in sleep and emotional activity

**Ineffable:** 1) too great or intense to be expressed in words; unutterable 2) too sacred to be uttered 3) indescribable; indefinable

### Unruhe

**Awl:** a pointed hand tool with a fluted blade used for piercing wood, leather, etc.

**Privy:** (postpositive; followed by *to*) participating in the knowledge of something secret

**Stun gun:** a device designed to immobilize an animal or person temporarily without inflicting serious injury

**Emulsion:** 1) a fine dispersion of minute droplets of one liquid in another in which it is not soluble or miscible ■ a fine dispersion of one liquid or puréed food substance in another: *ravioli with pea and ginger emulsion* 2) (also **emulsion paint**) [mass noun] a type of paint used for walls, consisting of pigment bound in a synthetic resin which forms an emulsion with water ■ a light-sensitive coating for photographic films and plates, containing crystals of a silver compound dispersed in a medium such as gelatin

**Scotograph:** 1) (obsolete, rare) An instrument for writing in the dark, or by the blind 2) (photography, obsolete, rare) An impression made on a

photographic plate by a radioactive substance without the intervention of any opaque object other than the screen of the plate 3) (occultism) An image of a ghost or other apparition appearing on unexposed film

**Morphine:** an analgesic and narcotic drug obtained from opium and used medicinally to relieve pain

**Scopolamine:** a poisonous plant alkaloid used as an antiemetic in motion sickness, as a preoperative medication for examination of the eye, and formerly as a sedative and hypnotic

**Twilight sleep:** a state of partial narcosis or stupor without total loss of consciousness, in particular a state induced by an injection of morphine and scopolamine, formerly popular for use during childbirth

**Leukotomy:** the surgical cutting of white nerve fibers within the brain, especially prefrontal lobotomy, formerly used to treat mental illness

**Tape off:** cordon (off), seal (off), close (off), shut (off), mark (off), fence (off); isolate, segregate

**Foreman:** a person, often experienced, who supervises other workmen. Gender-neutral form: **supervisor**

**Hydrobromide:** a salt resulting, or regarded as resulting, from the reaction of hydrobromic acid with an organic base (e.g. an amine).

### The Field Where I Died

**Perchance:** 1) perhaps; possibly 2) by chance; accidentally

**Blot out:** 1) to cover something so that it can no longer be seen 2) to remove something painful from the mind

**Arraignment:** when someone is brought before a court of law to answer a particular charge

**Tribulation:** 1) a cause of distress 2) a state of suffering or distress

**Brimstone:** 1) brimstone is the same as sulphur 2) when people talk about **fire and brimstone**, they are referring to hell and how they think people are punished there after death

**Reproach:** express to (someone) one's disapproval of or disappointment in their actions: *her friends reproached her for not thinking enough about her family* [with direct speech] *'You know that isn't true,' he reproached her* ■ (reproach someone with) accuse someone of: *his wife reproached him with cowardice* ■ censure or rebuke (an offence)

**Goon:** 1) a silly, foolish, or eccentric person 2) a bully or thug, especially a member of an armed or security force

**In passing:** by the way; incidentally: *he mentioned your visit in passing*

**Monger:** 1) (in combination except in archaic use) a trader or dealer: *ironmonger* 2) (in combination) a promoter of something unpleasant: *warmonger*

### Sanguinarium

**Blepharoplasty:** surgical repair or reconstruction of an eyelid

**Antacid:** 1) (chiefly of a medicine) preventing or correcting acidity, especially in the stomach 2) an antacid medicine

**Veritable:** absolute: used to emphasize a figurative concept: *The business is a veritable gold mine.*

**Pentagram:** a five-pointed star that is formed by drawing a continuous line in five straight segments, often used as a mystic and magical symbol

**Rhinoplasty:** plastic surgery performed on the nose

**Collagen:** the main structural protein found in animal connective tissue, yielding gelatin when boiled

**Impropriety:** failure to observe standards of honesty or modesty; improper behaviour or character

**Vainglorious:** boastful or vain; ostentatious

**Belladonna:** deadly nightshade ■ a drug prepared from the leaves and root of this, containing atropine

**Hex:** curse

**Jest:** speak in a joking way: *you jest, surely?*

**Barge in:** if you barge in or barge in on someone, you rudely interrupt what they are doing or saying: *I'm sorry to barge in like this, but I have a problem I hope you can solve.*

**Pica:** an abnormal craving to ingest substances such as clay, dirt, or hair, sometimes occurring during pregnancy, in persons with chlorosis, etc.

**Osteoplasty:** the branch of surgery concerned with bone repair or bone grafting

**Magnanimous:** generous and noble

**Laparotomy:** a surgical incision into the abdominal cavity, for diagnosis or in preparation for major surgery

### Musings of a Cigarette Smoking Man

**Elephantine:** of, resembling, or characteristic of an elephant or elephants, especially in being large, clumsy, or awkward: *there was an elephantine thud from the bathroom*

**Compartmentalize:** divide into sections or categories

**Patsy:** 1) a person who is easily cheated, victimized, etc. 2) a scapegoat

**Preposterous:** contrary to nature, reason, or sense; absurd; ridiculous

**Perfunctory:** 1) done superficially, only as a matter of routine; careless or cursory 2) dull or indifferent

**Wolf down:** gobble up

**Toffee:** a kind of firm or hard sweet which softens when sucked or chewed, made by boiling together sugar and butter, often with other ingredients or flavourings added ■ [count noun] a small shaped piece of toffee

### Tunguska

**Flout:** (usually followed by *at*) to show contempt (for); scoff or jeer (at)

**Tender:** offer or present (something) formally: *he tendered his resignation as leader*

**Bonehead:** a stupid or obstinate person

**Safe house:** a place used secretly by undercover agents, terrorists, etc., as a meeting place or refuge

**Sedition:** 1) speech or behavior directed against the peace of a state 2) an offence that tends to undermine the authority of a state 3) an incitement to public disorder 4) revolt

**Apex:** the top or highest part of something, especially one forming a point

**Nicker:** (of a horse) give a soft breathy whinny

**Summons:** an order to appear before a judge or magistrate, or the writ containing such an order: *a summons for non-payment of a parking ticket* ■ an authoritative or urgent call to someone to be present or to do something [with infinitive]: *they might receive a summons to fly to France next day*

**Perjury:** the offence committed by a witness in judicial proceedings who, having been lawfully sworn or having affirmed, willfully gives false evidence

### Terma

**Carotid:** relating to or denoting the two main arteries which carry blood to the head and neck, and their two main branches

**Pineal:** a pea-sized conical mass of tissue behind the third ventricle of the brain, secreting a hormone-like substance in some mammals

**Vermiform:** resembling or having the form of a worm

**Variola:** smallpox

**Exobiology:** the branch of science that deals with the possibility and likely nature of life on other planets or in space

### Paper Hearts

**Decal=decalomania:** 1) the art or process of transferring a design from prepared paper onto another surface, such as china, glass or paper 2) a design so transferred

**Carry/wear one's heart on one's sleeve:** to show one's feelings openly

**Pinochle:** a card game for two or more players using a 48-card deck consisting of two of each card from nine to ace, the object being to score points for various combinations and to win tricks

**Nexus:** 1) a connection or series of connections linking two or more things: *the nexus between industry and political power* ■ a connected group or series: *a nexus of ideas* 2) a central or focal point: *the nexus of any government in this country is No. 10*

### El Mundo Gira

**Fortean:** relating to or denoting paranormal phenomena

**Transient:** 1) a person who is staying or working in a place for a short time only 2) a momentary variation in current, voltage, or frequency

**Aspergillus:** a genus of fungi, including many common moulds, some of which cause infections of the respiratory system in humans. The species *A. fumigatus* causes aspergillosis. *A. niger* is commonly found in the external ear and can become pathogenic.

**Compost:** decayed organic material used as a fertilizer for growing plants ■ a mixture of compost or similar material with loam soil used as a growing medium

**Methyl bromide:** a colourless poisonous gas or volatile liquid with an odour resembling that of chloroform, used as a solvent, and extinguishant. Formula: CH<sub>3</sub>Br

**Mycology:** the scientific study of fungi

**Dermatophytosis:** a fungal infection of the skin, especially the feet

**Athlete's foot:** a fungal infection affecting mainly the skin between the toes. It is a form of ringworm

**Blight:** a plant disease, especially one caused by fungi such as mildews, rusts, and smuts: *the vines suffered blight and disease; potato blight* ■ [in ] a thing that spoils or damages something: *her remorse could be a blight on that happiness* ■ an ugly, neglected, or rundown condition of an urban area: *the depressing urban blight that lies to the south of the city*

**A run for (one's) money:** a) a strong challenge or close competition b) pleasure derived from an activity

**Conidium:** a spore produced asexually by various fungi at the tip of a specialized hypha

**Bolide:** a large meteor which explodes in the atmosphere

### Leonard Betts

**Aspirate:** 1) a) to articulate (a stop) with some force, so that breath escapes with audible friction as the stop is released b) to pronounce (a word or syllable) with an initial h 2) to draw in or remove by inhalation or suction, especially to suck (air or fluid) from a body cavity or to inhale (fluid) into the lungs after vomiting 3) to supply air to (an internal-combustion engine)

**Pneumothorax:** the presence of air or gas in the cavity between the lungs and the chest wall, causing collapse of the lung

**Sans:** without, minus

**Slew:** a great number or amount; a lot

**Commendation:** 1) the act or an instance of commending; praise 2) an award

**Coldcock:** knock somebody out

**Excise:** cut out surgically: *the precision with which surgeons can excise brain tumours*

**Mastoid:** 1) shaped like a nipple or breast 2) designating or relating to a nipple-like process of the temporal bone behind the ear

**Craniotomy:** surgical removal of a portion of the skull ■ surgical perforation of the skull of a dead fetus to ease delivery

**Galvanic:** 1) relating to or involving electric currents produced by chemical action 2) sudden and dramatic: *a searing, galvanic experience*

**Epoxy:** an adhesive, plastic, or other material made from a class of synthetic thermosetting polymers containing epoxide groups

**Paperweight:** a small heavy object placed on loose papers to prevent them from scattering

**Glioma:** a malignant tumour of the glial tissue of the nervous system

**Alter ego:** 1) a second self 2) a very close and intimate friend

**Myeloid:** 1) relating to bone marrow ■ (of leukaemia) characterized by the proliferation of cells originating in the bone marrow 2) relating to the spinal cord

**Sarcoma:** a malignant tumour of connective or other non-epithelial tissue

**Dress:** treat or prepare (something) in a certain way, in particular: ■ clean, treat, or apply a dressing to (a wound) ■ clean and prepare (food, especially poultry or shellfish) for cooking or eating

### Never Again

**Cryogenics:** the branch of physics dealing with the production and effects of very low temperatures ■ another term for cryonics

**Gal:** a girl or woman

**Impulsive:** characterized by actions based on sudden desires, whims, or inclinations rather than careful thought: *an impulsive man*

**Crummy:** 1) of little value; inferior; contemptible 2) unwell or depressed

**Hammered:** very drunk

**Petty:** 1) small and unimportant: *He didn't want to get involved with the petty details; petty crime/theft* (= that is not very serious) 2) unkind or unpleasant to other people (for a reason that does not seem very important): *petty jealousy/vengeance*

**Scab:** the dried crusty surface of a healing skin wound or sore

**Ergot:** 1) [mass noun] a fungal disease of rye and other cereals in which black elongated fruiting bodies grow in the ears of the cereal. Eating contaminated food can result in ergotism • The fungus is *Claviceps purpurea*, subdivision *Ascomycotina* ■ the fruiting bodies of the ergot fungus, used as a source of certain medicinal alkaloids, especially for inducing uterine contractions or controlling post-partum bleeding 2) a small horny protuberance on the back of each of a horse's fetlocks

### Memento Mori

**Memento mori:** an object, such as a skull, intended to remind people of the inevitability of death

**Numinous:** mysterious or awe-inspiring

**Pharynx:** the membrane-lined cavity behind the nose and mouth, connecting them to the oesophagus. Adjective: Pharyngeal

**Concha:** a part resembling a spiral shell, in particular: ■ the depression in the external ear leading to its central opening ■ (also nasal concha) any of several thin, scroll-like (turbinate) bones in the sides of the nasal cavity

**Sphenoid:** a compound bone which forms the base of the cranium, behind the eye and below the front part of the brain. It has two pairs of broad lateral 'wings' and a number of other projections, and contains two air-filled sinuses

**Overnight:** for use overnight: *an overnight bag*

**Aegis:** the protection, backing, or support of a particular person or organization: *negotiations were conducted under the aegis of the UN*

**Barren:** archaic (of a woman) unable to have children ■ (of a female animal) not pregnant or unable to become so

## Kaddish

**Callow:** immature

**Vigilante:** 1) one of an organized group of citizens who take upon themselves the protection of their district, properties, etc. 2) also called **vigilance man:** a member of a vigilance committee

**Shroud:** a garment or piece of cloth used to wrap a dead body

**Golem:** (in Jewish legend) a clay figure brought to life by magic ■ an automaton or robot

**Amok:** (in phrase **run amok**) behave uncontrollably and disruptively: *stone-throwing anarchists were running amok*

**Incantation:** 1) ritual recitation of magic words or sounds 2) the formulaic words or sounds used; a magic spell

**Abomination:** 1) a person or thing that is disgusting 2) an action that is vicious, vile, etc. 3) intense loathing

## Unrequited

**Unrequited:** (of love, affection, etc.) not reciprocated or returned

**Cut someone off:** interrupt someone while they are speaking ■ interrupt someone during a telephone call by breaking the connection: *I listened to prerecorded messages for twenty-three minutes before being cut off.* ■ prevent someone from receiving or being provided with something, especially power or water: *consumers cut off for nonpayment* ■ reject someone as one's heir; disinherit someone: *Gabrielle's family cut her off without a penny* ■ prevent someone from having access to somewhere or someone; isolate someone from something they previously had connections with: *we were cut off from reality* ■ informal (of a driver) overtake someone and pull in too closely in front of them

**Shakedown:** 1) organization or group: *the shakedown of the Bank of England in the fall of 1992* ■ a thorough search of a person or place: *harassment and shakedowns by persons in police uniforms* ■ a swindle; a piece of extortion: *he wants to eliminate bribery, shakedowns, and bid-rigging in New York City's construction industry* ■ a test of a new product or model, especially a vehicle or ship: *the high-orbit shakedown of the lunar module had its merits*; [as modifier] *the software is expected to enter its final shakedown phase by the middle of September* 2) a makeshift bed

**Proffer:** hold out or put forward (something) to someone for acceptance: *she proffered a glass of wine*; *he proffered his resignation*

**Conjunctiva:** the mucous membrane that covers the front of the eye and lines the inside of the eyelid

**Scotoma:** a partial loss of vision or blind spot in an otherwise normal visual field

**Macula:** an oval yellowish area surrounding the fovea near the centre of the retina in the eye, which is the region of keenest vision

**Disavow:** to deny knowledge of, connection with, or responsibility for

**Gallantry:** 1) courageous behaviour, especially in battle: *a medal awarded for outstanding gallantry during the raid* 2) polite attention or respect given by men to women ■ [count noun] (gallantries) gallant actions or words

**Subpoena:** [C] (law) a written order to attend a court of law to give evidence:

*She is appearing today under subpoena (= she has been given a subpoena to appear in court).* **Subpoena** [T]: *The court subpoenaed her to appear as a witness.*

## Tempus Fugit

**Tempus fugit:** [Latin] time flies

**Goo:** 1) a sticky or slimy substance 2) excessive sentimentality

**Fissile:** 1) (of an atom or element) able to undergo nuclear fission: *a fissile isotope* 2) (chiefly of rock) easily split

**Jamb:** a side post or surface of a doorway, window, or fireplace

## Max

**Intubate:** insert a tube into (a person or a body part, especially the trachea for ventilation)

**Tractor beam:** (in science fiction) a hypothetical beam of energy that can be used to move objects such as space ships or hold them stationary

**Whopper:** a thing that is extremely or unusually large: *the novel is a 1,079 page whopper* ■ a gross or blatant lie: *he's telling whoppers*

**Rummage:** search unsystematically and untidily through something

**Rummage sale:** is a sale of cheap used goods that is usually held to raise money for charity.

## Synchrony

**Betwixt:** between

**Betwixt and between:** in an intermediate, indecisive, or middle position

**Cryobiology:** the branch of biology which deals with the properties of organisms and tissues at low temperatures

**Vitrify:** convert (something) into glass or a glasslike substance, typically by exposure to heat

**Trehalose:** a sugar of the disaccharide class produced by some fungi, yeasts, and similar organisms

**Febrile:** 1) having or showing the symptoms of a fever: *a febrile illness* 2) characterized by a great deal of nervous excitement or energy: *the febrile atmosphere of the city*

## Small Potatoes

**Small potatoes:** (functioning as singular or plural) someone or something of little significance or value, especially a small amount of money

**Coccyx:** a small triangular bone at the base of the spinal column in humans and some apes, formed of fused vestigial vertebrae

**The birds and the bees:** basic facts about sex and reproduction, as told to a child

**Motile:** 1) (of cells, gametes, and single-celled organisms) capable of motion 2) relating to or characterized by responses that involve muscular rather than audiovisual sensations

**Eyeball:** look or stare at closely: *we eyeballed one another*

**Pellagra:** a deficiency disease caused by a lack of nicotinic acid or its precursor tryptophan in the diet. It is characterized by dermatitis, diarrhoea, and mental disturbance, and is often linked to over-dependence on maize as a staple food

**Spry:** active and brisk; nimble

**Quicklime=calcium oxide:** a white crystalline base used in the production of calcium hydroxide and bleaching powder and in the manufacture of glass, paper, and steel. Formula: CaO

**Striated:** marked with parallel grooves, ridges, stripes, or narrow bands

**Get in on:** become involved in (a profitable or exciting activity)

**Penology:** the study of the punishment of crime and of prison management

**Taffeta:** a fine lustrous silk or similar synthetic fabric with a crisp texture

**Cummerbund:** a sash worn around the waist, especially as part of a man's formal evening suit

## Zero Sum

**Dork:** 1) a stupid or incompetent person 2) a penis

**Folic acid:** a vitamin of the B complex found especially in leafy green vegetables, liver, and kidney

**Pock=pockmark:** small scar left by skin disease

**Entomology:** the branch of zoology concerned with the study of insects

**Off-hand:** 1) If you say that someone is being off-hand, you are critical of them for being unfriendly or impolite, and not showing any interest in what other people are doing or saying. *Consumers found the attitude of its staff off-hand and generally offensive to the paying customer.* 2) If you say something off-hand, you say it without checking the details or facts of it. *Were they at home or away, do you know off hand?*

**Duplicity:** deception; double-dealing

## Elegy

**Elegy:** 1) a mournful or plaintive poem or song, especially a lament for the dead 2) poetry or a poem written in elegiac couplets or stanzas

**Harbinger:** 1) a person or thing that announces or indicates the approach of something; forerunner 2) *obsolete* a person sent in advance of a royal party or army to obtain lodgings for them

**Wraith:** 1) the apparition of a person living or thought to be alive, supposed to appear around the time of his death 2) a ghost or any apparition 3) an insubstantial copy of something 4) something pale, thin, and lacking in substance, such as a column of smoke

**Dystonia:** a neurological disorder, caused by disease of the basal ganglia, in which the muscles of the trunk, shoulders, and neck go into spasm, so that the head and limbs are held in unnatural positions

**Cop to:** accept or admit to: *there are a lot of people who don't cop to their past*

**Draw on:** 1) to use or exploit (a source, fund, etc.): *to draw on one's experience* 2) to come near: *the time for his interview drew on* 3) to withdraw (money) from (an account) 4) to put on (clothes) 5) to lead further; entice or encourage: *the prospect of nearing his goal drew him on*

**Keel over:** (of a boat or ship) turn over on its side; capsizе ■ (of a person or thing) fall over; collapse

**Emphysema:** a serious medical condition that occurs when the lungs become larger and do not work properly, causing difficulty in breathing

## Demons

**Dry off:** If something dries off or if you dry it off, the moisture on its surface disappears or is removed. *They are then scrubbed with clean water and left to dry off for an hour or two in a warm room. When the bath water started to cool I got out, dried myself off, and dressed.*

**Encephalitis:** inflammation of the brain, caused by infection or an allergic reaction

**Histology:** the study of the microscopic structure of tissues

**Jog:** to remind; stimulate: *please jog my memory*

**Ketamine:** a synthetic compound used as an anesthetic and analgesic drug and also (illicitly) as a hallucinogen

**Dura mater:** the outermost and toughest of the three membranes covering the brain and spinal cord

**Lay claim to something:** to say that you have a right to something, or take what you think you have a right to

## Gethsemane

**Hard science:** a) one of the natural or physical sciences, such as physics, chemistry, biology, geology, or astronomy b) (as modifier) *a hard-science lecture*

**Predation:** a relationship between two species of animal in a community, in which one (the predator) hunts, kills, and eats the other (the prey)

**Moraine:** a mass of rocks and sediment carried down and deposited by a glacier, typically as ridges at its edges or extremity

**Geodesy:** the branch of mathematics dealing with the shape and area of the earth or large portions of it

**Circumspect:** wary and unwilling to take risks: *the officials were very circumspect in their statements*

**Assiduous:** (formal) working very hard and taking great care that everything is done as well as it can be

**Short of:** except: *nothing short of a miracle can save him now*

**Deliquesce:** (of organic matter) become liquid, typically during decomposition

**Chromatography:** the technique of separating and analyzing the components of a mixture of liquids or gases by selective adsorption in, for example, a column of powder (column chromatography) or on a strip of paper (paper chromatography)

**Unbridled:** uncontrolled; unconstrained: *a moment of unbridled ambition; unbridled lust*

**Adept:** person who is skilled or proficient at something: *he is an adept at imitation*

**Agitprop:** political (originally communist) propaganda, especially in art or literature

## Season 5

### Redux

**Redux:** brought back, especially in being restored to former importance or prominence

**Folly:** an act that is not sensible and may have a bad result: *It would be folly to ignore their warnings.*

**Paleoclimatology:** the study of prehistoric climates on a global or regional scale from evidence preserved in glacial deposits, sedimentary structures, and fossils

**Square off:** to assume a posture of offence or defence, as in boxing

**Chimeric:** describes an organism that is composed of genetically different tissues, either naturally or as a result of a laboratory procedure

**Morula:** a solid ball of cells resulting from division of a fertilized ovum, and from which a blastula is formed

**Blastula:** an animal embryo at the early stage of development when it is a hollow ball of cells

**Gastrula:** an embryo at the stage following the blastula, when it is a hollow cup-shaped structure having three layers of cells

**Befall:** (especially of something bad) happen to (someone)

### Redux II

**Mole:** someone within an organization who anonymously betrays confidential information

**Cytolysis:** the dissolution or disruption of cells, especially by an external agent

**Minister:** (often followed by *to*) to attend to the needs (of); take care (of)

**Bench warrant:** a warrant issued by a judge or court directing that an offender be apprehended

### Unusual Suspects

**Jimmy:** a short crowbar used by a burglar to force open a window or door

**Narc:** a narcotics agent

**Jabber:** talk rapidly and excitedly but with little sense

**Squiggle:** 1) a wavy or curly line or movement 2) an illegible handwritten word or words

**Ergotamine:** a compound present in some kinds of ergot. An alkaloid, it causes constriction of blood vessels and is used in the treatment of migraine

**Histamine:** a compound which is released by cells in response to injury and in allergic and inflammatory reactions, causing contraction of smooth muscle and dilation of capillaries

**Aerosolize:** convert into a fine spray or colloidal suspension in air: *the drug is being tested in an aerosolized form*

### Detour

**Unstick:** to free or loosen (something stuck)

**Consort:** habitually associate with (someone), typically with the disapproval of others: *you chose to consort with the enemy*

**Cull:** reduce the population of (a wild animal) by selective slaughter: *he sees culling deer as a necessity*

**Put someone on:** deceive or hoax someone

**Holler:** give a loud shout or cry

**Clip:** a metal holder containing cartridges for an automatic firearm

**Bustline:** the measurement round a woman's body at the bust: *these figure-enhancing bras will immediately increase your bustline*

**Carry a tune:** to be able to sing in tune

### The Post-Modern Prometheus

**Groggy:** 1) dazed or staggering, as from exhaustion, blows, or drunkenness 2) faint or weak

**Conk out:** 1) (of machines, cars, etc.) to fail suddenly 2) to tire suddenly or collapse, as from exhaustion

**Ligation:** the surgical procedure of tying a ligature tightly around a blood vessel or other duct or tube in the body

**Range:** a large stove with burners and one or more ovens, usually heated by solid fuel

**Tumbler:** a drinking glass with straight sides and no handle or stem

**Coaster:** a small tray or mat placed under a bottle or glass to protect the table underneath

**Pigsty:** a pen or enclosure for a pig or pigs ■ a very dirty or untidy house or room

**Humor:** to attempt to gratify; indulge

**Hunchback:** a back deformed by a sharp forward angle, forming a hump, typically caused by collapse of a vertebra ■ a person with a hunchback

**Homeotic:** describes mutation in which one part or organ is transformed into another part associated with a different segment of the organism

**Morphogenesis:** 1) the origin and development of morphological characteristics 2) the formation of landforms or other structures

**Drosophila:** a small fruit fly, used extensively in genetic research because of its large chromosomes, numerous varieties, and rapid rate of reproduction

**Mewl:** cry feebly or querulously; whimper: *dozens of mewling babies* ■ (of a cat or bird) mew: *the mewling cry of a hawk*

**Hick:** a person who lives in the country, regarded as being unintelligent or parochial

**Fritter:** a piece of fruit, vegetable, or meat that is coated in batter and deep-fried

**Grits:** a dish of coarsely ground maize kernels boiled with water or milk

**Flapjack:** 1) a sweet dense cake made from oats, golden syrup, and melted butter, served in rectangles 2) a pancake

**Poach:** cook (an egg), without its shell, in or over boiling water

**Phantasm:** an illusion, apparition, or ghost: *the cart seemed to glide like a terrible phantasm*

**Prefigure:** be an early indication or version of (something): *the Hussite movement prefigured the Reformation*

**Fiend:** 1) a very cruel person 2) a person who is very interested in one particular thing: *a health fiend*

### Christmas Carol

**Cantaloupe:** a round melon with a netted, often ridged rind and aromatic orange flesh

**Uncanny:** 1) characterized by apparently supernatural wonder, horror, etc. 2) beyond what is normal or expected: *an uncanny accuracy*

**Tidbit:** 1) a small but very nice piece of food 2) an interesting piece of information

**Hemolytic:** relating to or involving the rupture or destruction of red blood cells: *hemolytic anemia*

## Emily

**At sea:** a) on the ocean b) in a state of confusion

**Necrotizing:** causing or undergoing the death of cells: *necrotizing bacteria*

## Kitsunegari

**Stab:** attempt, try; go, shot, crack, bash

**Ideogram or ideograph:** 1) a sign or symbol, used in such writing systems as those of China or Japan, that directly represents a concept, idea, or thing rather than a word or set of words for it 2) any graphic sign or symbol, such as %, @, &, etc.

**On the nose:** a) (in horse-race betting) to win only: *I bet twenty pounds on the nose on that horse* b) precisely; exactly c) bad or bad-smelling

**Brush:** a brief encounter with someone or something unpleasant or notable: *a brush with death; my first brush with fame*

**Flighty:** fickle and irresponsible: *her mother was a flighty Southern belle*

## Schizogony

**Schizogony:** asexual reproduction in protozoans that is characterized by multiple fission

**Mud pie:** mud made into a pie shape by a child

**To come to a head:** reach a crisis: *the violence came to a head with the deaths of six youths*

**Stern:** strict

**Have it coming:** be due for retribution on account of something bad that one has done: *his uppity sister-in-law had it coming to her*

**Tee off (on):** to make somebody angry or annoyed

**Stand up to:** a) to confront or resist courageously b) to withstand or endure (wear, criticism, etc.)

**Tuck away:** 1) to eat (a large amount of food) 2) to store, especially in a place difficult to find

**Put on airs:** assume a haughty manner, pretend to be better than one is: *I'm sick of Claire and the way she puts on airs.*

**Affect:** pretend to have or feel (something): *as usual I affected a supreme unconcern*

**Mullion:** a vertical bar between the panes of glass in a window

**Scrawny:** 1) very thin and bony; scraggy 2) meager or stunted: *scrawny vegetation*

**Put down roots:** (of a plant) begin to draw nourishment from the soil through its roots ■ (of a person) begin to have a settled life in a particular place

## Chinga

**Divination:** the practice of seeking knowledge of the future or the unknown by supernatural means

**Wicca:** the religious cult of modern witchcraft, especially an initiatory tradition founded in England in the mid 20th century

**Familiar:** 1) a demon supposedly attending and obeying a witch, often said to assume the form of an animal 2) (in the Roman Catholic Church) a person rendering certain services in a pope's or bishop's household 3) a close friend or associate

**Bloodstone:** a green gemstone that is spotted or streaked with red, consisting of a variety of chalcedony

**Carry on with:** be engaged in a love affair, typically one of which the speaker disapproves: *she was carrying on with young Adam*

**Tantrum:** a childish fit of rage; outburst of bad temper

**Shoestring:** 1) another word for **shoelace** 2) a) a very small or petty amount of money (especially in the phrase **on a shoestring**) b) (as modifier) *a shoestring budget*

**Be waiting in the wings:** to be ready to be used or employed instead of someone or something else. In the theatre, the wings are the sides of the stage which cannot be seen by the people watching the play, where actors wait until it is their turn to walk on to the stage.

**Whelp:** a puppy ■ a cub ■ a boy or young man (often as a disparaging form of address)

**Chorea:** a neurological disorder characterized by jerky involuntary movements affecting especially the shoulders, hips, and face

**Brat:** a child, especially one who is ill-mannered or unruly. Used contemptuously or playfully

**Davy Jones:** 1) also called **Davy Jones's locker:** the ocean's bottom, especially when regarded as the grave of those lost or buried at sea 2) the spirit or devil of the sea

**Head shop:** a store that sells drug-related paraphernalia

## Kill Switch

**One-off:** occurring once

**Alphanumeric or alphanumerical:** using both letters and numbers: *an alphanumeric code*

**Ooze:** slow flowing or leaking

**Wean:** accustom (an infant or other young mammal) to food other than its mother's milk ■ (often **wean someone off**) accustom (someone) to managing without something which they have become dependent on: *the doctor tried to wean her off the sleeping pills* ■ (**be weaned on**) be strongly influenced by (something), especially from an early age: *I was weaned on a regular diet of Hollywood fantasy.*

**Gnarly:** 1) gnarled 2) difficult, dangerous, or challenging: *she battled through the gnarly first sequence* ■ unpleasant; unattractive: *train stations can be pretty gnarly places*

**Overkill:** 1) the capability to deploy more weapons, especially nuclear weapons, than is necessary to ensure military advantage 2) any capacity or treatment that is greater than that required or appropriate

**Mingle:** cause to mix together: *the sound of voices mingled with a scraping of chairs; a smell which mingled disinfectant and soap* ■ move among and engage with others at a social function: *a chance to mingle with celebs*

**Palimony:** compensation made by one member of an unmarried couple to the other after separation

## Bad Blood

**Bad blood:** a feeling of intense hatred or hostility; enmity

**Exuberant:** enthusiastic

**Rustic:** 1) of, characteristic of, or living in the country; rural 2) having qualities ascribed to country life or people; simple; unsophisticated: *rustic pleasures* 3) crude, awkward, or uncouth 4) made of untrimmed branches: *a rustic seat* 5) denoting or characteristic of a style of furniture popular in England in the 18th and 19th centuries, in which the legs and feet of chairs, tables, etc., were made to resemble roots, trunks, and branches of trees 6) (of masonry) having a rusticated finish

**Locus:** 1) (in many legal phrases) a place or area, especially the place where something occurred 2) a set of points whose location satisfies or is determined by one or more specified conditions: *the locus of points*

*equidistant from a given point is a circle* 3) the position of a particular gene on a chromosome

**Incisor:** a chisel-edged tooth at the front of the mouth. In man there are four in each jaw

**Chloral hydrate:** a colorless crystalline soluble solid produced by the reaction of chloral with water and used as a sedative and hypnotic; 2,2,2-trichloro-1,1-ethanediol. Formula: CCl<sub>3</sub>CH(OH)<sub>2</sub>

**Slip a mickey:** A term used to refer to put a sleeping pill in one's beverage

**Clearing:** an area with few or no trees or shrubs in wooded or overgrown land

**Mortician=undertaker:** a person whose profession is the preparation of the dead for burial or cremation and the management of funerals; funeral director

**Bucktooth:** a projecting upper front tooth

**Overbite:** an extension of the upper front teeth over the lower front teeth when the mouth is closed

**Quandary:** a situation or circumstance that presents problems difficult to solve; predicament; dilemma

**Manducate:** to eat or chew

**Millet:** a cereal grass, *Setaria italica*, cultivated for grain and animal fodder

**Bird dog:** to control closely with unceasing vigilance

**Dale:** an open valley, usually in an area of low hills

**Gnaw:** 1) to bite (at) or chew (upon) constantly so as to wear away little by little 2) to form by gnawing: *to gnaw a hole* 3) to cause erosion of (something) 4) to cause constant distress or anxiety (to)

**Pull up stakes:** to leave one's home or temporary resting place and move on

## Patient X

**Firmament:** the expanse of the sky; heavens

**Ontology:** 1) the branch of metaphysics that deals with the nature of being 2) the set of entities presupposed by a theory

**Neurosis:** a relatively mild mental disorder, characterized by symptoms such as hysteria, anxiety, depression, or obsessive behaviour

**Constipated:** 1) suffering from constipation 2) subject to restriction or blockage in a flow of productive activity or creativity

**Accost:** to approach, stop, and speak to (a person), as to ask a question, accuse of a crime, solicit sexually, etc.

**Tiptoe:** 1) to walk with the heels off the ground and the weight supported by the ball of the foot and the toes 2) to walk silently or stealthily

## The Red and the Black

**Trump card:** 1) in card games, a card from a suit declared to be higher in value than any other suit, or the suit itself 2) a highly valuable resource or advantage, especially one held in reserve for future use 3) an admirable or reliable person

**Cogent:** strongly and clearly expressed in a way that influences what people believe: *a cogent argument/reason*

**Hypnagogic:** of or relating to the state just before one is fully asleep

**Gestalt:** (sometimes not capital) a perceptual pattern or structure possessing qualities as a whole that cannot be described merely as a sum of its parts

**Infantilize:** 1) to make somebody infantile, or keep somebody in an infantile state 2) to treat somebody as or consider somebody to be infantile

**Beg:** to ask (someone) for (something or leave to do something) formally, humbly, or earnestly: *I beg forgiveness; I beg to differ*

## Travelers

**Mope:** a gloomy person

**Snuff:** to put an end to somebody or something: *snuff out enthusiasm; made a diving catch that snuffed a sixth-inning rally*

**Vermin:** 1) small animals or insects that harm people, livestock, property, or crops and are difficult to control, e.g. rats, weasels, fleas, or cockroaches 2) an offensive term for a person or group considered to be extremely unpleasant or undesirable

**Patriate:** to bring under the authority of an autonomous country, for example as in the transfer of the Canadian constitution from UK to Canadian responsibility

**Bigwig:** an important person

**Stink:** a great deal of trouble (especially in the phrase **to make, kick up or raise a stink**)

**Xeno-:** indicating something strange, different, or foreign

**Unwitting:** 1) not knowing or conscious 2) not intentional; inadvertent

**Stalking-horse:** 1) a horse or an imitation one used by a hunter to hide behind while stalking his quarry 2) something serving as a means of concealing plans; pretext 3) a candidate put forward by one group to divide the opposition or mask the candidacy of another person for whom the stalking-horse would then withdraw

**Throw in:** to contribute or interpose (a remark, argument, etc.), especially in a discussion

## Mind's Eye

**Mind's eye:** the visual memory or the imagination

**(Bang) Dead to rights:** in the act; (guilty) without question. *We caught her dead to rights with the loot still on her. There he was, bang dead to rights with the smoking gun still in his hands.*

**Cabbie:** a cab driver

**Piss-poor:** of a contemptibly low standard or quality; pathetic

**Snake:** a tool in the form of a long flexible wire for unblocking drains

**Stash:** to put or store (money, valuables, etc.) in a secret place, as for safekeeping

**Colliculus:** a small elevation, as on the surface of the optic lobe of the brain

**Gun for:** 1) to search for in order to reprimand, punish, or kill 2) to try earnestly for: *he was gunning for promotion*

**Salivate:** 1) to secrete saliva, especially an excessive amount 2) to cause (a laboratory animal, etc.) to produce saliva, as by the administration of mercury

**Abet:** to assist or encourage, especially in crime or wrongdoing

**Keep tabs on:** to keep a watchful eye on

## All Souls

**Sacrament:** 1) an outward sign combined with a prescribed form of words and regarded as conferring some specific grace upon those who receive it. The Protestant sacraments are baptism and the Lord's Supper. In the Roman Catholic and Eastern Churches they are baptism, penance, confirmation, the Eucharist, holy orders, matrimony, and the anointing of the sick (formerly extreme unction) 2) (often capital) the Eucharist 3) the consecrated elements of the Eucharist, especially the bread 4) something regarded as possessing a sacred or mysterious significance 5) a symbol; pledge

**Open-and-shut:** easily decided or solved; obvious: *an open-and-shut case*



**Genuflect:** 1) to act in a servile or deferential manner 2) to bend one or both knees as a sign of reverence, especially when passing before the Blessed Sacrament

**Polydactyl:** 1) (of man and other vertebrates) having more than the normal number of digits 2) a human or other vertebrate having more than the normal number of digits

**Confer:** to hold or take part in a conference or consult together

**Mote:** a tiny speck

**Seraph:** an angel of the highest rank of nine orders of angels in the traditional Christian hierarchy

**Figment:** a fantastic notion, invention, or fabrication: *a figment of the imagination*

### The Pine Bluff Variant

**Bearer bond:** a bond payable only to the party that presents it

**Vector=carrier:** an organism, especially an insect, that carries a disease-producing microorganism from one host to another, either within or on the surface of its body

**Vie:** (followed by *with* or *for*) to contend for superiority or victory (with) or strive in competition (for)

**Ringing:** expressed in a definite, unrestrained way

**Front:** an apparently respectable person, organization, or business acting as a cover for illegal or secret activities: *The grocery store was a front for drug deals.*

**Deal in:** to let somebody join in a card game or some other form of joint activity: *Deal me in.*

**Usherette:** a woman assistant in a cinema, theatre, etc., who shows people to their seats

**Streptococcus:** any Gram-positive spherical bacterium of the genus *Streptococcus*, typically occurring in chains and including many pathogenic species, such as *S. pyogenes*, which causes scarlet fever, sore throat, etc.: family *Lactobacillaceae*. Often shortened to: **strep**

**Gimp:** a physically disabled person, especially one who is lame

**Come through:** 1) (adverb) to emerge successfully 2) (preposition) to survive (an illness, setback, etc.)

### Folie à Deux

**Folie à deux:** mental illness occurring simultaneously in two intimately related persons who share some of the elements of the illness, such as delusions

**Siding:** material attached to the outside of a building to make it weatherproof

**Warren:** 1) a series of interconnected underground tunnels in which rabbits live 2) a colony of rabbits 3) an overcrowded area or dwelling

**Deacon:** 1) (in the Roman Catholic and other episcopal churches) an ordained minister ranking immediately below a priest 2) (in Protestant churches) a lay official appointed or elected to assist the minister, especially in secular affairs 3) the president of an incorporated trade or body of craftsmen in a burgh

**Agnosia:** loss or diminution of the power to recognize familiar objects or people, usually as a result of brain damage

**Stipple:** 1) to draw, engrave, or paint using dots or flecks 2) to apply paint, powder, etc., to (something) with many light dabs 3) to give (wet paint, cement, etc.) a granular effect

**Vouch:** 1) (usually followed by *for*) to give personal assurance; guarantee: *I'll vouch for his safety* 2) to furnish supporting evidence (for) or function as proof (of)

### The End

**Catwalk:** 1) a narrow ramp extending from the stage into the audience in a theatre, nightclub, etc., especially as used by models in a fashion show 2) a narrow pathway over the stage of a theatre, along a bridge, etc.

**Solar plexus:** the network of sympathetic nerves situated behind the stomach that supply the abdominal organs. Also called **coeliac plexus**.

**Goof on:** to tease or kid someone: *I don't believe you. I think you're just goofing on me.*

**Posit:** to assume or put forward as fact or the factual basis for an argument; postulate

**Free-for-all:** a disorganized brawl or argument, usually involving all those present

**Snug:** small but comfortable: *a snug cottage*

**Clairvoyant:** a person claiming to have the power to foretell future events

**Cruller:** a light sweet ring-shaped cake, fried in deep fat

**Dorf:** a stupid person; a weird person: *You are a prize-winning dorf.*

**With an eye to:** (preposition) a) regarding; with reference to: *with an eye to one's own interests* b) with the intention or purpose of: *with an eye to reaching agreement*

**Parapsychology:** the study of mental phenomena, such as telepathy, which are beyond the scope of normal physical explanation

**Chickadee:** any of various small North American songbirds of the genus *Parus*, such as *P. atricapillus* (black-capped chickadee), typically having grey-and-black plumage: family *Paridae* (titmice)

**Legate:** 1) a messenger, envoy, or delegate 2) an emissary to a foreign state representing the Pope

**Practice:** the condition of having mastery of a skill or activity through repetition (especially in the phrases **in practice, out of practice**)

**Anomalous:** deviating from the normal or usual order, type, etc.; irregular, abnormal, or incongruous

**Go off:** to become bad-tempered

**Stay put:** to refuse to leave; keep one's position

**Knock the breath/wind out of someone:** to hit or throw someone, so that they cannot breathe easily

**Jiggle:** to move or cause to move up and down or to and fro with a short jerky motion: *to jiggle the door handle*

**Up:** appearing for trial: *up before the magistrate*

**Disenchantment:** a state of disappointment or disillusionment

**Gestate:** 1) to carry (developing young) in the uterus during pregnancy 2) to develop (a plan or idea) in the mind 3) to be in the process of gestating

**Hantavirus:** any one of a group of viruses that are transmitted to humans by rodents and cause disease of varying severity, ranging from a mild form of influenza to respiratory or kidney failure

**Thrum:** 1) to strum rhythmically but without expression on (a musical instrument) 2) to drum incessantly: *rain thrummed on the roof* 3) to repeat (something) monotonously

**Lancinate:** (especially of pain) sharp or cutting

**Graze:** (often followed by *against* or *along*) to brush or scrape (against) gently, especially in passing

**Pathogen:** any agent that can cause disease

**Reconstitute:** 1) to restore (food, etc.) to its former or natural state or a semblance of it, as by the addition of water to a concentrate: *reconstituted lemon juice* 2) to reconstruct; form again

**Go over someone's head:** 1) to go to a more important or powerful person in order to get what you want: *I was furious that he went over my head and complained to my manager.* 2) to be too difficult for someone to understand: *A lot of what was said in the meeting went right over my head.*

**Hollow:** without substance or validity

## Season 6

### The Beginning

**Dipwad:** an obnoxious fool; a jerk

**Chop-chop:** used to indicate, often in a bossy or arrogant way, that somebody should hurry or do something quickly or right away

**Carpe diem:** enjoy the pleasures of the moment, without concern for the future

**Pie in the sky:** illusory hope or promise of some future good; false optimism

**Omnibus:** (prenominal) of, dealing with, or providing for many different things or cases

**Unintelligible:** not able to be understood; incomprehensible

**Rattletrap:** a broken-down old vehicle, especially an old car

**Incontrovertible:** incapable of being contradicted or disputed; undeniable

**Brown-nose:** 1) to be abjectly subservient (to); curry favour (with) 2) an abjectly subservient person; sycophant

**Stab in the back:** a) to do damage to the reputation of (a person, especially a friend) in a surreptitious way b) (noun) a treacherous action or remark that causes the downfall of or injury to a person

**Implement:** 1) a piece of equipment; tool or utensil: *gardening implements* 2) something used to achieve a purpose; agent

**Viscera:** (singular **viscus**) 1) the large internal organs of the body collectively, especially those in the abdominal cavity Related adj: *splanchnic* 2) (less formally) the intestines; guts

**Bleed:** to draw liquid or gas out of a container or pressurized system: *bleed a radiator*

**Call:** to demand that (a player) expose his hand, after equalling his bet

**Raise:** to bet more than (the previous player)

### Drive

**Beet:** 1) any chenopodiaceous plant of the genus *Beta*, especially the Eurasian species *B. vulgaris*, widely cultivated in such varieties as the sugar beet, mangelwurzel, beetroot, and spinach beet 2) the leaves of any of several varieties of this plant, which are cooked and eaten as a vegetable

**Run down:** to pursue and find or capture: *to run down a fugitive*

**Scut:** the short tail of animals such as the deer and rabbit

**Bozo:** a man, especially a stupid one

**Doo-doo:** a child's word for excrement

**Petrous:** 1) denoting the dense part of the temporal bone that surrounds the inner ear 2) like rock or stone

**Tumefaction:** 1) the act or process of swelling 2) a puffy or swollen structure or part

**Rammy:** a noisy disturbance or free-for-all

**In the clear:** a) free of suspicion, guilt, or blame b) able to receive a pass without being tackled

**Prosecute:** 1) to bring a criminal action against (a person) for some offence 2) a) to seek redress by legal proceedings b) to institute or conduct a prosecution 3) to engage in or practise (a profession or trade) 4) to continue to do (a task, etc.)

**Meter:** 1) any device that measures and records the quantity of a substance, such as gas, that has passed through it during a specified period 2) any device that measures and sometimes records an electrical or magnetic quantity, such as current, voltage, etc.

**Shingle:** 1) a thin rectangular tile, especially one made of wood, that is laid with others in overlapping rows to cover a roof or a wall 2) a woman's short-cropped hairstyle 3) a small signboard or nameplate fixed outside the office of a doctor, lawyer, etc. 4) to cover (a roof or a wall) with shingles 5) to cut (the hair) in a short-cropped style

**Pudknocker:** a pretentious but unskilled pilot

**Zoonosis:** any infection or disease that is transmitted to man from lower vertebrates

**Take someone at his / her word:** to assume that someone means, or will do, what he or she says: *when he told her to go, she took him at his word and left*

**Advisement:** consultation; deliberation

**Ground zero:** 1) a point on the surface of land or water at or directly above or below the centre of a nuclear explosion 2) a scene of great devastation 3) (sometimes capitals) the name given to the devastated site of the collapsed World Trade Center towers in New York after September 11 2001

**Off the hook:** out of danger; free from obligation or guilt

**Bill:** to send or present an account for payment to (a person)

### Triangle

**Put one's back into:** to devote all one's strength to (a task)

**Heave-ho:** 1) a sailors' cry, as when hoisting anchor 2) dismissal, as from employment

**Rash:** 1) acting without due consideration or thought; impetuous 2) characterized by or resulting from excessive haste or impetuosity: *a rash word*

**Out of line (with something):** 1) not properly lined up in a line of things. *I told you not to get out of line.* 2) beyond certain set or assumed limits. *Your bid on this project is completely out of line with our expectations.* 3) [of something said or behavior] improper. *I'm afraid that your behavior was quite out of line.*

**Weasel:** a sly or treacherous person

**Swabbo=swabbie:** sailor

**Scuttle:** to cause (a vessel) to sink by opening the seacocks or making holes in the bottom

### Dreamland

**Clandestine:** secret and concealed, often for illicit reasons; furtive

**Atingle:** feeling a tingling sensation, often associated with excitement: *atingle with anticipation*

**Caseload:** the number of cases constituting the work of a doctor, solicitor, social worker, etc. over a specified period

**Wuss:** a feeble or effeminate person

**Shell shock:** loss of sight, memory, etc., resulting from psychological strain during prolonged engagement in warfare. Also called **combat neurosis**.

**Birdie:** a score of one stroke under par for a hole

**Chew out:** to reprimand

**Beam someone or something up (to some place):** to transport someone or something (up) to something. (Originally in the context of a Star Trek adventure, but also used jocularly.) *The captain asked the first mate to beam him up.*

**Farce:** 1) a broadly humorous play based on the exploitation of improbable situations 2) the genre of comedy represented by works of this kind 3) a ludicrous situation or action

**Buster:** 1) (in combination) a person or thing destroying something as specified: *dambuster* 2) a term of address for a boy or man 3) a person who breaks horses 4) a spree, especially a drinking bout

**Fly:** to be acceptable, successful, or useful: *come up with a proposal that will fly*

## Dreamland II

**Slats:** 1) the ribs 2) the buttocks

**Fudge:** foolishness; nonsense

**Hassle:** 1) to quarrel or wrangle 2) to cause annoyance or trouble to (someone); harass

**Wingman:** a pilot flying behind a leader

**Scam:** a crime in which criminals represent themselves as legitimate service providers and gain the confidence of their victims, only to steal from them

**Innuendo:** an indirect or subtle reference, especially one made maliciously or indicating criticism or disapproval; insinuation

**Stockade:** 1) an enclosure or barrier of stakes and timbers 2) a military prison or detention area

**Tramp:** a vagrant

**Slush:** any watery muddy substance, especially melting snow

**Pucky:** feces; shit

**To boot:** as well; in addition: *it's cold and musty, and damp to boot*

**Home(-)wrecker:** husband-stealer

**Pan out:** to work out; turn out; result

## How the Ghosts Stole Christmas

**Manor:** 1) (in medieval Europe) the manor house of a lord and the lands attached to it 2) (before 1776 in some North American colonies) a tract of land granted with rights of inheritance by royal charter 3) a manor house 4) a landed estate

**Thicket:** a dense growth of small trees, shrubs, and similar plants

**Bay:** to howl (at) in deep prolonged tones

**Moor:** a tract of unenclosed ground, usually having peaty soil covered with heather, coarse grass, bracken, and moss

**Pestilence:** 1) a) any epidemic outbreak of a deadly and highly infectious disease, such as the plague b) such a disease 2) an evil influence or idea

**Sublime:** (formal) of extremely high quality that makes you admire something very much

**Decked:** having a wooden deck or platform: *a decked terrace*

**Out of hand:** 1) beyond control 2) without reservation or deeper examination: *he condemned him out of hand*

**Coil:** the troubles and activities of the world (in the Shakespearean phrase **this mortal coil**)

**Narcissism:** 1) an exceptional interest in or admiration for oneself, especially one's physical appearance 2) sexual satisfaction derived from contemplation of one's own physical or mental endowments

**Peg:** to classify somebody or something, especially as having a particular character

**Drone:** [I] to make a continuous low sound: *the sound of the tractors droning away in the fields* **Drone on:** to talk in a flat or boring voice: *We had to listen to the chairman drone on about sales for hours.*

**Gangly=gangling:** thin and tall, with a loose awkward gait

**Along:** arriving at or coming or going to a place: *There'll be a bus along in a minute.*

**Yuletide:** the Christmas season

**Masher:** a man who inflicts his attentions on a woman

**Frump:** a woman who is dowdy, drab, or unattractive

**Manhandle:** 1) to handle or push (someone) about roughly 2) to move or do by manpower rather than by machinery

**Jungian:** of, following, or relating to the Swiss psychologist Carl Gustav Jung (1875-1961), his system of psychoanalysis, or to analytical psychology

**Yore:** time long past (now only in the phrase **of yore**)

**Bough:** any of the main branches of a tree

## Terms of Endearment

**Sonogram:** a three-dimensional representation of a sound signal, using coordinates of frequency, time, and intensity

**Oddball:** 1) also called **odd bod**, **odd fish**: a strange or eccentric person 2) strange or peculiar

**Itch:** to have a restless desire (to do something)

**Sirree:** an emphatic exclamation used with yes or no

**Unconscionable:** 1) unscrupulous or unprincipled: *an unconscionable liar* 2) immoderate or excessive: *unconscionable demands*

**Scapula:** 1) either of two large flat triangular bones, one on each side of the back part of the shoulder in man. Nontechnical name: **shoulder blade** 2) the corresponding bone in most vertebrates

**Craniosynostosis:** a condition in which the irregular joints between the cranial bony plates fuse together, usually before birth

**Mandrake:** 1) a Eurasian solanaceous plant, *Mandragora officinarum*, with purplish flowers and a forked root. It was formerly thought to have magic powers and a narcotic was prepared from its root 2) another name for the: May apple

**Earful:** 1) something heard or overheard 2) a rebuke or scolding, especially a lengthy or severe one

**Osteology:** the study of the structure and function of bones

**Parietal:** of, relating to, or forming the walls or part of the walls of a bodily cavity or similar structure: *the parietal bones of the skull*

**Propagate:** to reproduce or cause to reproduce; breed

## The Rain King

**Bone dry:** extremely dry

**Runted:** not properly grown; having a growth shortage

**Predicament:** an unpleasant and difficult situation that is hard to get out of

**Sniffle:** to breathe audibly through the nose, as when the nasal passages are congested

**Pronto:** at once; promptly

**Bearing:** a person's general social conduct, especially in manners, dress, and behavior

**Enchanting:** pleasant; delightful

## S. R. 819

**Plasmapheresis:** (in blood transfusion) a technique for removing healthy or infected plasma by separating it from the red blood cells by settling or using a centrifuge and retransfusing the red blood cells into the donor or patient

**Code:** to go into a state in which the heart has stopped beating or the lungs have ceased to function (slang)

**Slugger:** (especially in boxing, baseball, etc.) a person who strikes hard

**Sleep off:** to recover from something such as an illness or hangover by sleeping

**Rattle:** 1) to make or cause to make a rapid succession of short sharp sounds, as of loose pellets colliding when shaken in a container 2) to shake or cause to shake with such a sound: *the explosion rattled the windows* 3) to send, move, drive, etc., with such a sound: *the car rattled along the country road*

**Scope:** short for telescope, microscope, oscilloscope, etc.

**Distend:** 1) to expand or be expanded by or as if by pressure from within; swell; inflate 2) to stretch out or extend 3) to magnify in importance; exaggerate. Noun form: **distension**.

**Polychlorinated biphenyl:** any of a group of compounds in which chlorine atoms replace the hydrogen atoms in biphenyl: used in industry in electrical insulators and in the manufacture of plastics; a toxic pollutant that can become concentrated in animal tissue. Abbreviation: PCB

### Tithonus

**Tithonus:** the son of Laomedon of Troy who was loved by the goddess Eos. She asked that he be made immortal but forgot to ask that he be made eternally young. When he aged she turned him into a grasshopper.

**Stringer:** a journalist retained by a newspaper or news service on a part-time basis to cover a particular town or area

**Wire service:** an agency supplying news, etc., to newspapers, radio and television stations, etc.

**On call:** available to be called for work outside normal working hours

**Hinky:** 1) unstable or subject to sudden change: *hinky weather; My computer's been acting hinky.* 2) unusual in a way that is hard to describe: *something a little hinky in his behavior*

**Geezer:** a man

**Have a nose for something:** to have the ability to sense or find something, such as news, trouble, gossip, etc.: *She really has a nose for news. She's a good reporter.*

**Muck up:** to ruin or spoil; make a mess of

**Flit:** to move along rapidly and lightly; skim or dart

### Two Fathers

**Glaring:** 1) conspicuous: *a glaring omission* 2) dazzling or garish

**Hyperbaric:** of, concerned with, or operating at pressures higher than normal

**Made-to-order:** made to fit the needs or requirements of a particular person

**Hotshot:** an important person or expert, especially when showy

**Pale:** to lose superiority or importance (in comparison to): *her beauty paled before that of her hostess; You Pale to Fox Mulder.*

### One Son

**Hurly-burly:** 1) confusion or commotion 2) turbulent

**Stay someone's hand:** restrain someone from acting: *his feelings made him stay his hand before announcing his decision*

**Aromatherapy:** the use of fragrant essential oils extracted from plants as a treatment in complementary medicine to relieve tension and cure certain minor ailments

**Dressed (up) to the nines:** elaborately dressed

**Smug:** 1) excessively self-satisfied or complacent 2) *archaic* trim or neat

**Forestall:** [T] (written) to take action to prevent somebody from doing something or something from happening

**Rail:** to complain bitterly or vehemently: *to rail against fate*

### Agua Mala

**Amiss:** 1) in an incorrect, inappropriate, or defective manner 2) (postpositive) wrong, incorrect, or faulty

**Spit:** a light or brief fall of rain, snow, etc.

**Carport:** a shelter for a car usually consisting of a roof built out from the side of a building and supported by posts

**Fathead:** a stupid person; fool

**Impugn:** to challenge or attack as false; assail; criticize

**Constabulary:** 1) the police force of a town or district 2) of or relating to constables, constabularies, or their duties

**Sneer:** 1) to assume a facial expression of scorn or contempt 2) to say or utter (something) in a scornful or contemptuous manner

**Howdy:** *sentence substitute* an informal word for hello

**Plywood:** a structural board consisting of an odd number of thin layers of wood glued together under pressure, with the grain of one layer at right angles to the grain of the adjoining layer

**Bear down:** 1) to press or weigh down 2) to approach in a determined or threatening manner 3) (of a vessel) to make an approach (to another vessel, obstacle, etc.) from windward 4) (of a woman during childbirth) to exert a voluntary muscular pressure to assist delivery

**Mettle:** 1) courage; spirit 2) inherent character

**Swoop:** 1) (usually followed by *down*, *on*, or *upon*) to sweep or pounce suddenly 2) (often followed by *up*, *away*, or *off*) to seize or scoop suddenly

**Reclamation:** 1) the conversion of desert, marsh, or other waste land into land suitable for cultivation 2) the recovery of useful substances from waste products 3) the act of reclaiming or state of being reclaimed

**Outfall:** the end of a river, sewer, drain, etc., from which it discharges

### Monday

**Spring a leak:** to develop a leak

**Short out:** to short circuit

### Arcadia

**Immaculate:** completely clean; extremely tidy

**Dispensation:** any exemption from a rule or obligation

**Nutty:** 1) containing or abounding in nuts 2) resembling nuts, especially in taste 3) a slang word for insane 4) (followed by *over* or *about*) extremely fond (of) or enthusiastic (about)

**Fruitful:** highly productive or creative: *a fruitful imagination*

**Play ball:** to cooperate

**Daisy:** a small low-growing European plant, *Bellis perennis*, having a rosette of leaves and flower heads of yellow central disc flowers and pinkish-white outer ray flowers: family Asteraceae (composites)

**Bass:** any of various sea perches, especially Morone labrax, a popular game fish with one large spiny dorsal fin separate from a second smaller one

**Rattan:** 1) any of the climbing palms of the genus Calamus and related genera, having tough stems used for wickerwork and canes 2) the stems of such plants collectively 3) a stick made from one of these stems

**Underbelly:** a vulnerable or unprotected part, aspect, or region

**Sure-fire:** certain to succeed or meet expectations; assured

**Rabble:** a disorderly crowd; mob

**Mercurochrome:** a solution of merbromin, used as topical antibacterial agent

**Topsoil:** the surface layer of soil

**Übermensch:** (especially in the writings of Nietzsche) the German word for superman

**Whirligig:** 1) any spinning toy, such as a top 2) another name for merry-go-round 3) anything that whirls about, spins, or moves in a circular or giddy way: *the whirligig of social life* 4) another name for windmill (the toy)

**Tulpa:** a being or object that is created in the imagination by visualization techniques such as in Tibetan mysticism

## Alpha

**Alpha:** (*modifier*) denoting the dominant person or animal in a group: *the alpha male*

**Lazybones:** a lazy person

**Cryptozoology:** the study of creatures, such as the Loch Ness monster, whose existence has not been scientifically proved

**Dhole:** a fierce canine mammal, *Cuon alpinus*, of the forests of central and SE Asia, having a reddish-brown coat and rounded ears: hunts in packs

**Canid:** a carnivorous mammal of the dog family, which includes foxes, wolves, jackals, dingoes, coyotes, and domestic breeds

**Imbue:** 1) to make somebody or something rich with a particular quality (usually passive): *poetry imbued with melancholy* 2) to saturate something with a substance, especially dye (formal)

**Bite the hand that feeds one:** to repay kindness with injury or ingratitude

**Chummy:** friendly

**Range:** travel a particular distance

**Rangy:** 1) (of animals or people) having long slender limbs 2) adapted to wandering or roaming 3) allowing considerable freedom of movement; spacious; roomy

**Dewclaw:** 1) a nonfunctional claw in dogs; the rudimentary first digit 2) an analogous rudimentary hoof in deer, goats, etc.

**Prehensile:** adapted for grasping, especially by wrapping around a support: *a prehensile tail*

**Trickster:** a person who deceives or plays tricks

**Enamored:** in love; captivated; charmed: *She is enamored of you.*

**Affectation:** 1) an assumed manner of speech, dress, or behavior, especially one that is intended to impress others 2) (often followed by *of*) deliberate pretence or false display: *affectation of nobility*

**Lupus:** any of various ulcerative skin diseases

**Systemic lupus erythmatosus:** an autoimmune disease in which the body's immune system mistakenly attacks healthy tissue in many parts of the body

**Wile:** trickery, cunning, or craftiness

**Skitter:** 1) (often followed by *off*) to move or run rapidly or lightly; scamper 2) to skim or cause to skim lightly and rapidly, as across the surface of water

**Size up:** 1) to make an assessment of (a person, problem, etc.) 2) to conform to or make so as to conform to certain specifications of dimension

**To a T=to a tee:** every detail; perfectly: *the work suited her to a T.*

## Trevor

**Twister:** 1) a swindling or dishonest person 2) a person or thing that twists, such as a device used in making ropes 3) an informal name for tornado 4) a ball moving with a twisting motion

**Bunk:** 1) a narrow shelflike bed fixed along a wall 2) short for bunk bed 3) any place where one sleeps

**Break out:** 1) to launch or introduce (a new product) 2) to open and start using: *break out the champagne*

**Gesundheit:** an expression used to wish good health to someone who has just sneezed

**Run down:** to pursue and find or capture: *to run down a fugitive*

**Picket:** a pointed stake, post, or peg that is driven into the ground to support a fence, provide a marker for surveying, etc.

**Chintz:** 1) a printed, patterned cotton fabric, with glazed finish 2) a painted or stained Indian calico

**Preclude:** [T] (formal) **preclude something; preclude somebody from doing something:** to prevent something from happening or somebody from doing something; to make something impossible: *Lack of time precludes any further discussion.*

**Lien:** a right to retain possession of another's property pending discharge of a debt

## Milagro

**Golconda:** 1) a ruined town and fortress in S central India, in W Andhra Pradesh near Hyderabad city: capital of one of the five Muslim kingdoms of the Deccan from 1512 to 1687, then annexed to the Mogul empire; renowned for its diamonds 2) (sometimes not capital) a source of wealth or riches, especially a mine

**Condign:** (especially of a punishment) fitting; deserved

**Titian:** (sometimes not capital) reddish-gold, like the hair colour used in many of the works of Titian (original name Tiziano Vecellio), the Italian painter of the Venetian school (?1490-1576) Also called **Titian red.**

**Bridle:** 1) to put a bridle on (a horse, mule, etc.) 2) (of a horse) to respond correctly to the pull of the reins 3) to restrain; curb: *he bridled his rage* 4) (often followed by *at*) to show anger, scorn, or indignation

**Heavy-handed:** 1) clumsy 2) harsh and oppressive

**Taken with someone or something:** highly attracted to someone or something: *She was really quite taken with the young man who escorted her to the ball.*

**Audacity:** 1) daring or willingness to challenge assumptions or conventions or tackle something difficult or dangerous 2) lack of respect in somebody's behavior toward another person

**Hegelian:** of or relating Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, the German philosopher (1770-1831)

**Expeditious:** characterized by or done with speed and efficiency; prompt; quick

**Impudent:** 1) mischievous, impertinent, or disrespectful 2) an obsolete word for immodest

**Infractions:** to violate or break (a law, an agreement, etc.)

**Flush:** a feeling of excitement or elation: *the flush of success*

**Perforce:** by necessity; unavoidably

**Twinge:** 1) a sudden brief darting or stabbing pain 2) a sharp emotional pang: *a twinge of guilt*

**Palpation:** a method of clinical examination using gentle pressure of the fingers to detect growths, changes in the size of underlying organs, and unusual tissue reactions to pressure

**Pretzel:** a brittle savory biscuit, in the form of a knot or stick, glazed and salted on the outside, eaten especially in Germany and the US

### The Unnatural

**Nappy:** 1) having a nap; downy; fuzzy 2) (of alcoholic drink, especially beer) a) having a head; frothy b) strong or heady

**Clam:** 1) any of various burrowing bivalve molluscs of the genera *Mya*, *Venus*, etc. Many species, such as the quahog and soft-shell clam, are edible and *Tridacna gigas* is the largest known bivalve, nearly 1.5 metres long 2) the edible flesh of such a mollusc 3) a reticent person 4) a dollar

**Live it up:** to enjoy oneself, especially flamboyantly

**Wiseass:** a) a person who thinks he or she is being witty or clever b) (as modifier) *some wiseass kid at the back of the class*

**Jackass:** 1) a male donkey 2) a stupid person; fool

**Dinger:** an informal word for home run

**Tank:** 1) to defeat heavily 2) to fail, especially commercially

**Drift:** the general meaning of an argument, opinion, or statement: *She used a lot of technical jargon but I managed to get the drift of her argument.*

**Mitt:** 1) any of various glove-like hand coverings, such as one that does not cover the fingers 2) short for mitten 3) a large round thickly padded leather mitten worn by the catcher in baseball

**Horse's ass:** a stupid and annoying person: *You may think you're being funny, but everyone else thinks you're being a real horse's ass.*

**Shag:** 1) to run and retrieve something 2) to chase, catch, and return fly balls in baseball practice 3) to chase somebody or something away

**Crackpot:** 1) an eccentric person; crank 2) (usually prenominal) eccentric; crazy

### Three of a Kind

**Boink:** to copulate with

**Crapola:** rubbish; nonsense

**Flush:** (in poker and similar games) a hand containing only one suit

**Delaminate:** to divide or cause to divide into thin layers

**Stall:** to employ delaying tactics towards (someone); be evasive

**Wetwork:** a euphemism for murder or assassination, alluding to spilling blood

**Boobage:** a woman's breasts; breasts in general

**Stooge:** 1) an actor who feeds lines to a comedian or acts as his foil or butt 2) someone who is taken advantage of by another

**Poo-Bah:** a pompous self-important official holding several offices at once and fulfilling none of them

**Putz:** a despicable or stupid person

**Negatory:** marked by negation; denying; negative

**Anoasis:** a state of mind consisting of pure sensation or emotion without cognitive content. Adjective form: **anoetic**

**Bimbo:** 1) an attractive but empty-headed young woman 2) a fellow; person especially a foolish one

### Field Trip

**P.O.'d:** pissed off

**Tromp:** walk heavily

**Off one's nut:** mad, crazy, or foolish

**Sludge:** 1) soft mud, snow, etc. 2) any deposit or sediment 3) a surface layer of ice that has a slushy appearance 4) (in sewage disposal) the solid constituents of sewage that precipitate during treatment and are removed for subsequent purification

**Pepsin:** a proteolytic enzyme produced in the stomach in the inactive form pepsinogen, which, when activated by acid, splits proteins into peptones

**Trypsin:** an enzyme occurring in pancreatic juice: it catalyses the hydrolysis of proteins to peptides and is secreted from the pancreas in the form of trypsinogen

**Furtive:** secret, acting as though you are trying to hide something because you feel guilty

**All over:** in a dominant position over

**Party line:** 1) a telephone line serving two or more subscribers 2) the policies or dogma of a political party, to which all members are expected to subscribe 3) the boundary between adjoining property

**Pitcher plant:** any of various insectivorous plants of the genera *Sarracenia*, *Darlingtonia*, *Nepenthes*, and *Cephalotus*, having leaves modified to form pitcher-like organs that attract and trap insects, which are then digested

### Biogenesis

**Decimate:** 1) to destroy or kill a large proportion of: *a plague decimated the population* 2) (especially in the ancient Roman army) to kill every tenth man of (a mutinous section)

**Off:** at a particular physical distance away: *The nearest stop's about two miles off.*

**Panspermeia:** a theory that states that the universe is full of spores that germinate when they find a favorable environment

**Rubbing:** an impression taken of an incised or raised surface, such as a brass plate on a tomb, by laying paper over it and rubbing with wax, graphite, etc.

**Thyroid:** 1) of or relating to the thyroid gland, an endocrine gland of vertebrates, consisting in man of two lobes near the base of the neck. It secretes hormones that control metabolism and body growth 2) of or relating to the largest cartilage of the larynx

**Progenitor:** 1) a direct ancestor 2) an originator or founder of a future development; precursor

## Season 7

### The Sixth Extinction

**Beset:** 1) (especially of dangers, temptations, or difficulties) to trouble or harass constantly 2) to surround or attack from all sides 3) to cover with, especially with jewels

**Temporal lobe:** the laterally protruding portion of each cerebral hemisphere, situated below the parietal lobe and associated with sound perception and interpretation: it is thought to be the centre for memory recall

**Haloperidol:** a tranquilizing drug. Use: treatment of schizophrenia, mania, and psychoses

**Animism:** 1) the belief that natural objects, phenomena, and the universe itself have desires and intentions 2) (in the philosophies of the Greek philosophers Plato (?427-?347 BC) and Pythagoras (?580-?500 BC)) the hypothesis that there is an immaterial force that animates the universe

**Swanky:** 1) expensive and showy; stylish: *a swanky hotel* 2) boastful or conceited

**Phenytoin:** an anticonvulsant drug used in the management of epilepsy and in the treatment of abnormal heart rhythms. Formula: C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Na

**Conjoin:** to join or become joined

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**Adulation:** obsequious flattery or praise; extreme admiration

**For want of:** because of a lack of (something): *for want of a better location we ate our picnic lunch in the cemetery*

**Beckon:** [I, T] to show somebody with a movement of your finger or hand that you want him/her to come closer: *She beckoned me over to speak to her.*

**Foretell:** to tell or indicate (an event, a result, etc.) beforehand; predict

**Allay:** 1) to relieve (pain, grief, etc.) or be relieved 2) to reduce (fear, anger, etc.)

**Touchstone:** 1) a standard by which something is judged 2) a hard black stone formerly used to test the purity of gold and silver according to the color of the streak left when the metal was rubbed against it

### Hungry

**Patty:** 1) a small flattened cake of minced food 2) a small pie

**Drive-thru:** a) a takeaway restaurant, bank, etc. designed so that customers can use it without leaving their cars b) (as modifier) *a drive-thru restaurant*

**Spank:** to go at a quick and lively pace

**Hole saw:** a saw in the form of a hollow cylinder with teeth on the end or edge, used to produce holes on the workpiece and operated by rotation, often as an accessory to a power drill

**Proboscis:** 1) a long flexible prehensile trunk or snout, as of an elephant 2) the elongated mouthparts of certain insects, adapted for piercing or sucking food 3) any similar part or organ 4) a person's nose, especially if large

**Chuck:** a cut of beef extending from the neck to the shoulder blade

**Pissant:** 1) an insignificant or contemptible person 2) insignificant or contemptible

**No skin off one's nose:** not a matter that affects one adversely

**Flap:** a state of panic, distress, or agitation

**Blow town:** skip town

**Gonad:** 1) an animal organ in which gametes are produced, such as a testis or an ovary 2) a foolish or stupid person

**Maroon:** 1) a) a dark red to purplish-red color b) (as adjective) *a maroon carpet* 2) an exploding firework, especially one used as a warning signal

**Stand on ceremony:** to insist on or act with excessive formality

**Blurt:** to utter suddenly and involuntarily

**Run-of-the-mill:** ordinary, average, or undistinguished in quality, character, or nature; not special or excellent

**Coleslaw:** a salad of shredded cabbage, mayonnaise, carrots, onions, etc.

**Ice:** to kill

### Millennium

**Headliner:** 1) the principal performer in a show 2) fabric covering the inside of the roof of an automobile

**Disinter:** 1) to remove or dig up; exhume 2) to bring (a secret, hidden facts, etc.) to light; expose

**Sterling:** (prenominal) genuine and reliable; first-class: *sterling quality*

**Necromancy:** 1) the art or practice of supposedly conjuring up the dead, especially in order to obtain from them knowledge of the future 2) black magic; sorcery

**Divulge:** [T] (formal) to tell something that is secret: *The phone companies refused to divulge details of their costs.*

**Arcane:** secret

**Ouroboros:** an ancient symbol depicting a serpent or dragon eating its own tail

**Disrepute:** a loss or lack of credit or repute

**Single-minded:** having but one aim or purpose; dedicated

**Schism:** 1) the division of a group into opposing factions 2) the factions so formed

**Funeral parlor:** a place where the dead are prepared for burial or cremation. Usual US name: **funeral home**

**Mangle:** 1) to mutilate, disfigure, or destroy by cutting, crushing, or tearing 2) to ruin, spoil, or mar

**Unravel:** 1) to remove the knots from a piece of string, thread, etc.; to come unfastened in this way: *I unraveled the tangled string and wound it into a ball*

2) (used about a complicated story, etc.) to become or to make something become clear

### Rush

**Be cut out for something; be cut out to be something:** to have the qualities needed to do something; to be suitable for something/somebody: *You're not cut out to be a soldier.*

**Maxilla:** 1) the upper jawbone in vertebrates 2) any member of one or two pairs of mouthparts in insects and other arthropods used as accessory jaws

**Dullsville:** 1) a thing, place, or activity that is boring or dull 2) the state of being bored

**Hillbilly:** 1) an unsophisticated person, especially from the mountainous areas in the southeastern US 2) another name for country music

**Clobber:** 1) to beat or batter 2) to defeat utterly 3) to criticize severely

**Half-assed=half-arsed:** incompetent; inept; badly organized

**Straight:** honest, respectable, or reliable

**Translucent:** allowing light to pass through partially or diffusely; semitransparent

**Move in (on):** to try to gain power or influence (over) or interfere (with)



**Glob:** a rounded mass of some thick fluid or pliable substance: *a glob of cream*

**Acidosis:** a condition characterized by an abnormal increase in the acidity of the blood and extracellular fluids

**Buzz:** a) a pleasant sensation, as from a drug such as cannabis b) a sense of excitement; kick

**Effects:** 1) also called **personal effects:** personal property or belongings 2) lighting, sounds, etc., to accompany and enhance a stage, film, or broadcast production

**Guano:** 1) a) the dried excrement of fish-eating sea birds, deposited in rocky coastal regions of South America: contains the urates, oxalates, and phosphates of ammonium and calcium; used as a fertilizer b) the accumulated droppings of bats and seals 2) any similar but artificial substance used as a fertilizer

**Slowpoke:** a person who moves, acts, or works slowly. Also called (in Britain and certain other countries) **slowcoach**.

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**Scamper:** 1) to run about playfully 2) (often followed by *through*) to hurry quickly through (a place, task, book, etc.)

**Flier=flyer:** a long flying leap; bound

**Enforcer:** a member of a criminal gang who uses physical violence to intimidate and enforce compliance

**Superintendent:** 1) a person who directs and manages an organization, office, etc. 2) (in Britain) a senior police officer higher in rank than an inspector but lower than a chief superintendent 3) (in the US) the head of a police department 4) a caretaker, especially of a block of apartments

**Joint:** a dwelling or meeting place

**Keister:** 1) the rump; buttocks 2) a suitcase, trunk, or box

**Trimming:** a reproof, beating, or defeat

**Goombah:** a close friend or associate, especially an older person acting as somebody's mentor

**Cytomegalovirus:** a virus of the herpes virus family that may cause serious disease in patients whose immune systems are compromised. Abbreviation: CMV.

**Mook:** *slang* a person regarded with contempt, especially a stupid person

**Impervious:** 1) not able to be penetrated, as by water, light, etc.; impermeable 2) (often postpositive; followed by *to*) not able to be influenced (by) or not receptive (*to*): *impervious to argument*

### Orison

**Orison:** another word for prayer

**Forté:** something at which a person excels; strong point: *cooking is my forte*

**Make out:** to engage in necking or petting: *Alan is making out with Jane*.

**Buff:** to clean or polish something with a piece of soft material

**Missy:** an affectionate or sometimes disparaging form of address to a young girl

**Cuticle:** 1) dead skin, especially that round the base of a fingernail or toenail 2) another name for epidermis 3) any covering layer or membrane 4) the protective layer, containing cutin, that covers the epidermis of higher plants 5) the hard protective layer covering the epidermis of many invertebrates

**Handiwork:** 1) work performed or produced by hand, such as embroidery or pottery 2) the result of the action or endeavors of a person or thing

**Landau:** a four-wheeled carriage, usually horse-drawn, with two folding hoods that meet over the middle of the passenger compartment

### The Amazing Maleeni

**Heckle:** 1) to interrupt (a public speaker, performer, etc.) by comments, questions, or taunt

**Requisite:** 1) absolutely essential; indispensable 2) something indispensable; necessity

**Decrepit:** 1) enfeebled by old age; infirm 2) broken down or worn out by hard or long use; dilapidated

**To wit:** that is to say; namely (used to introduce statements, as in legal documents)

**Plop:** the characteristic sound made by an object dropping into water without a splash

**Paucity:** 1) smallness of quantity; insufficiency; dearth 2) smallness of number; fewness

**Lycopodium:** any club moss of the genus *Lycopodium*, resembling moss but having vascular tissue and spore-bearing cones

**Huff:** a passing mood of anger or pique (especially in the phrase **in a huff**)

**Cut it:** be successful in doing something

**Layman:** a person who does not have specialized or professional knowledge of a subject: *science for the layman*

**Hack:** a person who produces mediocre literary or journalistic work

**Stump:** [T] (informal) to cause somebody to be unable to answer a question or find a solution for a problem: *I was completely stumped by question 14*.

**Spirit gum:** a glue made from gum dissolved in ether used to stick a false beard, etc., onto the face

**Cut to the chase:** to start talking about the important aspects of something

**Denouement or dénouement:** 1) a) the final clarification or resolution of a plot in a play or other work b) the point at which this occurs 2) final outcome; solution

**Root:** 1) (of a pig) to burrow in or dig up the earth in search of food, using the snout 2) (followed by *about*, *around*, *in* etc.) to search vigorously but unsystematically

**(Have a few tricks) up one's sleeve:** (to have options, etc.) secretly ready

**Swimmingly:** successfully, effortlessly, or well (especially in the phrase **go swimmingly**)

**Up the creek:** in trouble; in a difficult position

**Protégé:** a person who is protected and aided by the patronage of another

**Ensnare or insnare:** 1) to catch or trap in a snare 2) to trap or gain power over someone by dishonest or underhand means

**Escapology:** the skill of escaping from restraints or confinement as a form of entertainment

**Pilfer:** to steal (minor items), especially in small quantities

**Prestidigitation:** another name for sleight of hand

### Signs and Wonders

**Quicken:** 1) to make or become faster; accelerate: *he quickened his walk; her heartbeat quickened with excitement* 2) to impart to or receive vigor, enthusiasm, etc.; stimulate or be stimulated: *science quickens man's imagination* 3) to make or become alive; revive 4) a) (of an unborn fetus) to begin to show signs of life b) (of a pregnant woman) to reach the stage of pregnancy at which movements of the fetus can be felt

**Copperhead:** 1) a venomous reddish-brown snake, *Agkistrodon contortrix*, of the eastern US: family *Crotalidae* (pit vipers) 2) a venomous reddish-brown Australian elapid snake, *Denisonia superba*

**Rattler:** a rattlesnake

**Herpetology:** the scientific study of reptiles and amphibians

**Life and limb:** continued existence or serious injury: *These skiers risk life and limb every day for the thrill of a super-fast downhill run. The storms across the west are posing a threat to life and limb.*

**Animus:** 1) intense dislike; hatred; animosity 2) motive, intention, or purpose 3) (in Jungian psychology) the masculine principle present in the female unconscious

**Transubstantiation:** 1) (especially in Roman Catholic theology) a) the doctrine that the whole substance of the bread and wine changes into the substance of the body and blood of Christ when consecrated in the Eucharist b) the mystical process by which this is believed to take place during consecration 2) a substantial change; transmutation

**Slithery:** 1) moving with a slithering motion 2) suggestive of a slithering creature

**Fancy-free:** having no commitments; carefree

**Ramble:** to talk or write for a long time, not always keeping to the intended subject or tending to change the subject: *The speaker rambled on for over an hour.*

**Cast out:** to drive out by force; expel

## Sein und Zeit

**Starstruck:** completely overawed by someone's celebrity status

**Pool:** any communal combination of resources, funds, etc. *a typing pool*

**From here on in:** from here on out

**Royally:** excessively; thoroughly: *He will be royally annoyed if you change his work.*

**Bust one's bust:** to work exceptionally hard: *I've been busting my butt getting the tent fixed, while you're just sipping cocoa. Give me a hand.*

**Diazepam:** a chemical compound used as a minor tranquillizer and muscle relaxant and to treat acute epilepsy. Formula: C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>13</sub>CIN<sub>2</sub>O

**Walk-in:** a person whose original soul has departed the body and been replaced with another

**Starlight:** the light emanating from the stars

## Closure

**Recompense:** 1) compensation for loss, injury, etc.: *to make recompense* 2) reward, remuneration, or repayment

**Foolproof:** 1) proof against failure; infallible: *a foolproof idea* 2) (especially of machines) proof against human misuse, error, etc.

**Precognitive:** pertaining to the ability to see or predict future events

**Garden-variety:** ordinary, common, or unexceptional: *I can usually recover from a garden-variety cold with rest and fluids.*

**Confound:** 1) to astound or perplex; bewilder 2) to mix up; confuse 3) to treat mistakenly as similar to or identical with (one or more other things) 4) to curse or damn (usually as an expletive in the phrase **confound it!**) 5) to contradict or refute (an argument, etc.) 6) to rout or defeat (an enemy) 7) to waste

**Seance or séance:** 1) a meeting at which spiritualists attempt to receive messages from the spirits of the dead 2) a meeting of a society

**Blotter:** 1) something used to absorb excess ink or other liquid, especially a sheet of blotting paper with a firm backing 2) a daily record of events, such as arrests, in a police station (especially in the phrase **police blotter**)

## X-Cops

**Go off the wall:** go crazy

**Prowler:** somebody who moves stealthily around an area looking for an opportunity to commit a criminal act

**Gang-banger:** a member of a street gang

**Fan out:** to spread out into the shape of a fan

**Welt=weal:** a raised mark on the surface of the body produced by a blow

**Conniption:** a fit of rage or tantrums

**Scabby:** 1) having an area of the skin covered with scabs 2) having scabies 3) despicable

**Skanky:** 1) dirty, foul-smelling, or unattractive 2) promiscuous

**Streetwalker:** a prostitute who solicits on the streets

**Uterior:** 1) lying beneath or beyond what is revealed, evident, or supposed:  *ulterior motives* 2) succeeding, subsequent, or later 3) lying beyond a certain line or point

## First Person Shooter

**Knucklehead:** fool; idiot

**Wireframe:** a skeletal three-dimensional model in which only lines and vertices are represented

**Flintlock:** 1) an obsolete gunlock in which the charge is ignited by a spark produced by a flint in the hammer 2) a firearm having such a lock

**Voluptuous:** 1) relating to, characterized by, or consisting of pleasures of the body or senses; sensual 2) disposed, devoted, or addicted to sensual indulgence or luxurious pleasures 3) provocative and sexually alluring, especially through shapeliness or fullness: *a voluptuous woman*

**Vixen:** 1) a female fox 2) a quarrelsome or spiteful woman

**Moony:** 1) dreamy or listless 2) of or like the moon 3) crazy or foolish

**Sphinx:** 1) any of a number of huge stone statues built by the ancient Egyptians, having the body of a lion and the head of a man 2) an inscrutable person

**Three-ply:** 1) having three layers or thicknesses 2) a) (of knitting wool, etc.) three-stranded b) (as noun) *the sweater was knitted in three-ply*

**Get one's ya-yas out:** enjoy oneself in an uninhibited way

**Gratuitous:** 1) given or received without payment or obligation 2) without cause; unjustified 3) given or made without receiving any value in return: *a gratuitous agreement*

**Broadsword:** a broad-bladed sword used for cutting rather than stabbing

**Dope:** cool

**Pick on:** to select (someone) for something unpleasant, especially in order to bully, blame, or cause to perform a distasteful task

## Theef

**Profiterole:** a small case of choux pastry with a sweet or savory filling

**Hexcraft:** the practice, art, or skill of casting hexes and spells; sorcery; witchcraft

**Poultice:** 1) also called **cataplasm:** a local moist and often heated application for the skin consisting of substances such as kaolin, linseed, or mustard, used to improve the circulation, treat inflamed areas, etc. 2) a large sum of money, especially a debt

**Kuru:** a degenerative disease of the nervous system, restricted to certain tribes in New Guinea, marked by loss of muscular control and thought to be caused by a slow virus

**Cerebellum:** one of the major divisions of the vertebrate brain, situated in man above the medulla oblongata and beneath the cerebrum, whose function is coordination of voluntary movements and maintenance of bodily equilibrium

**Striatum:** the caudate nucleus and the lentiform nucleus considered as a single structure

**Stark raving mad:** completely insane

**Moniliasis:** candidiasis, a fungal infection of any of the *Candida* (yeast) species

**Fret:** 1) to distress or be distressed; worry 2) to rub or wear away 3) to irritate or be irritated; feel or give annoyance or vexation 4) to eat away or be eaten away by chemical action; corrode 5) (of a road surface) to become loose so that potholes develop; scab 6) to agitate (water) or (of water) to be agitated 7) to make by wearing away; erode

**Boon:** 1) something extremely useful, helpful, or beneficial; a blessing or benefit: *the car was a boon to him* 2) a favor; request: *he asked a boon of the king*

**Goofer:** someone who goofs

**Triage:** 1) (in a hospital) the principle or practice of sorting emergency patients into categories of priority for treatment 2) the principle or practice of sorting casualties in battle or disaster into categories of priority for treatment 3) the principle or practice of allocating limited resources, as of food or foreign aid, on a basis of expediency rather than according to moral principles or the needs of the recipients

**Backwoods:** uncouth; rustic

**Call:** a decision or judgment: *it's your call*

## En Ami

**En ami:** as a friend

**To warm the cockles of someone's heart:** to provide happiness, to bring a deeply-felt contentment

**Rest:** to continue to be (as specified); remain: *rest assured*

**Rescind:** to annul or repeal

**Heat:** police activity after a crime: *the heat is off*

**Unadulterated:** not debased or made impure

**Trust:** a person or thing in which confidence or faith is placed

## Chimera

**Dame:** a woman of rank or dignity; lady

**Seamy:** 1) showing the least pleasant aspect; sordid 2) (especially of the inner side of a garment) showing many seams

**Privation:** 1) loss or lack of the necessities of life, such as food and shelter 2) hardship resulting from this 3) the state of being deprived

**Dregs:** 1) solid particles that tend to settle at the bottom of some liquids, such as wine or coffee 2) residue or remains

**Bearing:** (followed by *on* or *upon*) relevance (to): *it has no bearing on this problem*

**Talon:** 1) a sharply hooked claw, especially of a bird of prey 2) anything resembling a bird's claw

**Vasectomy:** a surgical operation in which the vas deferens from each testis is cut and tied to prevent transfer of sperm during ejaculation. It is the most common form of male sterilization.

**(Like) two peas in a pod:** very similar; two of a kind: *We were two peas in a pod – we liked all the same things, and we did everything together.*

**Warlock:** 1) a man who practices black magic; sorcerer 2) a fortune-teller, conjuror, or magician

**Caper:** 1) a spiny trailing Mediterranean capparidaceous shrub, *Capparis spinosa*, with edible flower buds 2) any of various similar plants or their edible part

**Denizen:** 1) an inhabitant; occupant; resident 2) an individual permanently resident in a foreign country where he enjoys certain rights of citizenship 3) a plant or animal established in a place to which it is not native 4) a naturalized foreign word

**Carrion:** 1) dead and rotting flesh 2) (modifier) eating carrion: *carrion beetles* 3) something rotten or repulsive

**Step out on someone:** to betray one's lover by going out with someone else: *Hank has been stepping out on Bess, and she doesn't know it yet.*

**Suffer:** to permit (someone to do something): *suffer the little children to come unto me*

**Lowlife:** a criminal

**Reprieve:** 1) to postpone or remit the punishment of (a person, especially one condemned to death) 2) to give temporary relief to (a person or thing), especially from otherwise irrevocable harm: *the government has reprieved the company with a huge loan*

**Short-handed:** 1) lacking the usual or necessary number of assistants, workers, etc. 2) with less than the full complement of players

**Out of the running:** no longer being considered; eliminated from a contest: *After the first part of the diving meet, three members of our team were out of the running.*

**Inkling:** [C, usually sing.] **an inkling (of something /that...)** a slight feeling (about something): *I had an inkling that something was wrong.*

**Halfway:** in or of an incomplete manner or nature

## all things

**Take stock:** a) to make an inventory b) to make a general appraisal, especially of prospects, resources, etc.

**Ectoplasm:** 1) the outer layer of cytoplasm in some cells, especially protozoa, which differs from the inner cytoplasm (see endoplasm) in being a clear gel 2) the substance supposedly emanating from the body of a medium during trances

**Echocardiography:** examination of the heart using ultrasound techniques

**Pericarditis:** inflammation of the pericardium, the membranous sac enclosing the heart

**Prednisone:** a steroid drug derived from cortisone and having the same uses

**Interminable:** endless or seemingly endless because of monotony or tiresome length

## Branx X

**Imposition:** 1) the act of imposing 2) something that is imposed unfairly on someone 3) (in Britain) a task set as a school punishment 4) the arrangement of pages for printing so that the finished work will have its pages in the correct order

**Noggin:** 1) also called: **nog** and **dwang**: a short horizontal timber member used between the studs of a framed partition 2) masonry or brickwork between the timber members of a framed construction 3) a number of wooden pieces fitted between the timbers of a half-timbered wall

**Wear out:** 1) to make or become unfit or useless through wear 2) to exhaust or tire

**Alveolus:** 1) any small pit, cavity, or saclike dilation, such as a honeycomb cell 2) any of the sockets in which the roots of the teeth are embedded 3) any

of the tiny air sacs in the lungs at the end of the bronchioles, through which oxygen is taken into the blood

**Corned:** (especially of beef) cooked and then preserved or pickled in salt or brine, now often canned

**Ream something out:** to widen or clean an interior cavity or channel by scraping, grinding, or drilling: *Ream the opening out so the flow will be faster.*

**Toodles:** a shortened Anglicized version of the French phrase à tout à l'heure which means goodbye

**Thoracic:** of, near, or relating to the thorax

**Pyrrolidine:** an almost colorless liquid occurring in tobacco leaves and made commercially by hydrogenating pyrrole. It is a strongly alkaline heterocyclic base with molecules that contain a ring of four carbon atoms and one nitrogen atom.

**Pyridine:** a colorless hygroscopic liquid with a characteristic odor. It is a basic heterocyclic compound containing one nitrogen atom and five carbon atoms in its molecules and is used as a solvent and in preparing other organic chemicals.

### Hollywood A. D.

**Mackerel:** 1) a spiny-finned food fish, *Scomber scombrus*, occurring in northern coastal regions of the Atlantic and in the Mediterranean: family Scombridae. It has a deeply forked tail and a greenish-blue body marked with wavy dark bands on the back 2) any of various other fishes of the family Scombridae, such as *Scomber colias* (Spanish mackerel) and *S. japonicus* (Pacific mackerel)

**Snapper:** 1) any large sharp-toothed percoid food fish of the family Lutjanidae of warm and tropical coastal regions 2) a sparid food fish, *Chrysophrys auratus*, of Australia and New Zealand, that has a pinkish body covered with blue spots 3) another name for the bluefish or the snapping turtle 4) a person or thing that snaps 5) a person who take snapshots; photographer 6) a baby

**Pipe bomb:** a small explosive device hidden in a pipe or drain, detonated by means of a timer

**Crypt:** 1) a cellar, vault, or underground chamber, especially beneath a church, where it is often used as a chapel, burial place, etc. 2) any pitlike recess or depression

**Feng shui:** the Chinese art of determining the most propitious design and placement of a grave, building, room, etc., so that the maximum harmony is achieved between the flow of chi of the environment and that of the user, believed to bring good fortune

**Denigrate:** 1) to belittle or disparage the character of; defame 2) a rare word for blacken

**Dharma:** 1) social custom regarded as a religious and moral duty 2) a) the essential principle of the cosmos; natural law b) conduct that conforms with this 3) ideal truth as set forth in the teaching of Buddha

**Gum Arabic:** a gum exuded by certain acacia trees, especially *Acacia senegal*: used in the manufacture of ink, food thickeners, pills, emulsifiers, etc. Also called **acacia**, **gum acacia**

**Horn in:** (often followed by *on*) to interrupt or intrude: *don't horn in on our conversation*

**Amalgamate:** 1) to combine or cause to combine; unite 2) to alloy (a metal) with mercury

**Strychnine:** a white crystalline very poisonous alkaloid, obtained from the plant *nux vomica*: formerly used in small quantities as a stimulant of the central nervous system and the appetite

**Trigger-happy:** 1) tending to resort to the use of firearms or violence irresponsibly 2) tending to act rashly or without due consideration

**Tease out:** to extract (information) with difficulty

**Overweening:** 1) (of a person) excessively arrogant or presumptuous 2) (of opinions, appetites, etc.) excessive; immoderate

**Rudder:** 1) a pivoted vertical vane that projects into the water at the stern of a vessel and can be controlled by a tiller, wheel, or other apparatus to steer the vessel 2) a vertical control surface attached to the rear of the fin used to steer an aircraft, in conjunction with the ailerons 3) anything that guides or directs

**Tofu:** unfermented soya-bean curd, a food with a soft cheeselike consistency made from soya-bean milk

**Automaton:** 1) a mechanical device operating under its own hidden power; robot 2) a person who acts mechanically or leads a routine monotonous life

**Party pooper:** a person whose behavior or personality spoils other people's enjoyment

**Come down on:** to punish or criticize a person or activity very strongly: *They're coming down heavily on people for not paying their license fees.*

**Pontiff:** a former title of the pagan high priest at Rome, later used of popes and occasionally of other bishops, and now confined exclusively to the pope

**Tickle:** to excite pleasantly; gratify

### Fight Club

**Spitting image:** a person who bears a strong physical resemblance to another, especially to a relative. Also called **spit**, **spit and image**.

**Far-fetched:** improbable in nature; unlikely

**Doppelganger:** a ghostly duplicate of a living person

**Unbidden:** 1) not ordered or commanded; voluntary or spontaneous 2) not invited or asked

**Presage:** 1) to have a presentiment of 2) to give a forewarning of; portend 3) to make a prediction

**Up:** (followed by *and* with a verb) to do (something) suddenly, unexpectedly, etc.: *she upped and married someone else*

**Two-time:** to deceive (someone, especially a lover) by carrying on a relationship with another

**Lug:** a man, especially a stupid or awkward one

**Can:** a slang word for toilet or buttock

**Marquee:** 1) a large tent used for entertainment, exhibition, etc. 2) also called **marquise**: a canopy over the entrance to a theatre, hotel, etc. 3) (modifier) celebrated or pre-eminent: *a marquee player*

**Drifter:** 1) a person or thing that drifts 2) a person who moves aimlessly from place to place, usually without a regular job 3) a boat used for drift-net fishing 4) a large jib of thin material used in light breezes

**Perpetual:** 1) continuing for a long period of time without stopping: *They lived in perpetual fear of losing their jobs.* 2) frequently repeated in a way which is annoying: *How can I work with these perpetual interruptions?*

### Je Souhaite

**Deadbeat:** a lazy or socially undesirable person

**Microstomia:** abnormally decreased size of the mouth

**Scleroderma:** a chronic progressive disease most common among women, characterized by a local or diffuse thickening and hardening of the skin

**Aplasia:** congenital absence or abnormal development of an organ or part

**Yard sale=garage sale:** a sale of personal belongings or household effects held at a person's home, usually in the garage

**White elephant:** 1) a rare albino or pale grey variety of the Indian elephant, regarded as sacred in parts of South Asia 2) a possession that is unwanted by its owner 3) an elaborate venture, construction, etc., that proves useless 4) a rare or valuable possession the upkeep of which is very expensive

**Spitball:** to make suggestions

**Tumescient:** swollen or becoming swollen

**Schwing:** an expression of male delight at the sight of an attractive female. The word is a mock-Yiddish alteration of 'swing' and probably refers to an erection. It originated in the ersatz slang of the cult 1992 film, *Wayne's World*, and was subsequently adopted by high-school and college students in the US.

**Priapic:** 1) (sometimes capital) of or relating to Priapus 2) a less common word for phallic

**Voila:** there it is; there you are: "*Voila!*" she said, producing a pair of strappy white sandals.

**Blowfly:** any of various dipterous flies of the genus *Calliphora* and related genera that lay their eggs in rotting meat, dung, carrion, and open wounds: family Calliphoridae. Also called **bluebottle**.

**Hoo-hoo:** female genitalia

**Grant:** (may take a clause as object) to acknowledge the validity of; concede: *I grant what you say is true.*

**Moor:** a member of a Muslim people of North Africa, of mixed Arab and Berber descent. In the 8th century they were converted to Islam and established power in North Africa and Spain, where they established a civilization (756-1492)

**Peddle:** 1) to go from place to place selling (goods, especially small articles) 2) to sell (illegal drugs, especially narcotics) 3) to advocate (ideas) persistently or importunately: *to peddle a new philosophy*

**Stouthearted:** valiant; brave

**Edict:** 1) a decree, order, or ordinance issued by a sovereign, state, or any other holder of authority 2) any formal or authoritative command, proclamation, etc.

**Stalk:** 1) the main stem of a herbaceous plant 2) any of various subsidiary plant stems, such as a leafstalk (petiole) or flower stalk (peduncle) 3) a slender supporting structure in animals such as crinoids and certain protozoans, coelenterates, and barnacles 4) any long slender supporting shaft or column

## Requiem

**Requiem:** 1) a Mass celebrated for the dead 2) a musical setting of this Mass 3) any piece of music composed or performed as a memorial to a dead person or persons

**Fudge:** 1) to make or adjust in a false or clumsy way 2) to misrepresent; falsify 3) to evade (a problem, issue, etc.); dodge; avoid

**Vertigo:** a sensation of dizziness or abnormal motion resulting from a disorder of the sense of balance

**Thumbscrew:** 1) an instrument of torture that pinches or crushes the thumbs 2) a screw with projections on its head enabling it to be turned by the thumb and forefinger

**Spell:** an indeterminate, usually short, period of time: *a spell of cold weather*

**(Near) at hand:** very near or close, especially in time

## Season 8

### Within

**Cool out:** to relax and cool down

**Sell out:** betray principles

**With a grain of salt:** without wholly believing; skeptically

**Sortie:** 1) a) (of troops, etc.) the act of emerging from a contained or besieged position b) the troops doing this 2) an operational flight made by one aircraft

**Fly-by-wire:** aircraft control through systems operated by electronic circuits rather than mechanical rods. Abbreviation: FBW.

**Chitchat:** talk of a gossipy nature

**Mortuary:** 1) also called **morgue:** a building where dead bodies are kept before cremation or burial 2) of or relating to death or burial

**Headstone:** a memorial stone at the head of a grave

### Without

**Cloak:** to hide or disguise

**Wash:** land that is habitually washed by tidal or river waters

**Damn well:** used to emphasize a statement, especially when the speaker is angry: *this is your mess and you can damn well clear it up!*

**Splint:** a rigid support for restricting movement of an injured part, especially a broken bone

### Patience

**Cry out:** (often followed by *for*) to demand in an obvious manner: *our inner cities are crying out for redevelopment*

**Mollify:** 1) to pacify; soothe 2) to lessen the harshness or severity of

**Disembowel:** to remove the entrails of

**Rafter:** any one of a set of sloping beams that form the framework of a roof

**Far-out:** 1) bizarre or avant-garde 2) excellent; wonderful

**Congestive heart failure:** a form of heart failure in which the heart is unable to pump away the blood returning to it fast enough, causing congestion in the veins

### Roadrunners

**Kyphosis:** backward curvature of the thoracic spine, of congenital origin or resulting from injury or disease; hunchback

**Glycoprotein:** any of a group of conjugated proteins containing small amounts of carbohydrates as prosthetic groups

**Bowsaw:** a saw with a thin blade in a bow-shaped frame

**Tide over:** to help to get through (a period of difficulty, distress, etc.): *the money tided him over until he got a job*

**At bay:** a) (of a person or animal) forced to turn and face attackers: *the dogs held the deer at bay* b) at a distance: *to keep a disease at bay*

**Grand mal:** a form of epilepsy characterized by loss of consciousness for up to five minutes and violent convulsions

**Hold off:** 1) to keep apart or at a distance 2) (often followed by *from*) to refrain (from doing something): *he held off buying the house until prices fell slightly*

**Hypoglycemia:** the medical condition of having an unusually low level of sugar in the blood

**Phenobarbital:** a white crystalline derivative of barbituric acid used as a sedative for treating insomnia and as an anticonvulsant in epilepsy

**Think the sun rises and sets on someone:** to think someone is the most important person in the world: *Her daddy just thinks the sun rises and sets on her.*

**Hot-wire:** to start the engine of (a motor vehicle) by bypassing the ignition switch

### Invocation

**Invocation:** 1) a calling upon a greater power such as God or a spirit for help 2) a short prayer forming part of a religious service

**Misgiving:** (often plural) a feeling of uncertainty, apprehension, or doubt

**Mind one's p's and q's:** practice good manners, be precise and careful in one's behavior and speech: *Their grandmother often told the children to mind their p's and q's.* The origin of this expression, first recorded in 1779, is disputed. Among the more interesting theories advanced is that bartenders kept track of customers' consumption in terms of pints (p's) and quarts (q's) and the phrase referred to an honest accounting; that schoolchildren were taught to be careful in distinguishing the letters p and q; and that French dancing masters cautioned pupils about the correct performance of the figures pîed and queues (either abbreviated or mispronounced in English as p's and q's).

### Redrum

**Pay-per-view:** a) a system of television broadcasting by which subscribers pay for each program they wish to receive b) (as modifier) *a pay-per-view channel*

**Cesspool:** 1) also called **sink, sump:** a covered cistern, etc., for collecting and storing sewage or waste water 2) a filthy or corrupt place: *a cesspool of iniquity*

**Bus boy:** a waiter's assistant

**Disbar:** to take away officially the right of an attorney

### Via Negativa

**Crybaby:** a person, especially a child, given to frequent crying or complaint

**Boob:** 1) an ignorant or foolish person; booby 2) an embarrassing mistake; blunder 3) a female breast

**Feel up to:** (usually used with a negative or in a question) to be fit enough for (something or doing something): *I don't feel up to going out tonight.*

### Surekill

**Lug:** to carry or drag (something heavy) with great effort

**Ballsy:** courageous and spirited

**Loaf:** any shaped or molded mass of food, such as cooked meat

**Peeper:** a slang word for eye

**Dough:** a slang word for money

**Escrow:** 1) money, goods, or a written document, such as a contract bond, delivered to a third party and held by him pending fulfillment of some condition 2) the state or condition of being an escrow (especially in the phrase **in escrow**)

**Triggerman:** a person, especially a criminal, who shoots another person

**Sweet on:** fond of or infatuated with

## Salvage

**Solace (in something):** a person or thing that makes you feel better or happier when you are sad or disappointed: *to find/seek solace in somebody/something*

**Root for:** take sides with; align oneself with; show strong sympathy for: *We all rooted for the home team.*

**Dollars to doughnuts:** used to emphasize one's certainty: *I'd bet dollars to doughnuts he's a medical student.*

**Push the envelope:** to push the boundaries of what is possible

## Badlaa

**Not a moment too soon:** used to say that something happened when it was almost too late: *Help arrived - and not a moment too soon.*

**Hail:** to attract the attention of by shouting or gesturing: *to hail a taxi; to hail a passing ship*

**Munchkin:** 1) an undersized person or a child, especially an appealing one 2) a breed of medium-sized cat with short legs

**Siddhi:** 1) in Hinduism, the complete spiritual understanding and insight that is the goal of meditation and other practices 2) a paranormal power believed to be acquired by a Hindu ascetic who has attained enlightenment

**Dabble:** 1) [I] to become involved in something in a way that is not very serious: *to dabble in politics* 2) [T] to put your hands, feet, etc. in water and move them around: *We sat on the bank and dabbled our toes in the river.*

**Methyl isocyanate:** a toxic flammable colorless liquid, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>NO, used in the manufacture of carbamate pesticides

**Jump the gun:** a) (of a runner, etc.) to set off before the starting signal is given b) to act prematurely

## The Gift

**Renal:** of, relating to, resembling, or situated near the kidney

**Blowback:** 1) the escape to the rear of gases formed during the firing of a weapon or in a boiler, internal-combustion engine, etc. 2) the action of a light automatic weapon in which the expanding gases of the propellant force back the bolt, thus reloading the weapon

**Spatter:** 1) to scatter or splash (a substance, especially a liquid) or (of a substance) to splash (something) in scattered drops: *to spatter mud on the car; mud spattered in her face* 2) to sprinkle, cover, or spot (with a liquid) 3) to slander or defame 4) to shower or rain down bullets spattered around them

## Medusa

**Time frame:** the period of time within which certain events are scheduled to occur

**Lye:** 1) any solution obtained by leaching, such as the caustic solution obtained by leaching wood ash 2) a concentrated solution of sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide

**(Come) hell or high water:** whatever difficulties may arise

**Equivocal:** 1) capable of varying interpretations; ambiguous 2) deliberately misleading or vague; evasive 3) of doubtful character or sincerity; dubious

**Bosom buddy/pal:** a close friend; one's closest friend: *Of course I know Perry. He is one of my bosom pals.*

**Seepage=leakage:** 1) the act or process of seeping 2) liquid or moisture that has seeped

**Bromide:** 1) any salt of hydrobromic acid, containing the monovalent ion Br<sup>-</sup> (bromide ion) 2) any compound containing a bromine atom, such as methyl bromide 3) a dose of sodium or potassium bromide given as a sedative 4) a) a trite saying; platitude b) a dull or boring person

**Boron:** a very hard almost colorless crystalline metalloid element that in impure form exists as a brown amorphous powder. It occurs principally in borax and is used in hardening steel. The naturally occurring isotope boron-10 is used in nuclear control rods and neutron detection instruments.

## Per Manum

**In cahoots:** in collusion

## This Is Not Happening

**Lark:** 1) a carefree adventure or frolic 2) a harmless piece of mischief

**Moulage:** 1) the process of making a mold or cast of something such as a footprint in the course of a criminal investigation 2) a mold or cast made in the course of a criminal investigation

**Black sheep:** a person who is regarded as a disgrace or failure by his family or peer group

**Distal:** (of a muscle, bone, limb, etc.) situated farthest from the centre, median line, or point of attachment or origin

**Ecumenical:** 1) of or relating to the Christian Church throughout the world, especially with regard to its unity 2) a) tending to promote unity among Churches b) of or relating to the international movement initiated among non-Catholic Churches in 1910 aimed at Christian unity: embodied, since 1937, in the World Council of Churches 3) universal; general; worldwide

## Deadalive

**Commend:** to express a good opinion of; praise

**Meritorious:** praiseworthy; showing merit

**Jammies:** pajamas

**Intumescence:** 1) a swelling up, as with blood or other fluid 2) a swollen organ or part 3) the swelling of certain substances on heating, often accompanied by the escape of water vapor

**Unremarkable:** not worthy of note or attention

**Bull-headed:** blindly obstinate; stubborn, headstrong, or stupid

**Term:** also called **full term:** the period at which childbirth is imminent

## Three Words

**Molly:** any brightly colored tropical or subtropical American freshwater cyprinodont fish of the genus *Mollinia*

**Fall in:** to adopt a military formation, especially as a soldier taking his place in a line

**Freebie:** something provided without charge

**Get one's wires crossed:** to misunderstand

**Doublespeak:** the practice of using ambiguous language regarding political, military, or corporate matters in a deliberate attempt to disguise the truth

**Beside oneself:** (often followed by *with*) overwhelmed; overwrought: *beside oneself with grief*

**Biscotto:** (plural *biscotti*) a hard oblong cookie, often containing nuts and usually flavored with anise

## Empedocles

**Stressor:** an event, experience, etc., that causes stress

**Cry one's eyes/heart out:** to weep bitterly

**Die hard:** to cease to exist after resistance or a struggle: *old habits die hard*

**Tenacious:** stubborn or persistent: *a tenacious character*

**Abruption:** a breaking off of a part or parts from a mass

**Pisser:** 1) someone or something that pisses 2) a disappointment or nuisance

**Congeval:** 1) to change or cause to change from a soft or fluid state to a firm or solid state 2) to form or cause to form into a coagulated mass; curdle; jell 3) (of ideas) to take shape or become fixed in form

## Vienen

**Illustrious:** 1) of great renown; famous and distinguished 2) glorious or great: *illustrious deeds* 3) shining

**Flash burn:** a burn caused by momentary exposure to intense radiant heat

**At a stretch:** continuously: *worked five hours at a stretch*

**Mestizo:** a person of mixed parentage, especially the offspring of a Spanish American and an American Indian

**Go off the deep end:** a) to lose one's temper; react angrily b) to act rashly

**Can:** to dismiss from a job

**Ventricle:** 1) a chamber of the heart, having thick muscular walls, that receives blood from the atrium and pumps it to the arteries 2) any one of the four main cavities of the vertebrate brain, which contain cerebrospinal fluid 3) any of various other small cavities in the body

**Shipshape:** neat; orderly

**Deck hand:** 1) a seaman assigned various duties, such as mooring and cargo handling, on the deck of a ship 2) (in Britain) a seaman over 17 years of age who has seen sea duty for at least one year 3) a helper aboard a yacht

**Irradiate:** to subject to or treat with light or other electromagnetic radiation or with beams of particles

**Moot:** subject or open to debate: *a moot point*

**Eighty-six:** 1) to dispose of somebody or something 2) to refuse to serve somebody in a restaurant or bar

**Take the fall:** to be blamed, punished, or imprisoned

## Alone

**Orbit:** the bony cavity containing the eyeball. Nontechnical name: **eye socket**.

**Hydrolysis:** a chemical reaction in which a compound reacts with water to produce other compounds

**Protease:** an enzyme that breaks down proteins and peptides by catalyzing the hydrolysis of peptide bonds

**Collagenase:** any enzyme that breaks down collagen

**Antivenin:** an antitoxin that counteracts a specific venom, especially snake venom

## Essense

**Artifice:** clever trick

**Stand to reason:** to conform with the dictates of reason: *it stands to reason that pigs can't fly*

**Obstetrics:** the branch of medicine concerned with childbirth and the treatment of women before and after childbirth

**Implicitly:** totally, completely

**Bottle up:** 1) to restrain (powerful emotion) 2) to keep (an army or other force) contained or trapped: *the French fleet was bottled up in Le Havre*

## Existence

**Untoward:** 1) characterized by misfortune, disaster, or annoyance 2) not auspicious; adverse; unfavorable 3) unseemly or improper 4) out of the ordinary; out of the way

**Swaddle:** 1) to wind a bandage round 2) to wrap (a baby) in swaddling clothes 3) to restrain as if by wrapping with bandages; smother

**Pull in:** to arrive and stop at a place



## Season 9

### Nothing Important Happened Today

**On the rocks:** served over ice cubes: *Scotch on the rocks.*

**Chloramine:** 1) an unstable colorless liquid with a pungent odor, made by the reaction of sodium hypochlorite and ammonia 2) any compound produced by replacing hydrogen atoms in an azo or amine group with chlorine atoms

**Drawbridge:** a bridge that may be raised to prevent access or to enable vessels to pass

**See eye to eye (with):** to agree (with)

**Heads up:** a tip-off or small amount of information given in advance

**Presumptuous:** rude or arrogant

**Rabid:** 1) relating to or having rabies 2) zealous; fanatical; violent; raging

**Wringer:** a machine for pressing or drying wet textiles, clothes, etc., consisting of two heavy rollers between which the cloth is passed

**Call out:** to summon (an employee) to work at a time outside his normal working hours, usually in an emergency

### Nothing Important Happened Today II

**Hell-bent:** strongly or rashly intent

**Turf:** to throw out, as from a place or position; eject

**Wishy-washy:** 1) lacking in substance, force, color, etc. 2) watery; thin

**Cut out:** to oust and supplant (a rival)

## Dæmonicus

**Perp:** a criminal

**Pen pal:** a person with whom one regularly exchanges letters, often a person in another country whom one has not met. Also called **pen friend**.

**Flat-footed:** 1) having feet with arches so low that all the sole makes contact with the ground 2) with both feet on the ground 3) unable to react or respond quickly: *Her question caught me flat-footed.*

**Marina:** an elaborate docking facility for pleasure boats

**Preponderance:** the quality of being greater in weight, force, influence, etc.: *the preponderance of right-handed people*

## 4-D

**House-warming:** a) a party given after moving into a new home b) (as modifier) *a house-warming party*

**Thereabouts:** near that place, time, amount, etc.: *fifty or thereabouts*

**Potted:** cooked or preserved in a pot: *potted shrimps*

**Corker:** 1) a) something or somebody striking or outstanding: *that was a corker of a joke* b) an irrefutable remark that puts an end to discussion 2) a person or machine that inserts corks

**Waterworks:** crying; tears

## Lord of the Flies

**Forewarn:** to warn beforehand

**Scrumptious:** very pleasing; delicious

**Goad:** 1) a sharp pointed stick for urging on cattle, etc. 2) anything that acts as a spur or incitement

**Brush up:** 1) (often followed by *on*) to refresh one's knowledge, skill, or memory of (a subject) 2) to make (a person or oneself) tidy, clean, or neat as after a journey

**Run down:** to read swiftly or perfunctorily: *he ran down their list of complaints*

**Run-in:** skirmish

**Picogram:** one-trillionth of a gram

**Whisperer:** 1) a person or thing that whispers 2) a person who is able to tame or control animals, especially by talking to them in gentle tones: *a horse whisperer*

**Kleenex:** a kind of soft paper tissue, used especially as a handkerchief

**Act out:** 1) to reproduce (an idea, former event, etc.) in actions, often by mime 2) to express unconsciously (a repressed impulse or experience) in overt behavior

**Chug:** a short dull sound, especially one that is rapidly repeated, such as that made by an engine

**Probable cause:** reasonable grounds for holding a belief, especially such as will justify bringing legal proceedings against a person or will constitute a defense to a charge of malicious prosecution

**On a tear:** showing a sudden burst of energy

**On the rampage:** behaving violently or destructively

## Trust No 1

**Tip one's hand:** 1) in card playing, to accidentally reveal one's cards or hand 2) to inadvertently reveal any secret, particularly a secret that puts one at an advantage or disadvantage

**Petechia:** a minute discolored spot on the surface of the skin or mucous membrane, caused by an underlying ruptured blood vessel

**Pet peeve:** something that is personally annoying; a personal dislike: *Ending questions with a period is one of my pet peeves.*

## John Doe

**Coyote:** a smuggler who brings illegal immigrants into the United States

**Turn up one's nose (at):** to behave disdainfully (towards)

**Lock, stock, and barrel:** completely; entirely

**Tax:** to make heavy demands on; strain: *to tax one's intellect*

**Disappear:** to make a political opponent disappear by arresting or killing the person without due process of law: *It wasn't the first time they had disappeared someone who was in the way.*

## Hellbound

**Sitter:** a baby-sitter

**Odd:** used to designate an indefinite quantity more than the quantity specified in round numbers: *fifty-odd pounds*

**Hothead:** an excitable or fiery person

**Tibia:** 1) also called **shinbone**: the inner and thicker of the two bones of the human leg between the knee and ankle 2) the corresponding bone in other vertebrates 3) the fourth segment of an insect's leg, lying between the femur and the tarsus

**Girdle:** any encircling structure or part

**Touch-and-go:** highly uncertain or unpredictable (not hyphenated after a verb): *a touch-and-go situation*

## Provenance

**Provenance:** a place of origin, especially that of a work of art or archaeological specimen

**Encrust:** 1) to cover or overlay with or as with a crust or hard coating 2) to form or cause to form a crust or hard coating 3) to decorate lavishly, as with jewels

**Mincing:** (of a person) affectedly elegant in gait, manner, or speech

## Providence

**Providence:** 1) a) *Christianity* God's foreseeing protection and care of his creatures b) such protection and care as manifest by some other force 2) a supposed manifestation of such care and guidance 3) the foresight or care exercised by a person in the management of his affairs or resources

**Forebode:** 1) to warn of or indicate (an event, result, etc.) in advance 2) to have an intuition or premonition of (an event)

**Follow (hard) on the heels of something:** to happen very soon after something else: *The factory closure follows hard on the heels of several others.*

**Whitewash:** [U] 1) a white liquid that you use for painting walls 2) [sing.] trying to hide unpleasant facts about somebody/something: *The opposition claimed the report was a whitewash.* Verb: [T] 1) to paint whitewash onto a wall 2) to try to hide something bad or wrong that you have done

**Lock on to:** (of a radar beam) to automatically follow (a target)

**Chapel:** 1) a place of Christian worship in a larger building, especially a place set apart, with a separate altar, in a church or cathedral 2) a similar place of worship in or attached to a large house or institution, such as a college, hospital or prison 3) a church subordinate to a parish church

**Apt:** 1) suitable for the circumstance or purpose; appropriate 2) (postpositive; followed by an infinitive) having a tendency (to behave as specified) 3) having the ability to learn and understand easily; clever (especially in the phrase **an apt pupil**)

**Come around:** to become conscious again after being unconscious

**To the letter:** a) following the literal interpretation or wording exactly b) attending to every detail

**Back-pedal:** 1) to turn the pedals of a bicycle backwards 2) to retract or modify a previous opinion, principle, etc. 3) *boxing* to take backward steps

## Audrey Pauley

**Guile:** clever or crafty character or behavior

**Living will:** a document stating that if its author becomes terminally ill, his or her life should not be prolonged by artificial means, such as a life-support machine

**At the end of the day:** in the final reckoning

**Prognosis:** 1) *medicine* a) a prediction of the course or outcome of a disease or disorder b) the chances of recovery from a disease 2) any forecast or prediction

**Subdural:** between the dura mater and the arachnoid: *subdural hematoma*

**Barbiturate:** a derivative of barbituric acid, such as phenobarbital, used in medicine as a sedative, hypnotic, or anticonvulsant

**Jumble:** 1) to mingle (objects, papers, etc.) in a state of disorder 2) (usually passive) to remember in a confused form; muddle

**Beyond the pale:** outside the limits of social convention

## Underneath

**Disown:** to deny any connection with; refuse to acknowledge

**Call in:** to telephone a place of work in order to get or leave a message

**Beat:** an assigned or habitual round or route, as of a policeman or sentry

**Incarcerate:** to confine or imprison

**Spring:** to arrange the escape of (someone) from prison

**On the off chance:** just in case something happens

**Wise up:** 1) (often followed by *to*) to become or cause to become aware or informed (of) 2) to make more intellectually demanding or sophisticated

**Seminary:** an academy for the training of priests, rabbis, etc.

**Deposition:** 1) a) the giving of testimony on oath b) the testimony so given c) the sworn statement of a witness used in court in his absence 2) the act or instance of deposing 3) the act or an instance of depositing 4) something that is deposited; deposit

**Posthaste:** with great haste; as fast as possible

**Contrition:** deeply felt remorse; penitence

**Meat-and-potatoes:** fundamental or most important

## Improbable

**Amalgam:** 1) an alloy of mercury with another metal, especially with silver: *dental amalgam* 2) a rare white metallic mineral that consists of silver and mercury and occurs in deposits of silver and cinnabar 3) a blend or combination

## Scary Monsters

**Possum:** opossum

**Clue in:** to provide somebody with useful information: *She clued me in about office politics.*

**Look in:** to pay a short visit

**Dreamy:** wonderful

**Fresh out of:** having just run out of supplies of

**Stopgap:** a) a temporary substitute for something else b) (as modifier) *a stopgap program*

## Jump the Shark

**Naivety:** 1) the state or quality of being naive; ingenuousness; simplicity 2) a naive act or statement

**Rag:** a newspaper or other journal, especially one considered as worthless, sensational, etc.

**Nemesis:** 1) the goddess of retribution and vengeance 2) (sometimes not capital) any agency of retribution and vengeance

**Talk shop:** to speak about one's work, especially when meeting socially, sometimes with the effect of excluding those not similarly employed

**Outhouse:** 1) a building near to, but separate from, a main building; outbuilding 2) an outside lavatory

**Teenybopper:** a young teenager, usually a girl, who avidly follows fashions in clothes and pop music

**Elasmobranch:** any cartilaginous fish of the subclass Elasmobranchii (or Selachii), which includes the sharks, rays, dogfish, and skates

**Piggyback:** 1) to give (a person) a piggyback on one's back and shoulders 8) to transport (one vehicle) on another 2) (often followed by *on*) to exploit an existing resource, system, or product 3) to attach to or mount on (an existing piece of equipment or system)

**On occasion:** every so often

**Hock:** to pawn or pledge

**News flash:** a brief item of urgent news, often broadcast at short notice interrupting a scheduled program

**Chump:** a stupid person

**Slimeball:** an odious and contemptible person

**Zealot:** an immoderate, fanatical, or extremely zealous adherent to a cause, especially a religious one

**Dirt bag:** an offensive term that deliberately insults somebody's character

**Turd:** 1) a lump of dung; piece of excrement 2) an unpleasant or contemptible person or thing

**Bellyache:** to complain repeatedly

**Pack in:** to stop or give up doing something: *She's packed in her job.*

**Snake eyes:** a throw of two dice that turns up one spot on each die

**Monte:** a gambling card game of Spanish origin

**Decoy:** lure, bait

**Imponderable:** unable to be weighed or assessed

**Airtight:** 1) not permitting the passage of air either in or out 2) having no weak points; rigid or unassailable: *this categorization is hardly airtight*

**Pull strings:** to exert personal influence, especially secretly or unofficially

## William

**Diaphoretic:** relating to or causing sweat

## Release

**Lacerate:** 1) to tear (the flesh, etc.) jaggedly 2) to hurt or harrow (the feelings, etc.)

**Hilt:** the handle or shaft of a sword, dagger, etc.

**Creosote:** 1) a colorless or pale yellow liquid mixture with a burning taste and penetrating odor distilled from wood tar, especially from beechwood, contains creosol and other phenols, and is used as an antiseptic 2) also called **coal-tar creosote:** a thick dark liquid mixture prepared from coal tar, containing phenols: used as a preservative for wood

**Broadside:** to collide with the side of something: *The car was broadsided by the train.*

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

**Throw:** to take somebody by surprise to the extent that he or she does not know how to react: *His unexpected arrival threw me.*

**Victimology:** the study of the psychological effects experienced by the victims of crime

**Grease the hand of:** to bribe; influence by giving money to

**Takeout:** sold for consumption away from the premises on which it is prepared: *a takeout meal*

**Hole in the wall:** 1) another name for cash dispenser 2) a small dingy place, esp. one difficult to find

**On the take:** trying to profit in a personal and usually financial way from a situation: *He's obviously on the take - where else did all that money come from?*

**Bop:** strike; hit

**Indictment:** 1) a formal written charge of crime formerly referred to and presented on oath by a grand jury 2) any formal accusation of crime 3) a

charge of crime brought at the instance of the Lord Advocate 4) the act of indicting or the state of being indicted

**Sicko:** a person who is mentally disturbed or perverted

## Sunshine Days

**Crowd:** to press together into a confined space

**Stonewall:** 1) *cricket* (of a batsman) to play defensively 2) to obstruct or hinder (parliamentary business)

**Get out of someone's hair:** to stop annoying someone: *Will you get out of my hair! You are a real pain!*

**Shingle:** a thin rectangular tile, especially one made of wood that is laid with others in overlapping rows to cover a roof or a wall

**Get the hang of:** a) to understand the technique of doing something b) to perceive the meaning or significance of

**Lose one's marbles:** go insane

**Call someone's bluff:** to challenge someone to give proof of his claims

**Whatnot:** 1) also called **what-d-you-call-it:** a person or thing the name of which is unknown, temporarily forgotten, or deliberately overlooked 2) unspecified assorted material 3) a portable stand with shelves, used for displaying ornaments, etc.

**Understatement:** the act or an instance of stating something in restrained terms, or as less than it is

**At the end of one's rope:** so harassed or troubled that you are at the limit of your ability to cope; from a tethered horse being unable to reach more grass to eat because its rope is fully stretched

**Pest:** 1) a person or thing that annoys, especially by imposing itself when it is not wanted; nuisance 2) a) any organism that damages crops, injures or irritates livestock or man, or reduces the fertility of land b) (as modifier) pest control 3) an epidemic disease or pestilence

**Jinx:** an unlucky or malevolent force, person, or thing

**Vindication:** a means of exoneration from an accusation

**Drop the other shoe:** to do the deed that completes something; to do the expected remaining part of something

## The Truth

**Square away:** (adverb) 1) to set the sails of (a square-rigger) at right angles to the keel 2) to make neat and tidy

**Sidestep:** 1) to step aside from or out of the way of (something) 2) to dodge or circumvent

**Verdict:** a jury decision

**Kiss (one's) ass goodbye:** prepare to die

**Confide:** 1) (usually followed by *in*) to disclose (secret or personal matters) in confidence (to); reveal in private (to) 2) (followed by *in*) to have complete trust 3) to entrust into another's keeping

**Under protest:** having voiced objections; unwillingly

**Sentience or sentiency:** 1) the state or quality of being sentient; awareness 2) not involving intelligence or mental perception; feeling

**Facetious:** 1) characterized by levity of attitude and love of joking: *a facetious person* 2) jocular or amusing, especially at inappropriate times: *facetious remarks*

**Futile:** (used about an action) having no success; useless

**Skulk:** 1) to move stealthily so as to avoid notice 2) to lie in hiding; lurk 3) to shirk duty or evade responsibilities; malingering

**Bum's rush:** 1) forcible ejection, as from a gathering 2) rapid dismissal, as of an idea

**Runaround:** deceitful or evasive treatment of a person (especially in the phrase **give or get the run-around**)

**Pueblo:** 1) a communal village, built by certain Indians of the southwestern US and parts of Latin America, consisting of one or more flat-roofed stone or adobe houses 2) (in Spanish America) a village or town 3) (in the Philippines) a town or township

**Insidious:** 1) stealthy, subtle, cunning, or treacherous 2) working in a subtle or apparently innocuous way, but nevertheless deadly: *an insidious illness*

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**Lysosome:** any of numerous small particles, containing digestive enzymes, that are present in the cytoplasm of most cells

**Hexosaminidase:** either of two hydrolytic enzymes that catalyze the splitting off of a hexose from a ganglioside and are deficient in some metabolic diseases (as Tay-Sachs disease)

**Psychic:** a person who is sensitive to parapsychological forces or influences

**Smoke out:** 1) to subject to smoke in order to drive out of hiding 2) to bring into the open; expose to the public: *they smoked out the plot*

**(As) happy as a clam (at high tide):** extremely happy

**Cold call:** to call on (a potential customer) without making an appointment

**Bugger:** a highly offensive term meaning to practice anal intercourse with somebody

**Put up:** to provide or supply; give: *to put up a good fight*

**Pull something out of one's ass:** to produce something, especially information or an idea, unexpectedly

**Expiation:** the act, process, or a means of expiating; atonement

**Purview:** 1) the scope of operation or concern of something 2) the breadth or range of outlook or understanding 3) the body of a statute, containing the enacting clauses

**Palliative:** serving to palliate; relieving without curing

**Infarction:** 1) the formation or development of an infarct 2) another word for infarct

**Intrathecal:** occurring within or administered into the spinal theca:  
*intrathecal injection*

**Tarmac:** a paving material that consists of crushed stone rolled and bound with a mixture of tar and bitumen, especially as formerly used for a road, airport runway, etc.

**Émigré:** an emigrant, especially one forced to leave his native country for political reasons

**Sweet talk:** flatter

## Season 10

### My Struggle

**In two shakes of a lamb's tail:** in a very short time; very quickly: *Mike was able to solve the problem in two shakes of a lamb's tail.*

**Stranglehold:** 1) a wrestling hold in which a wrestler's arms are pressed against his opponent's windpipe 2) complete power or control over a person or situation

**Entrance:** the coming of an actor or other performer onto a stage

**Johnny-come-lately:** (plural Johnny-come-latelies or Johnnies-come-lately) a brash newcomer, novice, or recruit

**Disingenuous:** not sincere; lacking candor

**Shopworn:** 1) faded, tarnished, or otherwise slightly spoiled from being on display in a shop 2) unoriginal: describes trite or stale ideas or language

**Eyedropper:** dropper for administering liquid medicines, especially one for dispensing medications into the eye

**Rattle someone's cage:** to upset or anger someone

**Endogenous:** having no apparent external cause: *endogenous depression*

**Toroid:** 1) a surface generated by rotating a closed plane curve about a coplanar line that does not intersect the curve 2) the solid enclosed by such a surface



**Microtia:** a congenital deformity where the pinna (external ear) is underdeveloped

**On the spot:** in an awkward predicament

**Unassailable:** 1) not able to be attacked 2) undeniable or irrefutable

**Jag:** 1) intoxication from drugs or alcohol 2) a bout of drinking or drug taking

**Undoing:** 1) ruin; downfall 2) the cause of downfall: *drink was his undoing*

**Godsend:** a person or thing that comes unexpectedly but is particularly welcome

**Odious:** offensive; repugnant

**Transducer:** any device, such as a microphone or electric motor, that converts one form of energy into another

**As a matter of course:** as a natural or normal consequence, mode of action, or event

**Abridge:** to curtail; diminish

**Well-oiled:** 1) functioning, operating, or carried out efficiently 2) having drunk too much alcohol

**Subjugate:** 1) to bring into subjection 2) to make subservient or submissive

**Claptrap:** 1) contrived but foolish talk 2) insincere and pretentious talk: *politicians' claptrap*

**Stoop:** (often followed by *to*): to abase or degrade oneself

**Huddle:** to crowd or cause to crowd or nestle closely together

### Founder's Mutation

**Humdinger:** 1) something unusually large: *a humdinger of a recession* 2) an excellent person or thing: *a humdinger of a party*

**Pluripotent:** capable of differentiating into different types of body cell

**Pronouncement:** 1) an official or authoritative statement or announcement 2) the act of pronouncing, declaring, or uttering formally

**Antiseptic:** 1) of, relating to, or effecting antiseptics 2) entirely free from contamination 3) lacking spirit or excitement; clinical

**Relay:** 1) to receive and then pass on a signal or message: *Instructions were relayed to us by phone.* 2) to put a program on the radio or television

**Proteus syndrome:** a condition caused by malfunction in cell growth, in which bone and flesh tissue overgrow in localized areas of the body

**Crouzon syndrome:** a genetic disorder characterized by the premature fusion of certain skull bones (craniosynostosis)

**Dysplasia:** abnormal development of an organ or part of the body, including congenital absence

**Pitt-Hopkins syndrome:** a rare genetic disorder characterized by developmental delay, a wide mouth, distinctive facial features, and intermittent hyperventilation followed by apnea

**Marfan syndrome:** a genetic disorder that affects the body's connective tissue

**Ulna:** 1) the inner and longer of the two bones of the human forearm 2) the corresponding bone in other vertebrates

**Adjudicate:** (usually followed by *upon*) to give a decision (on), especially a formal or binding one

### Mulder and Scully Meet the Were-Monster

**Whatzit=whatsit:** something whose name is unknown or forgotten

**Sasquatch:** (in Canadian folklore) in British Columbia, a hairy beast or manlike monster said to leave huge footprints

**Mothman:** a legendary creature, regarded as a cryptid or alien, reportedly seen in West Virginia in the mid-1960s

**Jackalope:** a mythical animal of North American folklore (a fearsome critter) described as a jackrabbit with antelope horns

**Mountain lion:** puma

**Boxers=boxer shorts:** men's underpants shaped like shorts but having a front opening

**Briefs:** a short type of underpants worn by men or boys

**Slither:** to move or slide or cause to move or slide unsteadily, as on a slippery surface

**Squint:** 1) to cross or partly close (the eyes) 2) to have a squint 3) to look or glance sideways or askance

**Peeping Tom:** a man who furtively observes women undressing; voyeur

**GMO:** genetically modified organism

**Raving:** (usually plural) frenzied, irrational, or wildly extravagant talk or utterances

**Batrap:** used as an intensifier, particularly for insane or synonyms

**Constable:** 1) (in Britain, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, etc.) a police officer of the lowest rank 2) any of various officers of the peace, especially one who arrests offenders, serves writs, etc. 3) the keeper or governor of a royal castle or fortress 4) (in medieval Europe) the chief military officer and functionary of a royal household, especially in France and England 5) an officer of a hundred in medieval England, originally responsible for raising the military levy but later assigned other administrative duties

**Get (something) off one's chest:** to unburden oneself of troubles, worries, etc., by talking about them

**Shocker:** 1) a person or thing that shocks or horrifies 2) a sensational novel, film, or play

**Hickey:** a mark on the skin, especially a lovebite

**Satiated:** 1) to fill or supply beyond capacity or desire, often arousing weariness 2) to supply to satisfaction or capacity

**Disconcert:** 1) to disturb the composure of 2) to frustrate or upset

**Transfix:** 1) to render motionless, especially with horror or shock 2) to impale or fix with a sharp weapon or other device 3) to cut through (a limb or other organ), as in amputation

**Porta-potty:** a portable toilet, (in Britain, chiefly) a chemical toilet comprised of only the fixture rather than an entire enclosure

**Fuzz:** a slang word for police or policeman

**Fink:** 1) a strikebreaker; blackleg 2) an informer, such as one working for the police; spy 3) an unpleasant, disappointing, or contemptible person

## Home Again

**Polyvinyl:** (modifier) designating a plastic or resin formed by polymerization of a vinyl derivative

**Siloxane:** any of a class of compounds containing alternate silicon and oxygen atoms with the silicon atoms bound to hydrogen atoms or organic groups. Many are highly complex polymers

**Supraspinatus:** a small muscle at the top of the shoulder blade

**Deltoid:** short for deltoideus muscle much as deltoid is used as short for deltoideus muscle

**Injunction:** 1) an instruction or order issued by a court to a party to an action, especially to refrain from some act, such as causing a nuisance 2) a command, admonition, etc. 3) the act of enjoining

**Gentrification:** a process by which middle-class people take up residence in a traditionally working-class area of a city, changing the character of the area

**Slat:** a narrow thin strip of wood or metal, as used in a Venetian blind, etc.

**Extubate:** to remove a tube from a hollow organ or from an airway

**Stent:** a tube of plastic or sprung metal mesh placed inside a hollow tube to reopen it or keep it open; uses in surgery include preventing a blood vessel from closing, especially after angioplasty, and assisting healing after an anastomosis

## Babylon

**Impertinence or impertinency:** 1) disrespectful behavior or language; rudeness; insolence 2) an impertinent act, gesture, etc. 3) lack of pertinence; irrelevance; inappropriateness

**Theosophism=theosophy:** 1) any of various forms of philosophical or religious thought claiming a mystical insight into the divine nature and natural phenomena  
2) the system of belief and practice of the Theosophical Society

**Woo-woo:** based on or involving irrational superstition

**Banish:** 1) to expel from a place, especially by an official decree as a punishment 2) to drive away

**Ignominy:** 1) disgrace or public shame; dishonor 2) a cause of disgrace; a shameful act

**Seer:** 1) a person who can supposedly see into the future; prophet 2) a person who professes supernatural powers 3) a person who sees

**Mugwump:** a neutral or independent person, especially in politics

**Foolhardy:** heedlessly rash or adventurous

**Niacin=nicotinic acid:** a vitamin of the B complex that occurs in milk, liver, yeast, etc. Lack of it in the diet leads to the disease pellagra

**Hubris:** 1) pride or arrogance 2) (in Greek tragedy) an excess of ambition, pride, etc., ultimately causing the transgressor's ruin

**Shroom=magic mushroom:** any of various types of fungi that contain a hallucinogenic substance, especially *Psilocybe mexicana*, which contains psilocybin

## My Struggle II

**Cabal:** 1) a small group of intriguers, especially one formed for political purposes 2) a secret plot, especially a political one; conspiracy; intrigue 3) a secret or exclusive set of people; clique

**Quack:** 1) an unqualified person who claims medical knowledge or other skills 2) (as modifier) *a quack doctor*

**Aberration:** a fact, an action or a way of behaving that is not typical, and that may be unacceptable

**Doxycycline:** a tetracycline antibiotic used to treat conditions caused by a wide range of bacteria, including anthrax

**Anthrax:** 1) a highly infectious and often fatal disease of herbivores, especially cattle and sheep, characterized by fever, enlarged spleen, and swelling of the throat. Carnivores are relatively resistant. It is caused by the spore-forming bacterium *Bacillus anthracis* and can be transmitted to man 2) a pustule or other lesion caused by this disease

**Canary in a coal mine:** something whose sensitivity to adverse conditions makes it a useful early indicator of such conditions; something which warns of the coming of greater danger or trouble by a deterioration in its health or welfare

**Megafauna:** the component of the fauna of a region or period that comprises the larger terrestrial animals

**Avian:** of, relating to, or resembling a bird

**Adenosine deaminase:** an enzyme that catalyzes the deamination of adenosine to inosine

## Season 11

### My Struggle III

**Wipe the slate clean:** to make a fresh start, especially by forgetting past differences

**Cant:** 1) insincere talk, especially concerning religion or morals; pious platitudes 2) stock phrases that have become meaningless through repetition

**All manner of:** many different kinds of

**Estimation:** a considered opinion; judgment

### This

**Shimmy:** an American ragtime dance with much shaking of the hips and shoulders

**Purlieu:** a neighboring area; outskirts

**Ascendancy:** the condition of being dominant, especially through superior economic or political power

**Bran:** 1) husks of cereal grain separated from the flour by sifting 2) food prepared from these husks

**Phreak:** to manipulate a telephone system illicitly to allow one to make calls without paying for them

**Adorbs:** arousing great delight; cute or adorable

**Mimosa:** a cocktail of champagne and orange juice

**Turn the (or a) corner:** to pass the critical point (in an illness, etc.)

### Plus One

**Drunk as a skunk:** highly inebriated

**Beat a retreat:** to withdraw or depart in haste

**By one's lonesome:** on one's own

**Hackneyed:** (of phrases, fashions, etc.) used so often as to be trite, dull, and stereotyped

**Bread and butter:** that which is central or fundamental, as to one's business, survival, or income; a staple or cornerstone

**Throw the book at:** a) to charge with every relevant offence b) to inflict the most severe punishment on

**Fright:** a horrifying, grotesque, or ludicrous person or thing

**Coiffure:** a hairstyle

**Bust a move:** 1) to dance 2) to seduce 3) to flatulate 4) to evade 5) to depart 6) to save oneself from an awkward situation with a woman

**Marshal:** (in some states) the chief police or fire officer

**No-account:** worthless; good-for-nothing

**Numbnuts:** numskull

**Dookie:** excrement

**Ensemble:** a person's complete costume; outfit

**Hosebag:** 1) an undesirable, boorish, unintelligent, or objectionable person; a hoser 2) (slang) a trashy, dirty, skanky or sexually loose woman

**Wing:** to (cause to) fly or move swiftly

**Dread:** awesome; awe-inspiring

**Queer:** 1) differing from the normal or usual in a way regarded as odd or strange 2) suspicious, dubious, or shady 3) faint, giddy, or queasy 4)

homosexual 5) odd or unbalanced mentally; eccentric or slightly mad 6) worthless or counterfeit

**Insula:** a pyramid-shaped area of the brain within each cerebral hemisphere beneath parts of the frontal and temporal lobes

**Temporoparietal:** of or pertaining to the temporal lobe and parietal lobe, or the junction where they meet

**Scoot:** a swift movement or trip

**Boot out:** to force somebody to leave a place, group of people, or job

**Bread pill:** a placebo made of bread crumbs or other inactive substances

**Mayo:** mayonnaise

**Bat:** to wink or flutter (one's eyelids)

**On the side:** a) apart from or in addition to the main object b) as a sideline c) as a side dish d) bit on the side, i. e. an extramarital affair

**Sublimate:** to direct the energy of (a primitive impulse, especially a sexual one) into activities that are considered to be socially more acceptable

**Afterglow:** a feeling of pleasure or a favorable impression that remains after a positive experience

**Hissy:** tantrum

**Ideation:** the conceptualization of a mental image

**Get in:** to succeed in doing (something), especially during a specified period

### The Lost Art of Forehead Sweat

**A cup of joe:** a cup of coffee

**Irrepressible:** not capable of being repressed, controlled, or restrained

**Americana:** objects, such as books, documents, relics, etc., relating to America, especially in the form of a collection

**Gobbledygook:** language that is difficult or impossible to understand, especially nonsense or technical jargon

**Zap:** to attack, kill, or destroy, as with a sudden bombardment

**Occam's razor=Ockham's razor:** a maxim, attributed to the English nominalist philosopher William of Ockham (died ?1349), stating that in explaining something assumptions must not be needlessly multiplied

**Javelin:** a long pointed spear thrown as a weapon or in competitive field events

**A broken clock is right twice a day=a stopped clock is right twice a day:** a normally unreliable person or instrument can occasionally provide correct information, even if only by accident

**Flip over someone or something:** to become very excited about someone or something; to lose control because of someone or something

**Chemtrail:** a contrail thought to contain a chemical agent that a government is dispersing as part of a conspiracy

**Spaz:** an offensive term that deliberately insults somebody's coordination or competence

**Twit:** a foolish or stupid person; idiot

**Compendium:** a concise but comprehensive summary of a larger work

**Riddance:** the act of getting rid of something undesirable or unpleasant; deliverance or removal (especially in the phrase **good riddance**)

### Ghouli



**Lizard brain:** 1) the most primitive part of the brain; the brain stem 2) (by extension) any part of a person's psyche or personality dominated by instinct or impulse rather than rational thought

**Pathos:** 1) the quality or power, especially in literature or speech, of arousing feelings of pity, sorrow, etc. 2) a feeling of sympathy or pity

**Goose:** to move to action; spur

**Pickup artist:** a person who is practised at attracting or habitually pursues sexual partners (typically used of a man)

**Stand for:** 1) to represent or mean 2) to be or become a candidate for 3) to support or recommend 4) to tolerate or bear

**Fall for:** 1) to become infatuated with (a person) 2) to allow oneself to be deceived by (a lie, trick, etc.)

**Crack wise:** to make glib, facetious, and/or sardonic remarks

**Countermand:** 1) to revoke or cancel (a command, order, etc.) 2) to order (forces, etc.) to return or retreat; recall

**Scram:** to go away hastily; get out

**Much less=still less:** and especially not; and even less so

**Unwitting:** 1) not knowing or conscious 2) not intentional; inadvertent

**Kismet:** the will of Allah 2) fate or destiny

## Kitten

**Addle:** to make or become confused or muddled

**Wimp:** a feeble ineffective person

**Get (one's) juices flowing:** to become inspired to greater creativity, productivity, or energy, or to cause such a feeling in someone

**Periodontitis:** the inflammation of periodontal tissue

**Whip:** an apparatus for hoisting, consisting of a rope, pulley, and snatch block

**Drum up:** to evoke or obtain (support, business, etc.) by solicitation or canvassing

**Call in:** to report something by phone (or other means of voice communication, such as a radio) in an official capacity, such as in law enforcement

**Run out:** to expel somebody using force

**Hunk:** a large piece

**Cheddar:** any of several types of smooth hard yellow or whitish cheese

**Court martial:** a military court that tries persons subject to military law

**Boost:** to lift by giving a push from below or behind

**Upend:** 1) to turn or set or become turned or set on end 2) to affect or upset drastically

**Puppeteer:** a person who manipulates puppets

**Throw in with:** enter into association with

**Kiss someone's ring:** to give respect or reverence to someone; to express servitude to someone

**Do right by (someone):** to act, speak, or behave in a way that is just or beneficial to or meets the approval of someone else

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**Blobfish:** a fish that inhabits the deep waters off the coasts of the Australian mainland and Tasmania

**Sidestick:** control joystick located beside the seat of the pilot

## Familiar

**Canis latrans:** the coyote

**Canis lupus:** the grey wolf

**Homie:** short for homeboy or homegirl

**Hellhound:** a hound of hell

**Stir:** to excite or stimulate, especially emotionally

**Broach:** to initiate (a topic) for discussion

**Exculpate:** to free from blame or guilt; vindicate or exonerate

**Nutmegger:** a person from Connecticut

**Salem:** Old Testament name for Jerusalem

**McCarthyism:** 1) the practice of making unsubstantiated accusations of disloyalty or Communist leanings 2) the use of unsupported accusations for any purpose

**Ardent:** expressive of or characterized by intense desire or emotion; passionate

**Take a beat:** stop for a moment to relax; pause and think about what you are doing

**Statutory:** (of an offence) a) recognized by statute b) subject to a punishment or penalty prescribed by statute

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

**Go up:** to be destroyed

## Nothing Lasts Forever

**Dose:** to administer a dose or doses to (someone)

**Dowel:** a wooden or metal peg that fits into two corresponding holes to join two adjacent parts

**Cypress:** 1) any coniferous tree of the N temperate genus *Cupressus*, having dark green scalelike leaves and rounded cones 2) any of several similar and related trees, such as the widely cultivated *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana* (Lawson's cypress), of the western US 3) any of various other coniferous trees, especially the swamp cypress 4) the wood of any of these trees

**Bifocals:** a pair of spectacles with bifocal lenses

**Presbyopia:** a progressively diminishing ability of the eye to focus, noticeable from middle to old age, caused by loss of elasticity of the crystalline lens

**Gout:** a metabolic disease characterized by painful inflammation of certain joints, especially of the big toe and foot, caused by deposits of sodium urate in them

**Shoeshine:** 1) the act or an instance of polishing a pair of shoes 2) the appearance or shiny surface of polished shoes

**Kick:** a stimulating or exciting quality or effect (especially in the phrases **get a kick out of** or **for kicks**)

**Exact:** to force or compel (payment or performance); extort

**Sustenance:** means of sustaining health or life; nourishment

**Marionette:** an articulated puppet or doll whose jointed limbs are moved by strings

**Pickle:** an awkward or difficult situation

**Suck-up:** a person who habitually offers flattery in the hope of gaining favor; a sycophant

**Super:** a superintendent or supervisor

**Dumbwaiter:** a lift for carrying food, rubbish, etc., between floors

**Contraband:** 1) a) goods that are prohibited by law from being exported or imported b) illegally imported or exported goods 2) illegal traffic in such goods; smuggling

**Verboten:** forbidden; prohibited

**Sarcopenia:** the loss of skeletal muscle mass and strength as a result of ageing

**Cardiomyopathy:** a disease of the heart muscle usually caused by a biochemical defect or a toxin such as alcohol

**Heterochrony:** a change or set of changes in the timing or duration of an organism's ontogenetic development compared with an ancestral species, resulting in morphological differences between ancestor and descendant

**Parabiosis:** 1) the natural union of two individuals, such as Siamese twins, so that they share a common circulation of the blood 2) a similar union induced for experimental or therapeutic purposes

**Parabiont:** an organism or community engaged in or united in a state of parabiosis

**Begrudge:** 1) to give, admit, or allow unwillingly or with a bad grace 2) to envy (someone) the possession of (something)

#### My Struggle IV

**Spew:** (usually followed by *out*) to send or be sent out in a stream

**Payback:** something done in order to gain revenge

**Take on:** to employ or hire

**Cash in:** 1) to give (something) in exchange, especially for money 2) (often followed by *on*) a) to profit (from) b) to take advantage (of)

**Trucker:** a lorry driver