

Pamplermousse: an Appreciation of Juicy Words

Off topic

How to fix it: **Weather**

MinuteWalt #1 January 30, 2019, 6:59am

Do you have any words that are delicious to just say out loud? Just a word that is fun, that rolls off your tongue, and makes you happy just to say it? A word that makes you feel like you've just had a bite to eat after you've said it? A word that may have *nutritional value*?

Language of origin or definition isn't the focus here, it's all about just really liking to say a certain word or words, regardless of your native language or dialect.

The important thing is that you really enjoy saying the word out loud. It may be juicy and sticky, or crunchy and hard but you can suck the marrow out of it, or dreamy and silky, or any other reason why it's more of a delicacy than other words. Give us some synesthesia.

(**Sesquipedalian loquaciousness** is not the goal here, but it's not forbidden).

A list of words I didn't find when I searched this forum

Miniatures painting - Showing off!

MinuteWalt #2 March 15, 2016, 7:54pm

I'll start.

Pamplermousse: the French word for grapefruit. It's just a lot of fun to say! "Pomp-el-moose!" The Italian, "pompelmo," isn't half-bad, either. *Pomp-ell-moh*. Especially when you're hamming it up with an accent.

When "OK, Go" started their indie label, they named their record company "Paracadute" because it just sounded fun to say, and I can totally get behind that.

I am also a fan of the words "**jettison**," "**detritus**," "**juxtapose**," "**luminous**," and "**paragraph**."

Ooh, I almost forgot: "**interrobang**" (!?)

Interrobang kicks ass.

What do you get when you cross a joke with a rhetorical question?

Pravikun #3 March 15, 2016, 7:54pm

I am personally a fan of **effervescent!** Also **vexation**. **Attrition**. And of course that old favorite **poppycock!**

MinuteWalt #4 March 15, 2016, 7:54pm

@Pravikun Oooh, well played! Those are indeed quite yummy.

Rodafowa #5 March 15, 2016, 7:54pm

I've always been fond of **onomatopoeic** (which I can't believe I spelled right first go) and **anthropomorphic** (thanks, Sir Terry).

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #6 March 15, 2016, 7:54pm

I love onomatopoeic as well, but I've always thought it's a little suspicious for not sounding like anything.

Anthropomorphic is also excellent. It's one of my favorites!

I'm going to whip this one out: **idiosyncratic**, which besides being fun to say, it kind of describes everything we do here.

philthD #7 March 15, 2016, 7:54pm

every time i walk through the first-class carriage on a train (on my way to a bit i'm, you know, allowed in) i have to fight the urge to say **antimacassar** loudly and repeatedly

i have a tendency to overuse the word **analogously** because it's so lovely

also, the word pamplemousse always reminds me of the aguamoose man from dare to believe (and if anyone else gets that reference i so flipping love you)

1 Like

MinuteWalt #8 March 15, 2016, 7:54pm

@philthD I did not get that aguamoose reference. But, I have since looked it up and familiarized myself with it. You are a very strange person. I wholeheartedly approve.

OK, I'm going to bed now, but after these 2 more: **flotsam & jetsam**. You can't have one without the other.

Issmir #9 March 15, 2016, 7:54pm

I've always liked **metatheatre**. It has a lovely rhythm to it. And **vemillion** too.

And the phrase **metasyntactic variable** (thanks, Sir Terry). It's just fun to say

1 Like

Illessa #10 March 15, 2016, 7:54pm

Twitter conversation today reminded me how much I love **simpatico**. It's tasty and there's something weirdly onomatopoeic about it.

I also use **ambivalent** way too much (though maybe that says more about me than my word preferences). Ooh, I quite like **oblique**.

Relatedly, I get a pretty cool email newsletter a few times a week (**Clippings**) that always includes a word, and they make really great selections. Today's is **decollate** which strikes me as a very *un-*onomatopoeic word!

2 Likes

Pravikun #11 March 15, 2016, 7:54pm

My my this is a board game website forum here people and no one has brought out in this thread the very name of a game that is also a word? I am shocked and **appalled!** **Appalled** also being another of those lovely words.

That's a **twofer**. Oh snap, I guess that'll make three because I do like the word **Twofer**. XD! I'm on a roll. Well let's get to the meat and potatoes of this post. The word that should have been said before now because it's also the name of a game.

Balderdash. Not only a word that is the name of a game, it's the word that's the name of a game all about words.

siayres #12 March 15, 2016, 7:54pm

Defenestrate is a favourite for me - I don't get nearly enough opportunities to use it as I'd like.

Machination is another, it just sounds so *sinister* somehow. I suppose I'm just a sucker for four syllable words (said no-one, ever).

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #13 March 15, 2016, 7:54pm

@siayres Arrgh, you beat me to the punch! **Defenestration** is, indeed, the best fenestration. I was holding that in reserve for a special occasion, but now that idea's totally out the window.

I've noted quite a few of us like the onomatopoeic effects of some words, so I'll quietly leave this one here:

susurration.

xFoxUK #14 March 15, 2016, 7:55pm

I quite like *propreantepenultimate*, which means fifth-to-last. I like it because it just feels so clever, you know, when something just feels so right and apt and perfect? I love how it uses like 4 different ways to say 'before', because whoever came up with it decided you couldn't just keep adding 'pre-' onto the front over and over (like *prepreprepreultimate*). It's also great because you can lop bits off the front depending on how many 'before last' you want to say, so you can just do *preantepenultimate*, or *antepenultimate*, to add to the more common *penultimate*. I like that.

Also I like *segue*, since I properly learnt what it means, and I like imagining how it's spelt and how ridiculous it is.

Also *Francisco*. Because Buddy is right.

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macnme #15 March 15, 2016, 7:55pm

Backpfeifengesicht: A face crying out for a punch.

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #16 March 15, 2016, 7:55pm

@macnme Those Germans know how to make fun words! From easy ones, like **schadenfreude**, **gestalt**, and **zeitgeist**, to insane ones, like **rinderkennzeichnungs- und Rindfleischetikettierungsüberwachungsaufgabenübertragungsgesetz**.

@xFoxUK *propreantepenultimate* seems like it has some fun recursive value. You can just adjust the prefixes to make it an infinitely long word, potentially.

It reminds me of another favorite word of mine, **reify**, which is a prefix and a suffix without a base word in the middle. Reify is both fun to say and a slightly boggling concept.

(Oooh, "**boggling**" is a good one, too!)

I'm going to put one of my favorite ones from when I was in high-school here: "**deoxyribonucleic acid**," (*DNA*). Some science words have all the highs and lows of an **arabesque**, making them roller-

MinuteWalt #17 March 15, 2016, 7:55pm

I'm not trying to bump this, it's just that Ben in [today's Games News](#)' comments dropped a really fun one: **combinatorics**.

Boydesian #18 March 15, 2016, 7:56pm

I'm sorry I managed to overlook this previously.

Here are two classics from our old friends, the Romans: **Circumvallation** (an encircling fortified line facing inwards and preventing escape from a besieged position) and its lovely sister, **Contravallation** (an encircling fortified line facing outwards and preventing rescue of said besieged position from the outside).

I am also partial to the word **Portmanteau**. And speaking of portmanteaus, here is my personal favorite that was conjured up one day by my roommate during our sophomore year at boarding school: **Relieviate**. I just think it's brilliant and still use it whenever I can to this day.

Almost forgot; the old Mongol capital of **Karakorum**. That is a fun word to say. And Homer is full of great names and words. The best of which (in my humble opinion) is the name of a small town that could only send one ship to Troy: **Thisbe (of the Many Pigeons)**. It's a real place in **Boeotia** (another great word) and there still are lots of native pigeons/doves living in the hills above the old Bronze Age site (near the modern town of Thisvi).

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MinuteWalt #19 March 15, 2016, 7:57pm

@Boydesian **Portmanteau** is great. I love saying it, writing it, and the meaning.

It reminds me of a lot of other great words that got thrown around like confetti on Wikipedia: I have used **disambiguation** in common conversation, which is super-fun, and also useful! Saying **folksonomy** actually makes you seem unrelatable to who whoever you're talking with, so I don't recommend that.

It's still fun to say **folksonomy**, and even **folksonology**. Just don't expect anyone to know what the hell you mean.

PS: **Relieviate** is a lot like **reify**. They both kind of sound like they're just made-up, pretend words. But then again, *all* the words are made-up pretend words. The majority of our language-speakers have simply agreed upon using some sounds to mean things arbitrarily a long time ago.

Lewis Carrol, where are you when we need you!?!

Pravikun #20 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

Ahem. Ahem.

Corpuscular

Bows

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Boydesian #21 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

I had an opportunity to use **perspicacious** yesterday and enjoyed it immensely. [@MinuteWalt](#) Yes, **Reify** is superb. One might even say **mellifluous**.

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GammaGoblinz #22 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

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:o Oooh! That's a good one.

Gwathdring #24 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

The dedication to Neal Stephenson's Quicksilver had the lovely phrase "**tawdry divigations**" in it. Made me quite happy.

I've always liked the word **halcyon** largely because of its backstory. For that matter the aforementioned **mellifluous** has a lovely little history to it.

I always forget the best ones until the right context strikes. 😞

I have no idea what it means but **cattywompus** is an awesome word I wish I actually remembered how to use.

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Gwathdring #25 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

Ooh, **prestidigitate** is fantastic.

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MinuteWalt #26 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

@Gwathdring (edit: also **@Boydesian** who first submitted this, sorry!) **Mellifluous** is, itself, a mellifluous word. It's like a word with automatic bonus points, kind of like how using the word **pompous** makes one seem kind of pompous (pompous is still fun to say. It's like playing ping-pong in your mouth).

The antithesis of this is onomatopoeic, which I've previously noted is suspicious for not sounding like anything. But dammit, onomatopoeia is a roller coaster of fun!

Which brings me to **cattywompus**. If there was a County Fair of words, this would be the best ride there. It says what it sounds like. Well played, sir. Well played.

Prestidigitate has bad blood with me. We have... history. We'll save that for another time, Gwath.

Moving forward: **antithesis** is teh wooot! (I tried to sneak it in above. I know I've fooled no one).

Buoyancy is... uplifting? (Sorry, it's not about that stupid pun, the word buoyancy makes me want to giggle for no reason).

Also submitting **guttersnipe**. If you can fire it off, totally satisfying. The word is practically a **projectile**.

[MinuteWalt](#) #27 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

Just realized there was one **luscious** word I should have used in the very introduction, and I'm so embarrassed I don't even know where to stand.

Vocabulary.

[Pravikun](#) #28 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

Vocabulary is, in point of fact, the very **epitome** of what this thread seeks to **illuminate** and **elucidate**.

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[MinuteWalt](#) #29 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

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[Boydesian](#) #30 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

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[Gwathdring](#) #31 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

Pulchritudinous, susurrus and sibilant are lovely. Also cantankerous.

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[Boydesian](#) #32 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

[@Gwathdring](#) **Cantankerous** is particularly close to my heart. I'm called that about once a day! 😊

MinuteWalt #33 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

[An Aside: I think we've accidentally hit upon a "style guide" here. I don't want to get all **Strunk and White**, but I was wondering if I should add this to the intro at the top of the post: "Please **boldface** the word you love to say. On a PC, simply highlight the word and press Ctrl+B."

Any thoughts? How would you do this on a Mac?

Obviously, anyone can edit and bold their previous words if they like. In fact, I'm going to do that to mine right now!

/Aside]

MinuteWalt #34 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

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Boydesian #35 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

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MinuteWalt #36 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

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Oh, **dang**. I had to **look that one up**.

Very fun to **say**, but... daaaaaaaaang!

(I like saying **daaaaaaang**.)

Pravikun #37 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

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My word! I may have to take a **sabbatical** if we keep having so many **risque** words being **banded** about all **willy-nilly**.

Fans self!

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Boydesian #38 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

@Pravikun Well, if you think a short **furlough** will help you to no longer feel **contortuplicated**, then so be it!

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Boydesian #39 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

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(I know, but even though "**cromulent**" isn't really a word, I do love it so. SORRY everybody! Sorry! But I *had* to use it, you know! I *had* to! >:))

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mistercrayon #40 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

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Cromulent has totally been a word since 1996. It means "fine," or "satisfactory." Remember *all* words are just totally made up (and apparently most of the English ones were made up by Shakespeare).

Except for irregardless. That will never be a word. Shakespeare would kill it with fire.

I like the word **shambles**

Well played. Shambles is fun to say! I also like how it either means "a mess," or it can mean a creepy way of walking like a zombie, as in "the alien shambles towards the glowing crystal" kind of thing, like a cross between "shuffle" and "**amble**."

Amble just now reminded me of **bumble**. Which leads to the inevitable **bumblebee**. Saying bumblebee is like playing paddle-ball in my mouth.

Actually, no. On second thought, just saying **paddle-ball** is way more like that.

macnme #42 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

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MinuteWalt #43 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

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Bonus points! 1) You started Page # 3! 2) **Obsequious** is a great word! 3) It's Latin! I'm a sucker for dry humor.

There's no word I know of for next-to-second, unlike next-to-last (**penultimate**, a word I love, also please see the post [@xFoxUK](#) made for some crazy shiz).

Pravikun #44 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

If you are looking for a word that is the opposite end of the **spectrum** from penultimate wouldn't you want a word that means next-to-first? Which there is one.

Second.

Or if you did want a word that meant next-to-second there's one of those too.

Third.

I'm sorry, please forgive my sarcasm.

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MinuteWalt #45 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

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I was trying to come up with an inverse to the **propreantepenultimate** that [@xFoxUK](#) came up with. Your "Third" made me involuntarily laugh so hard that something came out of me that I'm not willing to share with everyone.

Dang, apropos of nothing, I also like **inverse**.

And **antipode**! For no reason. Antipode just popped into my head.

I think **antithesis** maybe has already raised its ugly head here, but I can't be bothered to go back and look it up. That must mean a **thesis** has already happened in an earlier post. So we do this: *Subvert the dominant **paradigm**!* You with me guys!?! (Yes you are, you don't really have a choice. It's a thing. **Synthesis** is also fun to say, and has already happened.)

Antibody. I apologise, I'm having a lot of fun with words beginning with "anti" for the moment.

Boydesian #46 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

😊 Of course, given my **predilection** for military history, I am a bit partial to fortification terminology myself. My favorites are **bastion**, **ravelin**, **glacis**, and **tenaille**. Upon these you might site your artillery: **culverins**, **demiculverins**, and **basilisks**. These, of course, would be fired by gunners using **linstocks** who would, in turn, be protected by **arquebusiers**. Their targets would be the **sappers**, who would be protected by **gabions** or **mantlets** as they advanced the sap towards the enemy. If they got close enough, they might try to blow the main gate with a **petard**, or lob shells into the fort with a **coehorn**. Ah, what fun! o:)

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Pravikun #47 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

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I didn't bold sarcasm because it's not really a word I enjoy saying as much as it's just one of the many services I offer.

As for making you laugh so hard there is only one thing I can say to that.

That's one of the nicest things anyone has every said to me. Thank you!

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MinuteWalt #48 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

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That may also be one of the grossest things anyone has said to you as well, but I accept your **gratitude!** bows

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You had me at **predilection** and **bastion**. Why sir, I'm all **aflutter**... (I would fan myself but @Pravikun beat me to it). You deserve **accolades** (have we already done **accolades**? Eh, no matter, it deserves the extra attention.) But I am surprised you didn't mention **trebuchet**. I mean, seriously. How did you miss that?

Boydesian #49 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

[@HOMEWIDE05 GAMES PODCAST](#)! I use **trebuchet** because it well predates the timeframe I was citing. Now **trebuchet** is a great word, but in the spring-torsion era of missile weapons, my personal favorite is the **ballista**. **Trebuchet** is second, and my third favorite is the **onager** (which is also the name of a wild ass). 😊

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[GammaGoblinz](#) #50 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

Simple and effective, **mar**.

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[MinuteWalt](#) #51 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

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And there are so many more!

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"Do you remember where you were at that time when that thing happened? (Kennedy assassination, space shuttle explosion, 9-11, etc.)"

I will always remember, *I was right here.*

MinuteWalt #54 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

([@Rodafowa](#) I couldn't help this. I am so very sorry.)

Roe, roe, roe da foe

Gently down the stream

Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily

Life is *wah* a dream

(Again, I cannot apologise enough for doing this.)

(But you are, of course, partially responsible. I won't accept the full blame.)

philthD #55 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

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[elvish is more-or-less welsh](#) so i've never had a problem with [@Gwathdring](#) . also, i didn't realise til this thread that i mentally append the ...rippens to [@AlabasterC](#) every time i read it.

btw, is [@MinuteWalt](#) minute as in 60 seconds or as in very tiny? (i know this is an ongoing debate wrt the valse du petit chien)

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Ha ha! My own personal proper noun is **Garrick** (it's Old English and means "Spear King"...which sounds like a brand of canned tuna to me - "Discriminating Moms know that Spear King is a great source of Omega-3, plus it's Dolphin-Friendly!"), and as a young kid I hated it because it wasn't conventional and I felt like a loser in the name lottery. But my opinion began to turn when I realized nothing rhymes with it and anybody who tried to **thrash** me with a playground insult **couplet** ended up looking like a **buffoon**. 😊

1 Like

Gwathdring #57 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

Well, there's derrick, but I think to most playground kids derrick is a name rather than a crane or an oil-extraction-thing.

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Boydesian #58 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

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John, my father, would probably sympathize. 😊

P.S. I think derricks are cool and I wouldn't have minded much being called one of those!

1 Like

Gwathdring #59 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

My last name is also in the top twenty in the US. If I had my mother's maiden name, that's in the top 10. It is a bit of a double-edged sword. If your full name is TOO common records and mail get mixed up but on the other hand you're harder to track down. 😊

1 Like

Pravikun #60 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

Due to that other thread, I have a new word to share. **Moniker**

1 Like

Gwathdring #61 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

I like all the name-related words because I like how the "nym" particle sounds.

Pseudonym. Eponym.

1 Like

Boydesian #62 March 15, 2016, 7:58pm

[@GMEHD](#) Don't forget **kenonym** or an **exonym**. Or **endonym** and **autonym** for that matter. I'm sure the Germans/Deutsche of Germany/Deutschland would agree! 😊

1 Like

[Pravikun](#) #63 March 15, 2016, 7:59pm

What about **patronymic**?

Also!

I can neither confirm nor deny that I once may have created a D&D monk character and named him Sudo Nim.

1 Like

[Rodaflowa](#) #64 March 15, 2016, 7:59pm

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2 Likes

[MinuteWalt](#) #65 March 15, 2016, 7:59pm

i didn't realise til this thread that i mentally append the ...rippens to [@AlabasterC](#) every time i read it.

btw, is [@MinuteWalt](#) minute as in 60 seconds or as in very tiny? (i know this is an ongoing debate wrt the valse du petit chien)

I did the **exact** same thing with Alabaster, I didn't know I was doing it until I **responded** to Alabaster somewhere a while back and had to type it out!

As to MinuteWalt, it's an unintentional pun for Minute Waltz ([explained here](#)).

Back to words: **Exact** is fun, and **respond**. As far as proper nouns go, **X-ACTO Knife** is a kick! And the actual knives are super handy to have around. **Zippo** is great too! It's a silly word for a practical thing.

Pravikun #66 March 15, 2016, 7:59pm

Back to words: **Exact** is fun,

I have to wonder...am I the only person here who enjoy pronouncing 'exactly' the same way the caterpillar does in Disney's Alice in Wonderland (the original cartoon of course.)

Ahem ahem.

Exacatically!

1 Like

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When it comes to military ranks my favorite to say is the now **defunct** German **Generalfeldmarschall** (hard "G" and emphasis on the last syllable). My favorite military title to say is **First Sea Lord**.

And, despite his being a bit of a p—k, **Banastre Tarleton** had a fantastic name.

2 Likes

Gwathdring #68 March 15, 2016, 7:59pm

There's a "First Sea Lord?" 😊

1 Like

Boydesian #69 March 15, 2016, 7:59pm

There's a "First Sea Lord?" :D

Yes, he's the head of the Royal Navy. Well, the *military* head of the Royal Navy is what I should've said. It's not a rank, but rather an appointed title.

1 Like

Gwathring #70 March 15, 2016, 7:59pm

That is delightful.

1 Like

Pravikun #71 March 15, 2016, 7:59pm

Wow I would hate to be the guy with the title of Second Sea Lord. Just saying.

1 Like

MinuteWalt #72 March 15, 2016, 7:59pm

First Sea Lord is a bit more fun to say than **leftenant**. But it's not because of the tongue-rolly juiciness (leftenant is better at that), it just sounds sillier, like a Monty Python sketch, or a villain from an Aquaman comic. I've imagined "**Sea Lord**" in at least four different accents, and it's been funny in each one.

The **leftenant/lieutenant** thing bugs me, because the pronunciations and spellings, and the reasons why, keeps **fluttering** about the internet, with different reasons each time for the weirdness. They are spelled and pronounced the same way every time within the respective countries where they each are used, but online there has been a weird back-and-forth (for years!) of people **conflating** the spelling and pronunciation.

Gwathring #73 March 15, 2016, 7:59pm

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I couldn't decide whether to "Like," "Agree," or "LOL" that. This place sometimes forces us to make some hard choices.

MinuteWait #75 March 15, 2016, 7:59pm

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Huh. So basically since I had no idea what a shibboleth was until this moment, that until this moment I was not part of the same social/ethnic group as anyone else on this site who knew that word.

THEREFORE the word shibboleth WAS A SHIBBOLETH.

Three-level Shinception!

2 Likes

Olero #77 March 15, 2016, 7:59pm

It was **inevitable** that I ended up in this thread, placing a word that **cascades** so **exquisitely** out of the **aperture** of ones **visage**

Now, what was that word again...?

1 Like

Boydesian #78 March 15, 2016, 7:59pm

Wow I would hate to the guy with the title of Second Sea Lord. Just saying.

Me too. By the way, the **Second Sea Lord** is an actual thing. He's the head of Naval Personnel and Training for the Royal Navy. There used to be a **Third Sea Lord** as well, but since he was basically the financial controller of the Navy, the title was changed to **Controller of the Navy** in the 1960s.

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #79 March 15, 2016, 8:00pm

I just made a post involving **bioluminescence** elsewhere here, which is lovely to say, each and every time. But that also brings me to **Dinoflagellate**, which is kind of silly, for some reason.

Also:

I had a friend who's brother had a love of words. She told me he named his goldfish "**Hilarious.**" When she told me that, it made it the best day I had had that week.

2 Likes

Boydesian #80 March 15, 2016, 8:00pm

Here's an actual English sentence: The **Gaberlunzie** decided to **Absquatulate** from the **Ceilidh** before he became **Ebrious**. Say it out loud, it's fun!

1 Like

MinuteWalt #81 March 15, 2016, 8:00pm

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I... I'm not even sure I have the right organs to say that out loud.

Boydesian #82 March 15, 2016, 8:01pm

As referenced elsewhere...**Ziggurat**.

1 Like

MinuteWalt #83 March 15, 2016, 8:01pm

Nice, you just made page five! For anyone who doesn't know, this was from the **Large Blockquote Collider** experiment over in the Thunderdome. I can't really recommend it, at all.

I know this isn't a big one, but I really like **joy**. I especially like the phrase, "**create joy**," which I decided to be a guiding principle of my life a few years ago. It sounds like something you could shout in Dune to make a Wierding Module fire out adorable puppies. Or shout out in Dragonball Z when you punch someone into a pile of kittens.

MinuteWalt #84 June 13, 2016, 7:30am

So it's been, like, just over a year since the last activity on this thread. I kind of forgot about it myself. I just had to come back because of a comment I made about another person's handle here in the forum.

"**Alabaster Crippens**." I liked it from the first day I read it, and it's been years now I think. It's like a name out of a Charles Dickens story. It just seemed so clever and fun, and slightly villain-ish.

Just phonetically speaking, it's got all the hills and valleys you need, complex but not difficult, you're able to roll it out of your mouth without issue, so it's delightful to just say it as well. So thanks for that, [@AvaFoxfort](#) !

("Phonetically speaking" was not an intentional pun, that was awful, it took me over 10 minutes to realize I'd written that, I am so incredibly sorry. Why am I even clicking Reply now?)

2 Likes

suz #85 June 13, 2016, 8:36am

I agree! [@AvaFoxfort](#) is a great handle.

Also:

Pamplermousse: the French word for grapefruit. It's just a lot of fun to say! "Pomp-el-moose!"

One of my favourite stories to read out loud to kids is Dr Seuss's "**I had TROUBLE in getting to SOLLA SOLLEW**". It happens to feature the "Perilous Poozer from Pompelmoose Pass". Until you bumped up this thread, I had never made the grapefruit connection. I am finding it difficult to express my gratitude right now.

My personal favourite word is **myriad**, I think because William Faulkner used it a lot. It conjures up a multifaceted infinity and sounds pretty. It would make a nice name for a person.

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #86 June 13, 2016, 9:14am

Phfphprh...! Yes! Theo... er, Dr. Seuss loved the sound of English and all of its idiosyncrasies. If you can get your hands on "*The Tough Coughs as He Ploughs the Dough*", I highly recommend it.

Also, fan of **myriad**. Nice work [@suz](#) .

I just scanned this whole thread, because I couldn't believe I didn't mention **idiosyncratic** earlier. I reminded myself of it just above. If anyone finds out I'm repeating myself, let me know. And if you're really looking that hard and you find it, you're a bigger geek than I, & I'll gladly call you "friend" anytime.

bruitist #87 June 13, 2016, 9:38am

There's a great TED Talk by Erin McKean where she mentions how fun it is to say **lexicographical** and how it has the same syllable pattern as higgeldy-piggeldy.

I'm also a big fan of **honorificabilitudinitatibus**. Mainly because of the look of bemusement I get from anyone I say it to.

3 Likes

philthD #88 June 13, 2016, 9:39am

i get so conflicted about **myriad**. i was always taught that the construction "i ate myriad pears" was correct and "i ate a myriad of pears" was very wrong. but i since learnt that both uses have equal historicity and it can be used as an adjective or a noun. i still find the latter icky, but have to fight the urge to call it wrong

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #89 June 13, 2016, 10:18am

@bruitist **Lexicographical** is delicious. I think you missed out on not being more proactive with **higgeldy-piggeldy**.

"**Honorificabilitudinitatibus**," I'm personally banging my shins on that, and it's painful. I'm familiar with long words but this one just makes me feel pain! What is even happening?

@philthD I cannot help you. Quantity/numerically divergent terms get weird from a grammar standpoint. Ordinal numbers and quantitative values get mixed up all over. Volume messes things up for everybody.

But myriad is a noun. Get over it.

Hey, it's about tasting words here, though, not serious business. Hell, what do I write here...

Effluent! Mnemonic! Lollygag!

The Effluent Mnemonic Lollygagers isn't a terrible band name, either.

Scribbs #90 June 13, 2016, 10:23am

Metamorphosis, a lovely biological term for dramatic changes in an organism.

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #91 June 13, 2016, 10:30am

Ooh, nice one!

(Not making a Gregor Samsa reference, I just like the word, it's yummy, and I actually typed this and it's too late).

AvaFoxfort #92 June 13, 2016, 10:45am

Aw shucks! [@MinuteWalt](#) [@suz](#). Too sweet. Although it's not as good as Alabaster Codify, from The Day Today, which I recommend if you take pleasure in the sound of unusual names.

(And I'd happily vote for **alabaster** and **codify** in the broader thread)

I just wanted to add how much I've been enjoying **Pompelmo** recently. I believe this is the Italian equivalent of Pamplemousse. It's on the front of the canned drink I find hardest to resist, and I keep on confusing people by asking people for 'Pompelmo' instead of grapefruit, just because it's a joy to say, replacing those warm esses with a lustrous nothingness is a brilliant bit of wordcraft.

I also like:

- **robust**
- **warmth**
- **cosiness**
- **unguent**
- **telemetry**
- **solidify**

3 Likes

bruitist #93 June 13, 2016, 10:46am

It's Latin and is the longest word in Shakespeare. I was taught it as a kid by one of those groups who come into schools and do weird skits to encourage you not to do drugs.

2 Likes

Scribbs #94 June 13, 2016, 10:52am

Symbology and **Pagination**, as they both sound like something you could study at Hogwarts.

"I'll just amend the symbology here, and then I'll address the pagination."

Am I a wizard, or just editing a report? Sadly, the latter 🙄

1 Like

Rodaflowa #95 June 13, 2016, 11:46am

AvaFoxfort:

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Collatarlie Sisters! Suzannah Gekkeloys! Remedy Malahide! Suki Bapswent!

I need to watch The Day Today again.

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #96 June 18, 2016, 9:42pm

Affable. Saying it is kind of like flying a kite.

2 Likes

Boydesian #97 June 19, 2016, 7:09pm

Charcuterie. Mmm. *Tres chic* yet meaty. 😊

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #98 June 20, 2016, 2:16am

I'm supposed to stay away from salt. God, I miss cured meat and dry sausage, especially the Italian ones. Ohh, actually, some chorizo would also do the trick.

Heck, I'm sorry, I don't even have a word ready, I'm just hungry.

1 Like

MinuteWalt #99 June 20, 2016, 3:22am

OK, I had a sandwich, I think I'm ok now.

Synesthesia. Come to think of it, that word kind of **encapsulates** this whole thread.

1 Like

Boydesian #100 June 20, 2016, 3:50am

MinuteWalt:

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I have a mild case of Synesthesia. I “taste” certain sounds (*especially* metal clicking on glass...tastes strongly of wintergreen), and numbers have “colors” to me.

Huh. I just looked it up and the sound->taste thing is called Lexical-Gustatory Synesthesia. Apparently, it's really rare. About 0.2% of the population has this. Interesting.

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #101 June 20, 2016, 7:24am

I used to taste shapes as flavors when I was an infant. And then later, letters would be real, physical, shapes, unrelated to how they looked on paper or the actual symbolic value. Numbers did nothing, it makes no sense!

It doesn't happen anymore mostly, but tentatively a fan of ASMR, because there may be a clue there, and it's also kind of fun. There is way too much crazy there at the moment.

Please don't ask me how I remember my infancy, *because I don't know how that works*, and that's an entirely different thing for me to talk about with my therapist, who I don't currently have.

Also: *OFF TOPIC!*

We should be tearing off the flesh from words, like fresh oranges given to us warriors, their rinds stripped away in thick leathery sheets by our teeth, with the juice running down our faces and into the dirt below.

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #102 June 20, 2016, 7:25am

Um, I already said **hyperbole**, right?

philthD #103 June 20, 2016, 7:51am

MinuteWalt:

Synesthesia.

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you spend by being a merc and copying the diphthong - i don't blame you or anything, it's just sad, aesthetically

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #104 June 20, 2016, 8:06am

Spoiled. It's "spoiled."

I'll diphthong you so hard, you could stand in the middle of the week and see both Sundays!



1 Like

suz #105 June 20, 2016, 8:28am

MinuteWalt:

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In that case I offer up **puhuru**, the maori word for "hairy".

Saying it like a warrior is a great way of getting rid of all the air in your lungs!

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #106 June 20, 2016, 9:18am

That may possibly be my favorite word since I started this whole mess, and I still don't know reliably how to pronounce it. <3

1 Like

Adept #107 June 20, 2016, 12:58pm

Winkelmesser - it's German for protractor.

I also like **sciolism**, but that's for meaning rather than mouthfeel (the act/pretence of knowing more than someone actually does). Goes well with **grandiloquism**; a sciolistic penchant for grandiloquism, for example.

3 Likes

Scribbs #108 July 14, 2016, 3:11pm

Cacoethes - an urge to do something inadvisable.
(Just being discussed during Test Match Special, thought I would share)

1 Like

MinuteWalt #109 July 14, 2016, 3:56pm

Scribbs:

Cacoethes

Oh, wow. That's yummy! And also is useful for describing how I feel most of the time.

I'm hearing it as "kak-oh-EE-thees," but that may just be my regional ear. Anyone have a second opinion?

philthD #110 July 14, 2016, 4:54pm

i thought instinctively you must be wrong and the o would make a soft c like in coelocanth, but a few seconds investigation suggests there should be a diaeresis on the e, which means you're correct

1 Like

MinuteWalt #111 July 14, 2016, 5:24pm

Yeah, there's a bit of lingual acrobatics involved between the eyes-brain-tongue connections when I read it.

Thanks [@Scribbs](#) , for giving us a challenge. If anyone else want's to chime in, that would be great.

It's crazier than even **schadenfreude** (which is a delightful word to say, btw).

Edit (I almost let this one slip by): [quote="philthD, post:110, topic:657"]

coelocanth

[/quote]

Or, coelacanth.

All the yes. That dammed fish has the best name ever.

Scribbs #112 July 14, 2016, 5:57pm

MinuteWalt #113 August 24, 2016, 6:26pm

This one's been rattling around in my head for ages, it's as lovely as what it describes:

Inflorescence. It's a botanical term that simply means "a cluster of flowers." It's sometimes (incorrectly) used to describe a bouquet, but I think that's just because it's such a pretty word.

For me, at least, it has a cognitive link to "**fluorescence**" ("light emitting", derived from the mineral fluorite) even though they are not **etymologically** necessarily related.

It can be used to make a group or **rather ugly flowers** sound beautiful, and can be modified for other things, such as "an inflorescence of fireworks." The meaning is just as attractive as the way it sounds.

2 Likes

TheGergCollective #114 August 24, 2016, 7:10pm

I often feel that the word **Soporific** sounds just right for how it makes you feel. Although the French version, *Soporifique* sounds better.

That said, it is also used in *The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies*, so maybe it is not as posh as it sounds.

3 Likes

Scribbs #115 August 24, 2016, 7:33pm

Bioluminescence joins up with these. The last part evokes light and glow, but adding bio in front makes it a tacky squishy word to describe light emitted from a variety of organisms.

1 Like

MinuteWalt #116 August 25, 2016, 1:28am

I agree. The (admittedly weak) language skills I acquired in school from various romance languages made sure I knew what it meant the first time I read it. I believe that the first time I actually *remember* reading that was on a jar label in the amazing Caro & Jeunet (or Jeunet ét Caro, whichever you like) movie *Delicatessen*. The English subtitles read "sleeping powder," and I remember thinking, "Why did they put that in the subtitles? It said that right on the dang label!"

[@SMB](#) [VIDEOS](#) [GAMES](#) [PODCASTS](#) [absolutely beautiful bioluminescence](#) “studied” fireflies and glowworms when I was a little kid, locally we have something called “headlight bugs” (a form of “click beetle”). I keep on getting asked why the hell I continue to endure living in Florida, and I think a big reason is the bioluminescent **phytoplankton** (also a neat word!) that is inevitably present whenever the weather is just right for going skinny-dipping with one or more close friends in the middle of the night 😊

1 Like

[Gwathdring](#) #117 August 25, 2016, 1:09am

I encountered fireflies for the first time this summer at a wedding in Ohio. They're *magical!* It was perfectly delightful watching little motes of light flit around. The way they fade in and out had this incredible texture to it. It wasn't like little sparks or anything, it was like nothing I've seen before.

2 Likes

[MinuteWalt](#) #118 August 25, 2016, 7:08am

Bioluminescence *is* rather quite magical. I'm very happy you got to experience that! I never saw that until I was a teenager, and have been fortunate enough to have experienced it several times since. It absolutely floored me, since luminescent insects aren't common in the place where I grew up.

But, yeah. Amazing. *Magical* really is the only appropriate word.

I've never been able to bring myself to experiment with bioluminescence, since it inevitably kills the organism producing it. However, there is a way to just **mess with their heads** using one or more LED lights to **mimic** their behavior!

As far as luminescent phytoplankton goes... well, depending on your situation, I can almost guarantee a most rewarding interaction.

1 Like

[Gwathdring](#) #119 August 25, 2016, 7:08am

That video is mesmerizing. O.O

1 Like

[MinuteWalt](#) #120 August 25, 2016, 7:16am

Yes, I can't get enough of it! Thank you Randall Munroe (and [xkcd](#)'s “**What If?**” side project) for finding that.

1 Like

penguin_lx #121 August 25, 2016, 3:09pm

Ah, I can't believe I didn't know about this delightful thread!

My additions:

Quaternary

Awkward (It's so awkward to say and spell. it's a fantastic self-fulfilling prophecy.)

Sanctimonious

Sebaceous

To me, this all harkens back to *The Phantom Tollbooth*, where Milo goes shopping in the word market and realizes all words and letters have a taste.

"Maybe if I buy some I can learn how to use them," said Milo eagerly as he began to pick through the words in the stall. Finally he chose three which looked particularly good to him—"quagmire," "flabbergast," and "upholstery." He had no idea what they meant, but they looked very grand and elegant.

[...]

As they turned down the last aisle of stalls, Milo noticed a wagon that seemed different from the rest. On its side was a small neatly lettered sign that said "DO IT YOURSELF," and inside were twenty-six bins filled with all the letters of the alphabet from A to Z.

"These are for people who like to make their own words," the man in charge informed him. "You can pick any assortment you like or buy a special box complete with all letters, punctuation marks, and a book of instructions. Here, taste an A; they're very good."

Milo nibbled carefully at the letter and discovered that it was quite sweet and delicious—just the way you'd expect an A to taste.

"I knew you'd like it," laughed the letter man, popping two G's and an R into his mouth and letting the juice drip down his chin. "A's are one of our most popular letters. All of them aren't that good," he confided in a low voice. "Take the Z, for instance—very dry and sawdusty. And the X? Why, it tastes like a trunkful of stale air. That's why people hardly ever use them. But most of the others are quite tasty. Try some more."

He gave Milo an I, which was icy and refreshing, and Tock a crisp, crunchy C.

"Most people are just too lazy to make their own words," he continued, "but it's much more fun."

"Is it difficult? I'm not much good at making words," admitted Milo, spitting the pits from a P.

Of course, later, he gets invited to give a grand speech at the castle without realizing that he has to eat his words 😊

2 Likes

1729 #122 August 25, 2016, 5:11pm

Lugubriousness, which sounds like it should be an adjective for **viscosity**, but apparently refers to exaggerated gloominess.

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #126 August 28, 2016, 9:11am

Devastating

Perhaps a *final flavor*?

I'm going to lay off here, in this thread, for a few days. I love this thread so much I've made over 50% of the contributions, and I really think you nerds should step up and own your words.

I'll still "*like*" the **whateves** I like, which will probably be everything, and it won't be long. I'll never be far away.

I'll just sit it out for a few, I just don't like thinking that I'm dominating the conversation.

PS: if anyone catches me commenting here *until I say I'm back*, feel free to scold me like I'm a small child who just stole some kind of fruit pie cooling on a window sill. (I just read a lot of Mark Twain, it's colored my thoughts.)

1 Like

suz #127 September 7, 2016, 7:51am

@penguin_ix, I've always thought the same about **lugubrious**. Is it just because it contains the word **goo**?

Speaking of goo, about a week ago my dad used the word **wayzgoose** in casual conversation across the dinner table. It made me drop my cutlery. Its very specific meaning (the annual outing provided for printing staff) made me laugh even more for some reason. I love my dad.

2 Likes

penguin_ix #128 September 7, 2016, 10:36pm

Wayzgoose! I looked it up and I still don't think I understand what it means, haha.
How many geese are involved? 😊

2 Likes

OakMantle #129 September 7, 2016, 10:46pm

One always has a certain aesthetic, but with an almost entirely oppositionary meaning and that no-two people really seem to pronounce it the same, which intrigues me.

Also: **arbitrary**, **ostensibly**, **peripeteia**, **hubris** and **chiaroscuro** are some favourites...

3 Likes

[MinuteWalt](#) #130 September 14, 2016, 6:06am

OK, it's been 2 weeks, *I'm back*.

[@OakMantle](#) **chiaroscuro** is one of my favorites. I've taken way too many art classes. Those are all quite good.

[@suz](#) I looked up **wayzgoose**. And like [@penguin_lx](#) I'm still getting my head around it. It's a printer's holiday? I think? I was a printer for a long time, and the only goose I got was from the manager. That harassment suit is still pending.

Speaking of which, **pending** is a very **clockwork** word. You can read it, but you know it doesn't apply to *now*. You can say it, but it's not finished until it hits the back of your throat. In a way, you can never actually finish saying the word "pending" **semantically**.

(Pfffft, no, that's **bullshit!** Don't listen to me.)

Wahtevs, tossing these out for free:

expeditious, **rancorous**, **Blaupunkt**, **oligarchy**

I also like **fungus**. Don't judge me. It's bouncy. And mushrooms go with both pizza *and* Chinese take-out.

2 Likes

[penguin_lx](#) #131 September 11, 2016, 1:32am

I learned that, in addition to the name for a flock of starlings, a **murmuration** is also exactly what it sounds like.

3 Likes

[MinuteWalt](#) #132 September 11, 2016, 5:32am

I tried to whisper **susurration** before, but I don't think anyone heard it.

Susurration and **murmuration** can go together in a lovely **subtle** salad. You may not have noticed eating it, but it was most definitely **nutritious**.

...um...

croutons.

suz #133 September 13, 2016, 8:24am

MinuteWalt:

I looked up wayzgoose. And like [@penguin_lx](#) I'm still getting my head around it

Well, all I know is that my grandfather worked for a big South African newspaper and the staff had an annual picnic which they called a **wayzgoose** (how they kept a straight face, I don't know... actually I'm not sure that they did). So your old boss owes you an apology.

And I never did respond to your comment on **puhuruuru** way back when.

MinuteWalt:

I still don't know reliably how to pronounce it.

In case any word warriors are remotely interested, the first 32 seconds of this charming video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2la7PaNzCFg> helps with pronunciation.

Also, while [@penguin_lx](#) is on the subject of bird groupings (I love the softness of **murmuration**), the name for a group of flying geese is a **skein** (to rhyme with 'stain', I think), like a messy thread of wings across the sky. It's more of a sharp, pointy sounding word which kind of suits a goose.

...susurration was made for whispering

2 Likes

Travel Games

MinuteWalt #134 September 14, 2016, 6:12am

[@suz](#) I almost forgot, your earlier post reminded me of my favorite 90's swing band, *Squirrel Nut Zippers*. They made a song titled "**Lugubrious Whing Whang**."

2 Likes

TheGergCollective #135 September 25, 2016, 7:01pm

If we are talking about tasting words, [penguin_lx](#), we mustn't forget *gustatory auditory synaesthesia* <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-21060207>

2 Likes

Rocketsauce #136 November 18, 2016, 5:23am

Moist
Pernicious
Perfunctory
Aviary
Salve
Donnybrook
Phlegm
Tertiary
Squall
Qualm

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #137 November 19, 2016, 7:31am

Enough of your **flim-flam**! Actually, I *love* 5 of those. **Moist** is particularly hilarious when used unexpectedly. Like using it as an onomatopoeia for the sounds of footsteps **rapidly** walking on a wet carpet.

- *moist moist moist... sqoist **

1 Like

Rocketsauce #138 November 19, 2016, 2:36pm

Ha... thanks. Yeah, my post started as just **Moist**... but then I thought of some other words that are fun to say... but Moist is on top for a reason. It really is just great fun to say... it doesn't require lingual gymnastics. It really is thrifty with letters and syllables, but delivers a satisfying sound.

Also, just realized **thrifty** is pretty great, too.

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #139 November 20, 2016, 1:47am

Yeah, it is! A short run-up to a launch off the tongue. **Thrift** is fun, it ends with a satisfying, definitive slice at the end, but **thrifty** has the icing. If **thrift** is the jump, **thrifty** is the double jump. All meaning aside, saying it is gigglesome, especially if someone's whispering it in your ear. Which, frankly, would be hilarious.

1 Like

[ConManAU](#) #140 November 29, 2016, 5:24am

I hadn't discovered this thread before. It must be because I'm a bit of a **flibbertigibbet** when it comes to reading these forums.

There are many words I like, although many of the particularly neat ones are just a little too niche to use in common conversation (**niche** is a smooth word, come to think of it). I admit to being particularly fond of **callipygian**, mostly, I think, because it's such a sophisticated and poetic way of saying "nice butt". **Syzygy** has the dual benefit of being a word using only consonants and the semi-vowel y, and being relevant to my interest in astronomy and the movement of cosmic bodies.

3 Likes

[macnme](#) #141 December 1, 2016, 2:41pm

You're all going to need this word over the next 4 years.

Kakistocracy - Government by the least qualified or most unprincipled citizens.

You're welcome

4 Likes

[Boydesian](#) #142 December 1, 2016, 4:11pm

We have that now.

3 Likes

[MinuteWalt](#) #143 December 1, 2016, 5:38pm

Hey hey, keep it in the Thunderdome you two.

2 Likes

[Boydesian](#) #144 December 1, 2016, 9:25pm

Ah well...I have noticed that people like me aren't particularly well thought of over there right now, so I must courteously decline. Also, I do not have a predilection for rhetorical **Sanguinolency**. It generally leaves me in a **Malagrugrous** mood. 😊

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #145 January 1, 2017, 7:30am

I've just used this word several times here and elsewhere, and it struck me as odd that I keep using it and haven't mentioned it here. I obviously like it, and don't get to use it enough:

Mercurial.

It literally means "like mercury," prone to change, flexible, flowing, and unpredictable.

Although, it has come to mean **capricious**, **volatile**, and **erratic**, an interpretation I disapprove of. I'm sure the god Mercury would also disapprove of that meaning as well, as would the planet named after him. The **element** metal doesn't give a damn.

1 Like

nurdacil #146 January 2, 2017, 3:08pm

slight correction: in **Generalfeldmarschall** the emphasis is on *feld*

2 Likes

Boydesian #147 January 2, 2017, 5:10pm

Danke schön.

1 Like

MinuteWalt #148 January 7, 2017, 1:54pm

Liquidity.

It's not just wishful thinking from a fiscal point of view!

Google served me the lovely title of a tome called "**Liquid Air and the Liquefaction of Gases**" when I was doing my due diligence on *liquidity*, to make sure my spelling was correct (I can't spell worth a dammeb).

It has a water-slide quality.

Like what you don't mean to say when you hit the end of the slide, but only bubbles and your very life-breath comes out.

Sometimes.

"Lbiqubuliqublthy!!!"

Because there a few hard edges there, it can throw you off.

Try this: "LQ-D-T-T," all sharp constants that want to say their names, separated by vowels rounder

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #149 January 16, 2017, 8:37am

**Disbursement
Allocation**

And I know I've said **reify** before, but it can be built into **reification**, which merits additional attention.

I would also like to mention **haberdashery**. I can imagine myself as a haberdasher, a purveyor of fine assorted goods and hats. And it sounds so much better than *sundries*.

2 Likes

Boydesian #150 January 16, 2017, 2:24pm

My favorite haberdasher is **Henri Henri** (189 Rue Sainte-Catherine E, Montréal, PQ). I always wear a wide-brim felt fedora when I fly-fish and my best (and luckiest) is a dark brown Royal Stetson I bought from them back in the '90s. Great place to get "hat-itude":

<http://henrihenri.ca/>

2 Likes

Griffster77 #151 January 16, 2017, 2:32pm

Pliable is a great word to say. I think it sounds like it means.

Also, after watching Man in the High Castle, I'm really enjoying saying Obergruppenfuhrer

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #152 March 15, 2017, 7:45am

Deflocculation. Oh, my god, it almost sounds *dirty*. How delightful!

I know I've read it elsewhere, but never knew what it meant. I found a link to it recently when reading about **sintering** on Wikipedia (also a little dirty-sounding. Deflocculation is almost *sint-full!*).

The very first sentence that that link points to at this moment made me laugh loud enough to startle the cat:

"Deflocculation is the exact opposite of flocculation."

MinuteWalt #155 March 27, 2017, 9:14am

Flamingo.

We lost the momentum for the 22nd.
Hell, I forgot about it completely.

But still, **flamingo**. Whee!!

2 Likes

suz #156 March 27, 2017, 12:12pm

@MinuteWalt , I am awarding you the coveted and much belated Inappropriate Word Prize for your thread's 2nd Anniversary.

FLANNEL

Soft and comforting, with a taut edge if you flick it hard enough.

(I realise that there might be something **lost in translation** across the Atlantic, but whether you flick someone with a washcloth or some flannelette, it still stings. It's basically just a really inappropriate word however you look at it).

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #157 March 27, 2017, 12:40pm

I... I don't know what to say.

I would like to thank my **friends**, without **whom**, this wouldn't have been **possible**.

And my **manager**, who doesn't actually exist...

I'd **especially** like to thank my mom, without whom / wouldn't have even been born!

Thank you, all of you!

(he blushes and runs back to his seat in the theater, and tucks his head into a **flannel flamingo**)

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #158 March 27, 2017, 12:45pm

(dammit, now I'm going to be saying **flannel flamingo** to myself for the rest of the day)

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3 Likes

[suz](#) #159 March 27, 2017, 12:53pm

MinuteWalt:

EDIT: I'm actually considering renaming this topic "Flannel Flamingo."

Well, that certainly would be a very inappropriate use of the word flannel.

1 Like

[MinuteWalt](#) #160 March 27, 2017, 1:00pm

Not to mention the word "flamingo."

2 Likes

[nurdacil](#) #161 March 27, 2017, 2:24pm

Sitting here with my sewing machine, I'm honestly considering to appliqué a pink felt flamingo onto a cushion cover made of a pink checkered flannel.

Have to go fabric shopping before that though 🙄

Flannel Felt Flamingo hmmm

2 Likes

[penguin_ix](#) #162 March 27, 2017, 4:01pm

If it's an applique, would it be a **flattened flannel felt flamingo**?

2 Likes

[MinuteWalt](#) #163 March 27, 2017, 4:37pm

Noooo! You cannot! It is an ancient ritual, lost to time and antiquity, proscribed because of the danger inherently laying within!

It is a **forgotten forbidden flattened flannel felt flamingo!**

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(Oh, damn it, the full name. I've opened a pub or a bar, I must now name it **The Forbidden Flamingo**.)

2 Likes

[COMaestro](#) #164 March 27, 2017, 5:33pm

Then you light it on fire, for a **fiery forgotten forbidden flattened flannel felt flamingo!**

2 Likes

[penguin_ix](#) #165 March 27, 2017, 5:38pm

And if you wait too long before you put the fire out, it develops into an adolescent who doesn't care about anything: a **flippant fiery forgotten forbidden flattened felt flannel flamingo flambé**

3 Likes

[nurdacil](#) #166 March 27, 2017, 10:00pm

Now that, my friends is how the Signature Cocktail of [@MinuteWalt](#)'s Bar shall be called! ✨

2 Likes

[penguin_ix](#) #167 March 27, 2017, 10:28pm

I'd drink that 😊

it better be made with 100% real flamingo though.

2 Likes

[COMaestro](#) #168 March 27, 2017, 10:43pm

And I bet it will taste **fabulous!**

3 Likes

[nurdacil](#) #169 March 27, 2017, 11:14pm

We have to make sure the servers (wearing flamboyant, frou-frou flannel frocks, and maybe felt fedoras, all in fuchsia I imagine) will never take the order if Customers refuse to say the full name of

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #170 March 28, 2017, 2:59am

Just in case you were wondering what started this, I could not get this dammed song out of my head:

Rob Cantor, how I love you.

4 Likes

penguin_ix #171 March 28, 2017, 4:59am

Now i feel compelled to share this clip from Planet Earth 2 with all the **flamingos trapped in ice**.

They're **flustered frozen flamingoes!**

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #172 March 28, 2017, 6:04am

I came so close to ruining everyone's day, and renaming this topic:

"Flamingos: an Appreciation of Juicy Birds."

You can't understand how hard it continues to be to restrain myself!

3 Likes

COMaestro #173 March 28, 2017, 3:35pm

MinuteWalt:

I came so close to ruining everyone's day, and renaming this topic:

"Flamingos: an Appreciation of Juicy Birds."

You can't understand how hard it continues to be to restrain myself!

Justin-hale and exhale slowly. Focus on your breathing. Restraint will follow.

Why can't I stop making these??

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #174 March 28, 2017, 3:53pm



COMaestro #175 March 28, 2017, 3:56pm

Gah, they keep coming! Someone please Justin-capacitate me!

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #176 March 28, 2017, 4:02pm

OK, take the cure: slow down, say these nonsense words slowly and deliberately:

deontallongical

wonnovarris

luxving

worrinct

louannisope

hinnyput

limeraroo

1 Like

Scribbs #177 March 28, 2017, 4:03pm

MinuteWalt:

limeraroo

Isn't that some sort of British kangaroo?

2 Likes

COMaestro #178 March 28, 2017, 4:03pm

I think that's helping. Justin-crease the flow of words.

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #179 March 28, 2017, 4:09pm

[HOME](#) [VIDEOS](#) [GAMES](#) [PODCAST](#) Take it easy, Maestro. Keep saying the words you'll get stuck on Justin puns forever:

alleopious
wingheldot
bloydant
fellowingagle
jimberolt
lontasferral

Also: *breathe...*

(I almost said "just breathe" but...)

1 Like

COMaestro #180 March 28, 2017, 4:09pm

This Justin: I think I've got it under control.

1 Like

MinuteWalt #181 March 28, 2017, 4:11pm

Good, that one was older than my grandma, you're getting better:

olviation
palluminious
blonk
lousious
alowate
kelvo

1 Like

COMaestro #182 March 28, 2017, 4:13pm

I'm good! I'm cured. No more Justin-nuendos!

1 Like

MinuteWalt #183 March 28, 2017, 4:15pm

I think you still need to work on it a bit.

[MinuteWalt](#) #184 March 28, 2017, 4:20pm

[@COMaestro](#) try this:

gillysminnypinch

welvompulous

doid

maximeroll

clombant

loncksious

1 Like

[MinuteWalt](#) #185 March 28, 2017, 4:24pm

MinuteWalt:

wonnovarris

Ooops, I just saw I misspelled that. It's "**wontnovarris**." Pardon me, please, for the error.

1 Like

[COMaestro](#) #186 March 28, 2017, 4:44pm

Okay, I'm definitely better now.

2 Likes

[nurdacil](#) #187 March 28, 2017, 8:48pm

[@penguin_ix](#) [@COMaestro](#) [@MinuteWalt](#)

look what you flimsy ferrets made me buy at the fabric store...



I don't have any use for this fabric whatsoever, but it made me smile in the store and think of you guys, so I had to buy it.

4 Likes

[penguin_ix](#) #188 March 28, 2017, 9:56pm



2 Likes

[COMaestro](#) #189 March 28, 2017, 10:24pm

I had no responsibility for this purchase whatsoever...

3 Likes

[MinuteWalt](#) #190 March 28, 2017, 11:01pm

I will take full responsibility for what these dorks made you do.

brian #191 March 29, 2017, 12:13am

nurdacil:

I don't have any use for this fabric whatsoever

Sure, but a print like that is just crying out to be something. Anything!

Why, yes, I do let my 3 year old daughter choose fabrics for my shirts and underwear. Why do you ask?

3 Likes

brian #192 March 29, 2017, 12:27am

Oh, and to add a few words:

grumma
sgombair
bungel
wonty-tump
foggagey
scaunching
zwer
didder
quacky
slamp

2 Likes

COMaestro #193 March 29, 2017, 3:45pm

Sommelier

2 Likes

brian #194 March 30, 2017, 2:26am

Oh, damn. Just came across a lovely word I haven't seen for a decade and a half:

riggwelter

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #195 April 2, 2017, 8:03am

COMaestro:

Sommelier

I hate being a bit of a retarded Francophile. Many semesters, I can hardly speak a word. Kind of like my Germanic, which is the origin of this word, I assume?

brian:

riggwelter

English is a mess.

Then again, WINE. "Sommelier! **Attendez vous!**"

EDIT: I meant to put my "Germanic" comment below "riggwelter," in case it was confusing to anyone.

WizarDru #196 March 30, 2017, 2:24pm

And now you've infected others with it, like a zombie infection vector. Curse you! (flamingo!)

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #197 April 2, 2017, 8:23am

I think we got it out of our system. Let me know if you have any **lingering symptoms**.

OK, all, I just realized **lingering symptoms** is juicy, but not in the way you want it to be.

"**Lingering**," it's like you can't get it out of your throat, the consonants are so squishy except for the "g"s, which aren't hard enough to get it out all the way. Contrasted by "**symptoms**," a two part **staccato**, that's practically an effort to not spit it out of your mouth, an **expectoration** built, dammed by the "P", and then released by the "T" exhaling the rest through the lips.

Remember, "PT" also spells "**ptptptptptptptpppppt!**" Which is outrageously fun to say!

2 Likes

nurdacil #199 April 5, 2017, 1:57pm



58 Likes, 4 Comments - Pissghost_comics (@pissghost_comics) on Instagram: "Word torture. Still a gray area under the United Nations convention against Torture. #webcomics..."

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #200 April 9, 2017, 3:52pm

That cartoonist has excellent penmanship.

Or penwomanship. Penpersonship.

EDIT: Is that just you, [@nurdacil](#) ? Because it's lovely. If it's not you, just lie and take the credit.

2 Likes

brian #201 April 11, 2017, 4:26pm

'Cause there's a discussion of "Lovecraftian" going on elsewhere, and it's now in my head, I have to drop a delightful clunker of a word here: **phildickian**. Ugh.

Boydesian #202 April 11, 2017, 7:26pm

Not in the spirit of this thread, but it's still one of my favorite humorous exchanges about words:

Dr. Samuel Johnson: *[places two manuscripts on the table, but picks up the top one] Here it is, sir. The very cornerstone of English scholarship. This book, sir, contains every word in our beloved language.*

Blackadder: *Every single one, sir?*

Dr. Samuel Johnson: *Every single word, sir!*

Blackadder: *Oh, well, in that case, sir, I hope you will not object if I also offer the Doctor my most enthusiastic contrafribblarities.*

Dr. Samuel Johnson: *What?*

Blackadder: *"contrafribblarities", sir? It is a common word down our way.*

Dr. Samuel Johnson: *Damn!*

[writes in the book]

Blackadder: *Oh, I'm sorry, sir. I'm anaspeptic, phrasmotric, even compunctuous to have caused you such pericombobulation.*

[later]

Blackadder: *Leaving already doctor? Not staying for your pendigestatery interludicule ?*

8 Likes

Boydesian #203 April 21, 2017, 6:32pm

Had to move this from the thread it was in to the thread I *thought* I was adding it to! Haha! Fridays...



I just discovered this fantastic word (apologies if someone has listed it before):

Floccinaucinihilipilification - The action or habit of estimating something as worthless.

Going by that definition I do this at least once a work day when people call me up about something they think is incredibly valuable...but isn't.

This is apparently the longest, non-technical (official) word in the English language as it is one letter longer than the more common *antidisestablishmentarianism* (29 vs. 28).

Like all good words, it has both an American pronunciation, which uses a long *i* in ...*ni*-hil, and a British pronunciation, which uses the short *i*. The short *i* being the correct way to say "nihil" in the original Latin, I side with my cousins across the pond on this one.

And on the pronunciation of *schedule* as well.

3 Likes

What do you get when you cross a joke with a rhetorical question?

[penguin_ix](#) #204 April 23, 2017, 11:52am

How do you pronounce the other 24 letters?? 😊

2 Likes

[Boydesian](#) #205 April 23, 2017, 3:42pm

“Throat-warbler mangrove”.

3 Likes

[webs](#) #206 April 24, 2017, 11:59am

MinuteWalt:

riggwelter

According to the website, "...Riggwelter takes its name from the local Yorkshire Dales dialect – when a sheep is on its back and can't get up without help, local dialect says it is riggwelted.[4] This dialect word comes from the old Viking words: 'rigg'(rygg) meaning back and 'velte' to overturn (the words and their meaning are still largely the same in the modern North Germanic languages)

1 Like

[webs](#) #207 April 24, 2017, 12:02pm

Firlefanzt!

3 Likes

[brian](#) #208 April 24, 2017, 2:37pm

My first introduction to **riggwelter** was from a **Black Sheep beer**, years ago. Between the word and the image on the tap handle, the memory sticks. My hazy memory recalls that it was a stronger beer then, around 8%, which better suited an upsy-daisy ovine.

2 Likes

brian:

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Well, I got my quote from the Wikipedia entry for Black Sheep beer, so there you go. 😊
It does say that the beer only has 5,9%, so maybe your hazy memory comes from combining it with too many other flavors? 😊

As an aside, the German word *Rücken* for *back* most probably stems from this viking word *rygg/rigg*. There is also *wenden*, meaning turning around/inside out, but I have no idea whether that is etymologically related to *velte*.

1 Like

MinuteWalt #210 April 25, 2017, 10:38am

Put it [here](#). Why not?

And as long as we are talking about German and alcohol, I would like to drop this off:

Reinheitsgebot

2 Likes

nurdacil #211 July 6, 2017, 11:48pm

So, I am back with my favourite collective nouns for animal “herds”.

A flamboyance of flamingos

A mischief of rats

An escargatoire of snails

A kaleidoscope of butterflies

A wake of vultures

A murder of crows or magpies

A cackle of hyenas

A pride of peacocks

The first and latter are not only referring to gays... 😬

2 Likes

webs #212 July 7, 2017, 10:23am

Apparently a piece of paper is a "Blatt" in German. 😊

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #213 August 2, 2017, 8:35pm

nurdacil:

So, I am back with my favourite collective nouns

I've been trying to come up with a collective noun for owlbears, for the definitive documentary I've been writing about owlbear biology and ecology. The best one I have so far is a **stump** of owlbears.

In fact, I've come up with this:

cublet (baby) (*note, this was a cross between cub and **owlet**, owlet being one of the most adorable words I've ever heard*)

nest (a single owlbear family)

matron (nest mother)

patron (nest father)

den (a group of owlbear nests)

matriarch (den mother)

patriarch (den father)

stump (any group of owlbears)

Yes, I know how dorky this is, but I've written about half a dozen pages all about the life cycle of the common owlbear. *Fight me.*

3 Likes

Scribbs #214 August 2, 2017, 8:39pm

An **amalgamation** of owlbears?

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #215 August 2, 2017, 8:55pm

I don't know, **amalgamation** seems too general (although, that is indeed a lovely word). For some reason, **stump** has just stuck with me. I'm not entirely pleased with it, but I can't get rid of it. I can't shake it. It just seems to work.

I tried a **congress**, and a **parliament**, and others (congress was taken), but stump seems to fit, somehow. I can't explain it.

2 Likes

[penguin_ix](#) #216 August 7, 2017, 4:26pm

A district of owlbears?
A voting block of owlbears?
A Gerrymander of owlbears?
A picnic of owlbears?

2 Likes

[Boydesian](#) #217 August 7, 2017, 6:20pm

MinuteWalt:

I've been trying to come up with a collective noun for owlbears, for the definitive documentary I've been writing about owlbear biology and ecology.

A *cavern* of Owlbears.
Or...
A *throng* of Owlbears.
Or...
A *platoon* of Owlbears.
Or (my personal choice)...
A *smack* of Owlbears.

2 Likes

[brian](#) #218 August 7, 2017, 6:35pm

...pssst... a *gygax* of owlbears...

4 Likes

[MinuteWalt](#) #219 August 8, 2017, 10:55am

[@penguin_ix](#) [@Boydesian](#) [@brian](#)

I am very much in favor of **picnic**, **smack**, and **gygax**. Those seem very appropriate, and they are quite fun to say, especially *gygax*. *Gygax* would be a fun tribute, but it's very much a proper individual noun. That being said, it's super tempting and delicious. *Smack* is so straight forward, and it's got that onomatopoeia appeal, and it sounds how it tastes. But *picnic* is more of a naturally collective noun, and I like the 1-2 staccato.

I'll give it some thought. *Stump* is fun, but those are better,

1 Like

MinuteWalt #220 October 27, 2017, 1:38am

Argh, this topic has been **languishing**! (You may or may not like **languish**, it's odd that way. It's always either neglected, or intentionally self neglectful. In a way, it's kind of like black licorice, which you either love or hate, but everything and/or everyone that has anything to do with that licorice is in a hammock, so you really can't be arsed either way).

So I just found **pedunculated**! Hehehe, that's a blast to say! But don't look it up on Wikipedia, it's kind of gross, and closer to a *blastoma* than a blast.

It has a related word, **sessile**, which is slippery fun on the palate, like eating peeled lychee, but it also has a meaning a bit to corporeal to just whip it out at any old time.

PS: [@brian](#) , This is as official as it's going to get for now: it's a *picnic of owbears* colloquially, but a **Gygax of owbears** when speaking academically.

2 Likes

brian #221 October 27, 2017, 2:21am

Oh, sure. I'll drop another fun word: **dubhagan**

A Gaelic word that describes both the deep part of a pool and the pupil of an eye.

3 Likes

WizarDru #222 October 27, 2017, 11:51am

That so little has been posted to this thread is simply **infandous**.

One of my favorite quotes from *MASH* was when Hawkeye pretends to be Charles and tells someone on the phone "I am both **lugubrious** and **sagacious**!" Which of course forced people to look those up, as even Hawkeye wasn't sure what they meant. 😊

4 Likes

MinuteWalt #223 October 28, 2017, 12:50am

WizarDru:

infandous

I had to look up **infandous**. Let's not speak of it again.

Actually, one of the definitions included the word **odious**, which I thought was kind of funny. Infandous is pretty obscure, but imagine somebody looking it up who also didn't know what odious

mean? Sure, but it is obscure, and it's not exactly common, either. It's like whoever wrote that definition made a slippery slope of vocabulary to make people look up the words that were contained in the definition of other words. That should be a big no-no in any manual of style in any lexicographer's toolkit, but I'm secretly 100% behind that kind of shenanigan.

Speaking of obscure, I really like **camera obscura**. It's quirky and bubbly and slightly mystical. The actual thing is also cool and fun, you can make one out of a cereal box or an oatmeal can, and it's a lot more fun to say than "pinhole camera." You can also make one by poking a hole in the wall of a windowless room, but that makes it sound like a setup for a creepy movie.

3 Likes

brian #224 October 28, 2017, 1:51am

MinuteWalt:

Speaking of obscure, I really like camera obscura.

Also pretty neat: the **camera lucida**. I cannot wait until mine arrives.

I'm also a bit enamored of **Atlas Obscura**, but that's a whole 'nuther thing.

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #225 October 28, 2017, 2:10am

brian:

camera lucida

That is very, very cool. I would love to see some photos! I got to play with one when I was in school in an art class, but I've never seen one since. That's kind of like how SLRs work, only not really. It's a *lot* like how rear-view mirrors work when you flip down the thingy if someone behind you has headlights that are too bright.

Also a fan of Atlas Obscura. There are three notable points in my town on their site, and I've checked it out before I've traveled before so I could hit some spots in person.

For some reason, this has reminded me of another cool word: **panopticon**. Saying it has a similar cadence to a horse which is just about to gallop, but it smells like an ancient stone library.

1 Like

brian #226 October 28, 2017, 3:05am

MinuteWalt:

I would love to see some photos!

Of the item itself, not my crummy drawings, right?

MinuteWalt:

For some reason, this has reminded me of another cool word: panopticon.

I will never be able to see that word without thinking of Geoff Manaugh's excellent *A Burglar's Guide to the City*. It was the first thing that made me think that I needed to make games, not just play them. (Mr. Manaugh internets under the name of BLDGBLOG. He's full of fine words, that fellow.)

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #227 October 28, 2017, 5:19am

Totally your crummy drawings! It would help to show the **efficaciousness** of a camera lucida. Do it for science!

I looked up *Burglar's Guide*, and apparently it's at my closest library branch. When I can get over there, I need to check it out. Just from what I've read about it, I can see the connections you're talking about.

(It's tempting to try and heist it, but I'd never do that to a library! I love them so.)

Incidentally (*I know, not as fun as **parenthetically** (especially because of the surrounding **parentheses**) or even **superfluously** or **extraneously**, but it was more appropriate and I still like to say it*), : Does anyone else notice how often perfectly good words you use here get the jaggy red underline suggesting it was misspelled? I think my "Add to dictionary" right-click menu option is getting worn out, I may have to order a new one.

And now I'm going to drop **extemporaneously** here on a whim ;p

3 Likes

penguin_ix #228 October 28, 2017, 4:39pm

Thanks to the highly excellent Sawbones podcast I have learned that I pronounce **salve** incorrectly. I honestly thought you pronounced the L.

It's actually closer to **suave**, which is another fun word to say and pretend you are at the same time.

3 Likes

suz #229 October 29, 2017, 3:05pm

Oh, I've always pronounced the L in suave too. Well, if it's confession time, until recently I genuinely thought **misled** was pronounced 'my-zild' and it took me even longer to realise the irony of being misled by **misled**.

Today I've been enjoying saying **suave** suavely. So thank you for that. I can also recommend saying **aplomb** with aplomb!

4 Likes

[penguin_lx](#) #230 October 30, 2017, 1:19am

Aplomb with aplomb! How very **apropos**!

3 Likes

[WizarDru](#) #231 October 30, 2017, 8:15pm

MinuteWalt:

For some reason, this has reminded me of another cool word: panopticon. Saying it has a similar cadence to a horse which is just about to gallop, but it smells like an ancient stone library.

I'ma not gonna lie: I love that word entirely due to Doctor Who. I associate that word primarily with the show in my mind, even though it's not actually an SF term.

3 Likes

[MinuteWalt](#) #232 November 1, 2017, 5:15pm

WizarDru:

...entirely due to Doctor Who...

That small phrase, taken out of context, explains a lot of how I got this way.

suz:

I can also recommend saying aplomb with aplomb!

[penguin_lx](#):

Aplomb with aplomb! How very apropos!

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Stop this right now! You're playing on a hot match, one that can possibly light itself! Self referential silliness should be taken seriously!



4 Likes

MinuteWalt #233 November 2, 2017, 1:52pm

It all asploded... we need to start over...

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #234 November 16, 2017, 3:59pm

I had to put this here because something [@KeithBlock](#) and I are doing brought it up:

Glabrous. It means hairless or bald. Oddly, it comes up more often when talking about plants than when talking about animals (plants with fuzzy stems and/or leaves are “**hirsute**,” believe it or not, which also a fun word. Plants with smooth and/or shiny parts are “glabrous.”)

I don't know how this word got away from us in a way that its sister, hirsute, did not. Bald is beautiful, people. I've got a lot of hair, but I'm not going to let that dictate my life choices.

The word itself seems a bit oily and bubbly, actually a bit homely, even though it's otherwise shiny and smooth. It reminds me of a girl I would like despite an obvious overbite and a spotty complexion, because she's sweet and smart and has a great personality.

Spellcheck insists that it's misspelled. It is not.

Spellcheck wants it to be “glamorous.” And you know what? It is.

5 Likes

brian #235 December 5, 2017, 12:29am

Zugunruhe. The restlessness migratory birds exhibit when migration season approaches. Even if *Sie sprechen kein Deutsch*, it just seems like the right word.

4 Likes

webs #236 December 5, 2017, 5:11pm

Wow. I'm German and haven't even heard of that before. Makes perfect sense, though. And it does sound nice.

1 Like

Gamey_Oddlyman #237 December 5, 2017, 6:52pm

I like to refer to shopping trips as “going for a peruse” and will occasionally crack out the word “ablutions” if I’m running a bath.

the highest use/joy of use ration probably goes to “trundle” though.

I like a nice trundle.

4 Likes

MinuteWalt #238 December 10, 2017, 8:10am

brian:

Zugunruhe

I listened to the internet’s pronunciation of this. I would like to hear yours. It sounds like... well, everything you said it does.

But I don’t trust YouTube or my own flawed understanding of German. The word seems like a rich, dark candy that you bite off in three parts, just to let it go at the end. If you can give us a better recording, that would be awesome.

I would ask for a more descriptive thing of how the word tastes, but you kind of nailed it. I just want to know why it nailed it somehow for me, too (I don’t speak German well at all), and apparently it worked for [@webs](#) , too, who’s ear I trust.

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #239 December 10, 2017, 12:15pm

Gamey_Oddlyman:

peruse

Gamey_Oddlyman:

ablutions

Gamey_Oddlyman:

trundle

Yes to all three!

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Perusers is very easy, although, it's like going to lick an envelope." Only with a hint of a look at the booksellers, and driving the car there. There is a link with "graze" and "browse," and booksellers, believe it or not: grazers eat grass, browsers eat leaves, **perusers** eat both, but can't make up their minds.

Readers are constantly referred to in comparison to the various herbivores of the world in English.

I do have to admit, "**ablutions**" sounds bubbly. It tastes like soap, just a bit. And a morning bath. It does also have connotations of the morning "voiding," but "ablutions" gracefully overlooks all of that for our sakes, pulling off four syllables like it was only one.

Trundle, though, is hilarious. Trundle is so awkward, it's a hayride on a cart that has only one broken wheel. It tastes like candy that you didn't expect, toothpicks in the treacle. Well done.

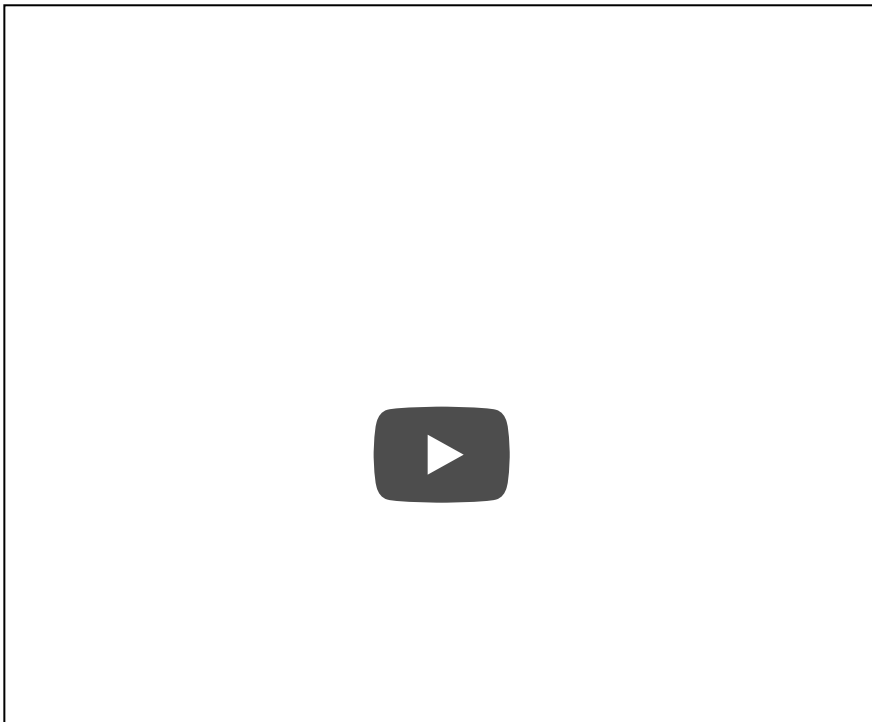
3 Likes

Jaysaurus #240 December 10, 2017, 1:58pm

The word **ravishing** but really rolling the **R**. I am wont to describe my friends as such on social occasions.

As a side note, the host of this show (as he reveals in the first few seconds of this youtube) has a way of **sAYing wORDS** in what you might call a "juicy" fashion that I have found endlessly amusing

"before the room was **bLAND!**"



3 Likes

brian #241 December 10, 2017, 2:18pm

MinuteWalt:

I listened to the internet's pronunciation of this. I would like to hear yours.

Perhaps, but not because it'd teach you what the word really sounds like. The remnants of my high school German from 20 years ago is good for embarrassing entertainment at best.

1 Like

brian #242 January 11, 2018, 4:06pm

MinuteWalt:

That is very, very cool. I would love to see some photos!

Ask and ye shall receive, buddy. I'm amazed at how well a camera lucida works, even for a clumsy-fingered doofus like myself.



And since this is the juicy words thread, I ought to leave a little one here. Been bouncing around my brain of late: **Palooka**.

5 Likes

MinuteWalt #243 January 11, 2018, 6:24pm

I love palooka! That is a very satisfying word to say out loud. Thanks, man, that's awesome.

It kind of ejects itself from your mouth when you say it properly, and you may expect it to turn around and smack you back for doing it.

(However, you say it even if the word is meaningless, softly and gently and with warmth in your voice, it's practically a love letter to a dear friend. Seriously, slow it down, it's almost creepily sexy).

3 Likes

Habilis #244 January 12, 2018, 5:00pm

Big fan of the oft-overused Lovecraftian descriptions: **Squamous** and **rugose**.

In this day and age of unthinking political affiliations I find myself using **myrmidon** on a surprisingly regular basis.

My own portmanteau term for things that are large, expensive, and ostentatious but devoid of anything but the most milquetoast and anodyne sentiments and aesthetics are "**blandeur**" and "**blandiose**." Think: The scripted shopping spaces of The Americana and The Grove in Los Angeles, the films of Jerry Bruckheimer, the music of Enya or Kenny G, the artwork of Leroy Neiman or Thomas Kincaid.

4 Likes

MinuteWalt #245 January 13, 2018, 4:51am

You're killing me, **@Habilis**, those are all delightful. Not to mention, you just dropped **portmanteau** in there like it wasn't even a thing. Like a boss.

2 Likes

Griffster77 #246 January 13, 2018, 7:41am

I've always thought 'babbling' was a very onomatopoeiac

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #247 January 13, 2018, 10:36am

I don't think a brook knows any other words.

2 Likes

Habilis #248 January 13, 2018, 3:32pm

My wife and I have gotten to the point where we describe anything that goes in one's bathroom medicine cabinet, whether it's cosmetic, medical, or hygienic as **salves, balms, and unguents**. As

in, "Did you pack as you salves, balms, and unguents for our trip?" *Unguent* is a great, gooshy kind of word.

Reminds me of another favorite, **ululate**.

As in, "what is that creature so mournfully ululating out there in the wilderness?"

"I don't know, but it frightens me so, for I am merely a *pusillanimous pismire*..."

5 Likes

[brian](#) #249 January 13, 2018, 5:14pm

Well, well. Look what arrived in the mail. A book just *perfect* for this here thread.



Hundreds of pages of American landscape words and their descriptions. For example, the entry for **nilas** begins: "*One of the first phases in the life cycle of sea ice is nilas, a thin elastic crust that forms on calm water.*" It's distinct from grease ice, frazil ice, pancake ice (also called lily-pad ice), floes, and pack ice.

5 Likes

[MinuteWalt](#) #250 January 14, 2018, 10:23am

Habilis:

Reminds me of another favorite, **ululate**.

Shockingly enough, that has come up here before. (This thread is older than I'd care to admit.) It was also a big hit back then, still awesome now.

Also **salves, balms and unguents** is just simply a great phrase. Try to interject that in every possible conversation.

[@brian](#) Why are you doing this to me?

I just checked, and I can get that book from my local library exchange. I am going to request it just to read that sentence (and, obviously, everything else).

EDIT: the **camera lucida**. I had to call that back, it's so fun. I also like your pens on the left (I like pens and pencils, don't judge me, people!)

3 Likes

[brian](#) #251 January 14, 2018, 11:46am

MinuteWalt:

Why are you doing this to me?

So I definitely shouldn't mention Robert Macfarlane, right?

1 Like

[MinuteWalt](#) #252 January 14, 2018, 11:47am

(Expressionless response 😐)

1 Like

[MinuteWalt](#) #253 January 14, 2018, 7:57pm

Oh, lord, I can't believe this thread had been here so long and no one's said **velocipede** yet.

(I put on a mesh-back trucker hat, adjust my mustache and monocle, and ride off mumbling something about zero-gear bikes)

2 Likes

[Gambauge](#) #254 January 14, 2018, 9:17pm

What about **Lunk**, it makes me think of nuts and bolts while giving me a weird feeling in my throat.

Ooo, and **susuruss**

5 Likes

@Gambauge

Lunk is pretty good (actually great), well played with that description, too. I feel the same way.

Susurration has been here before (big fan, btw), but I think we'd still love to hear *your* description of what it feels like to say it. This is vocabulary ASMR.

(EDIT: I just realized, general note to everybody, I have previously gone over every single entry here that survived from the 2015 changeover (it erased a lot of stats), and I had re-clicked "like" on every one of you people that had previously submitted. What am I even doing with my life?

I actually, really "liked" all of them, for real, they were all great submissions! I'm not saying this because I'm suddenly on death row or it's my birthday or anything, I just wanted to say thanks for coming here to hang out.)

6 Likes

Griffster77 #256 January 15, 2018, 9:31am

I'm a huge fan of the dg and ng diphthongs. (I think they're diphthongs)

BluDGEon and SpoNGe are great words to say

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #257 January 15, 2018, 9:48am

Bludgeon and **sponge** are very fine, if a bit oozy and organic. They have the deep-chest/abdomen sound you have to do, and taste of soapy band-aids.

They remind me of **pummel**, for some reason, even though it's so much a sharper word to fire off.

(**Diphthongs!** Will never get tired of the word "diphthongs")

3 Likes

suz #258 January 15, 2018, 11:59am

So many delicious words, I can't fit them all in my mouth at once. I tried **palooka** and **lunk** together and spat out **spelunker**. Which is the sound of your torch dropping into a cave pool.

4 Likes

webs #259 January 15, 2018, 1:17pm

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Diphthongs are always vowels, like the 'i' in 'wi' and 'oy' in 'poy'.
But of course your right in noting the beauty of the 'dsch' sound.

2 Likes

chrislear #260 January 15, 2018, 3:58pm

Griffster77 gets a pass according to my dictionary, which generously gives "(loosely) a digraph" for diphthong as well as "two vowel sounds pronounced as one syllable".

2 Likes

Griffster77 #261 January 15, 2018, 4:04pm

Well if its not a diphthong, what is it? Happy to be corrected

2 Likes

chrislear #262 January 15, 2018, 4:06pm

Griffster77:

Well if its not a diphthong, what is it?

A digraph

2 Likes

Griffster77 #263 January 15, 2018, 4:14pm

Fair enough!

(Tempted to go and edit my previous post so everything after it looks wierd...) 😊

2 Likes

webs #264 January 15, 2018, 5:34pm

Oh, this happened to me once.

[Can Quinn's please review this?](#)

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #265 January 16, 2018, 4:48am

suz:

I tried **palooka** and **lunk** together and spat out **spelunker**. Which is the sound of your torch dropping into a cave pool.

I haven't laughed that hard all day, that's brilliant.

2 Likes

brian #266 January 16, 2018, 7:55pm

Habilis:

Unguent is a great, gooshy kind of word.

It's been tickling at my brain for so long, and finally popped itself loose: Peter Stormare muttering, "I need unguent," during **the kidnapping scene** in *Fargo*. With the snow blanketing everything outside, I guess I know what I'm up to tonight.

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #267 January 17, 2018, 12:57pm

The Cohen brothers have a **Dickensian** way with words.

(As an aside, I believe the first time I used the word "**Dickensian**" in a real sentence, was to describe the name of the lovely and **marvelous Alabaster Crippens**. [@AvaFoxfort](#), thank you.)

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #268 February 7, 2018, 10:18pm

Concatenation. (A series of **interconnected** events. "Interconnected" is fun, too.)

It does approach sesquipedalian loquaciousness, I admit, but it *is* still a very useful word. And it's so bouncy! It's like riding a bike over rough ground.

Edit: I should have said, rough **terrain**. "Terrain" is a hoot!

Edit edit: What would happen if we had a **recursive** concatenation? Would we then be in the movie *Pi* or something?

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Re: Dudson is weird, I know he brought it up before 😊). When you combine it with concatenation, I believe you're just asking for trouble.

I should just stop.

3 Likes

[penguin_ix](#) #269 February 9, 2018, 9:55pm

Eschew.

Either a digital cashew or an ambivalent piece of footwear.

3 Likes

[brian](#) #270 February 9, 2018, 10:13pm

Or the sound I make when failing to hold in a sneeze.

3 Likes

[MinuteWalt](#) #271 February 26, 2018, 7:22am

penguin_ix:

Eschew.

Either a digital cashew or an ambivalent piece of footwear.

brian:

Or the sound I make when failing to hold in a sneeze.

It's the sound you make when you have to forcibly **eject** a cashew out of your nose?

(I needed an excuse to add "eject.")

(PS: also to sneak in "**forcibly**." It's a bit of a big fat-guy jerk who could get you either cashewed or ejected. I don't really like it too much, but the "f" glides over the "orss" sound until it collides with the slightly staccato "ib," "li," ~ "whee.")

And when I type things like this, I begin to realize I should look into other hobbies.)

(PPS: digital cashew...E-shew. [@brian](#) gets the sneeze prize, but [@penguin_ix](#) gets the mechanicashew prototype I've been designing in my secret laboratory.)

brian #272 February 11, 2018, 3:33pm

MinuteWalt:

[@brian](#) gets the sneeze prize

You hang on to that until flu season's over, 'kay?

2 Likes

mutechair #273 February 11, 2018, 9:55pm

penguin_lx:

or an ambivalent piece of footwear.

If one has a large collection of footwear, one could be expected to have, as with other collections, favorites. And by choosing those favorites, consequently avoid others.

“ARE THESE YOUR SHOES?”

“Goodness no. Those are but some of my eshews.”

“We’ll at the next break in reading your period fiction come and tidy up this closet, smartass.”

3 Likes

nurdacil #274 February 12, 2018, 1:19am

for all you juicy word appreciators: there’s this university professor from the university of colorado on youtube who’s a specialist in old norse and nordic studies. I’m highly intrigued by his pronunciation of old norse, his knowledge (and his looks) and his delivery. [Jackson Crawford](#)

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #275 February 12, 2018, 2:56am

Yeah, he’s a cutie. I don’t know if I could ever roll my consonants like that, which somehow makes it worse.

2 Likes

[MinuteWalt](#) #276 February 15, 2018, 5:49pm

I'm still giggling about forcibly ejecting a cashew out of your nose. How did it get in there, [@penguin_ix](#) ? (This is now retconning that Pengu had a cashew up her nose at some point in her life 😂)

I'm submitting two, for your appreciation: **renegade** and **enumeration**.

3 Likes

[brian](#) #277 February 15, 2018, 7:45pm

...and **remuneration**, right back at ya.

3 Likes

[Griffster77](#) #278 February 17, 2018, 10:45pm

I give you Kerfuffle (mic drop)

4 Likes

[RossM](#) #279 February 18, 2018, 9:33pm

Steady now, let's not turn this into a *brouhaha*.

4 Likes

[Griffster77](#) #280 February 18, 2018, 9:47pm

There seems to be a fracas on the horizon

4 Likes

[MinuteWalt](#) #281 February 19, 2018, 8:42am

I really like **horizon**. (And **kerfuffle** and **brouhaha** and **fracas**). But *horizon* is kind of special to me, not only for its meaning, or my personal relationship with the word (which I won't go into, it's a long story).

The thing is (for this topic), it's so soft and round, but it's zizzy in the middle. It's like a dessert that has a hidden bit of spicy that's just slightly carbonated.

Edit: This just seems right, now. **A Gaggle**.

4 Likes

MinuteWalt #282 February 25, 2018, 10:36am

Stealing this word from the the intro thread, I think this one is amazing!

Introduction Thread!

...**ludothèque**...

Wow. Just...wow.

3 Likes

Introduction Thread!

Griffster77 #283 February 25, 2018, 5:32pm

Something that isn't a nice word. Gastroenteritis 🤢🤮🤧🤨🤩🤨

2 Likes

Lloer #284 February 25, 2018, 8:37pm

So in French, a bibliothèque is a lending library but it's also a bookcase.

A ludothèque is a toys and games lending library and it's often used to refer to someone's personal games collection.

4 Likes

MinuteWalt #285 February 26, 2018, 7:21am

I know, I had to look it up, and decipher the results with my awful French! There were almost no results in English, and online translation still needs some work.

I took high-school French for 3 semesters, but I still really suck at human languages (I can figure out machine languages more easily. I mean, it's just math and logic, but human languages are all kinds of weird). I do love **bibliothèque**, not just because it's one of my favorite words to say, but I have a nearly religious awe of libraries.

Being a purveyor of toys and games, and (obviously) also being an enthusiastic hobbyist with games (and also toys and gadgets and other odd things, *like words*), I think that's an awesome concept. I wish something like that was more available in other countries, mostly my own.

Griffster77:

Gastroenteritis

It has an unpleasant meaning, but it's fun to say. It's like riding a horse after saying "**Giddy-up!**"

Last year, I had to see a **gastroenterologist**, and I never wasted an opportunity to say "my gastroenterologist," as opposed to simply saying, "my GE."

2 Likes

mutechair #286 February 26, 2018, 7:12pm

Do francophone fans have acronyms like FLGS (friendly local game store)?

3 Likes

nurdacil #287 March 1, 2018, 8:21am

In Germany some board game cafes refer to themselves as a Ludothek, same latin root as in Bibliothek and their french counterparts respectively.

4 Likes

MinuteWalt #288 March 3, 2018, 2:09am

nurdacil:

...**Ludothek**...

I am also digging that word. I did an image search, too, and man, that looks like fun.

We do have games cafes and pubs where I live, but the idea of a game-and-toy-centric lending library just blows me away.

MinuteWalt #289 March 5, 2018, 9:59am

I don't know if I've mentioned this here before, I love saying **@nurdacil**'s screen name. He explained to me once that to English speakers, (especially Americans, I think?) we would call it a

“nurdacil” like a k and to people from my country, it would sound like “nerd-a-kill.” The word “dacil” means “the victor!” in Quenya (please correct me if I’m wrong, my friend. Despite my geekiness, Quenya is totally alien to me.)

(If any of you don’t know what Quenya is, let me help you: www.google.com. It’s a website where you can find all sorts of stuff!)

(EDIT: sorry guys, I’ve had a hard day, I’m a little sarcastic, I’ll stop.

Here is an [actual link](#), sorry.)

He also told me “núre is the Quenya word for ‘the people’.” That’s cool!

Holy cow, and I thought I was a nerd ❤️❤️❤️

2 Likes

nurdacil #290 March 3, 2018, 12:35pm

I think it’s also worth mentioning, that **cottage garden** and **Indian summer** were published by a publisher associated with one of the better known ludotheks: *Spielwiese* in Berlin. (Thus the name of the publisher *Edition Spielwiese*)

3 Likes

nurdacil #291 March 3, 2018, 11:41pm

Equeniëlye mea, Sanyendil nildonya! 🤓

“Well said, Justin my friend” or word for word: you said it in a good way Justin friend of mine (Justin loosely translated with “Friend of the Law”) yes the elves truly love their suffixes...

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #292 March 5, 2018, 5:11am

I was watching most recent version of the show **The Tick** (S1E11 *The Beginning of the End*), and one of the characters said (and ***I sh!t you not*** this is the actual line):

“...croissants, that’s kind of a fun word to say, like **pamplemousse!**”



5 Likes

[MinuteWalt](#) #293 March 5, 2018, 10:21am

Oh, and I feel the need to follow up on this here (please click on [@nurdacil](#) 's spoiler text, above, for this to make sense):

nurdacil:

Equeniëlye mea, Sanyendil nildonya! 😄

“Justin” also means “righteous,” as well as “friend of the law,” as you said.

I’m not sure if that was the original meaning, or if it came from the names that people associated it with. Justinus or Justin, or Iustinus or iustus, are they names that came to mean the words they were derived from, or names that came from the words that were in use?

I’m not particularly a friend of the law in all cases, but I’ll take **righteous** in the 1980s totally awesome radical sense!

1 Like

[mutechair](#) #294 March 5, 2018, 2:21pm

I saw that too and immediately thought of this thread. 😊

2 Likes

[SirAdrian](#) #295 March 5, 2018, 10:10pm

MinuteWalt:

“...croissants, that’s kind of a fun word to say, like pamplemousse!”

inter alia, the *raison d’être* of English is to be the *lingua franca* as I always say.

2 Likes

[Lloer](#) #296 March 5, 2018, 11:55pm

I am sad to say that I don’t know as I do all my games media consumption in English.

I do occasionally venture onto local sites or TricTrac but only to find out about events and associations.

2 Likes

[SirAdrian](#) #297 March 6, 2018, 12:26am

I just used zephyr in another thread.

Awesome word, especially in scrabble.

3 Likes

[mutechair](#) #298 March 6, 2018, 2:24pm

Thanks for mentioning it. I went to TricTrac to check it out. I looked at the news page to see how much I could follow. Wow, I saw that a game called "Joan of Arc" is called "Joan of Arc". That feels like it couldn't be worse if there was an item called "Asterix, the Final Expansion: Warm Beer, Retiring to Lonindium".

2 Likes

[Lloer](#) #299 March 6, 2018, 3:49pm

And now I have The Zephyr Song by the Red Hot Chili Peppers stuck in my head.

'Fly away in my Zephyr...'

2 Likes

[Lloer](#) #300 March 6, 2018, 3:58pm

I was thinking about **myriad** the other day and how it's a pretty word. It also reminds me of the scene from the 80s classic *Heathers*, where they are in English class and they are discussing myriad as the vocabulary word for that lesson.

It wouldn't have a single colour, it would be iridescent or opalescent or perhaps pearlescent. Also wonderful words with a sibilant sibling in effervescent whose last syllable appropriately just pops off one's tongue.

3 Likes

[Lloer](#) #301 March 6, 2018, 7:25pm

I have also been thinking back to my school days and all the wonderful vocabulary we were given to help describe the literature we were studying. Words that were joyful in their own right:

Onomatopoeia

Juxtaposition

Alliteration

Assonance
Analogous
Couplet
Prose
Stanza

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #302 March 6, 2018, 8:51pm

Putting two things together, here:

SirAdrian:

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Awesome word, especially in scrabble.

Lloer:

Juxtaposition

I once had **juxtapose** in my Scrabble hand and there was no place to put it on the board (we were playing 9 letter hands, not 7). I f*cking hate Scrabble to this day.

2 Likes

COMaestro #303 March 6, 2018, 9:33pm

MinuteWalt:

Lloer:

Juxtaposition

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What a juxtaimposition!

4 Likes

MinuteWalt #304 March 7, 2018, 1:52pm

Only name is Justin, family name is **Ullapose** was one of my nicknames when I was a kid! (I had weird friends back then. Still do, actually. Like all of you lot, for instance!)

4 Likes

Boydesian #305 March 27, 2018, 7:07pm

Diaphanous

4 Likes

MinuteWalt #306 March 28, 2018, 5:57am

I love that word, but for some reason it also reminds me of things that prevent pregnancy.

3 Likes

Boydesian #307 March 28, 2018, 1:27pm

How about **Yelve**? This is an obsolete English word meaning “a dung fork” (for spreading manure on a field) when used as a noun, and the act of using such a device when used as a verb. Meaning aside, it is a very soothing word to say out loud.

5 Likes

MinuteWalt #308 March 28, 2018, 2:49pm

It is indeed soothing. It tastes much better than a dung fork should.

4 Likes

penguin_ix #309 March 30, 2018, 12:00am

My current favourite phrase is “**jettisoned** into the sun”.

For example: “People who don’t refill their market boxes in Animal Crossing: Pocket Camp should be jettisoned into the sun”.

It’s got such a pleasant, firm, finality to it. You don’t come back from a jettisoning.

4 Likes

[MinuteWalt](#) #310 March 30, 2018, 2:41pm

Dammit, [@penguin_lx](#) (my favorite “Pengu” ever) [jettison](#) was in the very first introductory post in this thread! I knew there was a reason I liked you 😄

1 Like

[penguin_lx](#) #311 March 31, 2018, 3:59pm

Haha, that was many years ago! I can't be expected to remember that far back!

It's not as if we have some fancy technology that lets us go back in time 😊

1 Like

[MinuteWalt](#) #312 April 1, 2018, 8:59am

(Don't forget, everyone, the transition of this forum to it's current format was back in 2015, but all of the posts were kept. It's just that the dates of earlier topics and posts were necessarily changed to the time of the adoption of the *Discourse* format. It couldn't be helped, there were threads that went back further than that).

I *almost* would like to submit **philanthropy**, but for some reason, it feels like it gets bits stuck in my teeth. Like candy floss that's actually made of cotton, or buffalo wings. So instead, I present **altruism**, which for some reason reminds me of eating cotton candy whilst **BASE** jumping.

1 Like

[brian](#) #313 April 2, 2018, 4:16pm

After doing some research on the territoriality of songbirds, because, well, insomnia, I was reminded of the **boreal** forest. Lovely word, lovely place to visit (but maybe not overwinter). Also known as the **taiga**, especially in Russia.

The former feels like a great northern forest in late spring and summer, a place full of light and warmth and birdsong; the latter the same place in the depths of snowy winter, austere and beautiful and deadly.

3 Likes

[bruitist](#) #314 April 6, 2018, 9:59am

I was just thinking about how much I like the word “**clowder**” for a group of cats.

3 Likes

macme #315 April 7, 2018, 6:18am

Old English Word:

Rantallion: One whose scrotum is so relaxed as to be longer than his penis, i. e. whose shot pouch is longer than the barrel of his piece.

I've found it a powerful and accurate descriptor for a lot of people currently in the public sphere.

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #316 April 7, 2018, 10:10am

Why do you enjoy saying it, though? That's why this place exists (although the definition is not unwelcome, and it does bring a certain image, **unbidden**, to the mind).

Boydesian #317 April 10, 2018, 1:35pm

Here's a good one from 17th century English: **Jussulent**. Not only is this pleasant to say out loud, it means "full of soup (or broth)". Which is also rather pleasant. 🍲🍴

5 Likes

mutechair #318 April 10, 2018, 4:41pm

Speaking of curious old words I'd like to suggest a twitter account. Generally it has content that can be political and NSFW but I'm not trying to start a thread here about it. Their Word of the Day tweets will be usually mention sex but not depict it. Here is a sample [@WhoresOfYore WordOfTheDay](#) tweet.

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #319 April 11, 2018, 4:02pm

We're all adults here (I think. Even if we aren't, I'm pretty sure we've already been permanently scarred by the internet).

We all know NSFW content should not be posted here directly, obviously, but your link was pretty amusing, and you did include a warning. I'll call that "**risqué**," and move on.

(HOME VIDEOS GAMES PODCAST)
(I was saying it before, this was the perfect opportunity to fit that in. It's like something sweet and spicy and slightly burnt you've just gotten off the grill, like jerked chicken or Korean barbecue).

2 Likes

Boydesian #320 April 12, 2018, 1:30pm

Another fun to say, obsolete English word: **Phlyarologist** (One who talks nonsense.) The source I have dates the word to the late 1860s.

3 Likes

brian #321 April 12, 2018, 2:27pm

Boydesian:

Phlyarologist (One who talks nonsense.)

Finally! Something to go back to grad school for!

3 Likes

Habilis #322 April 12, 2018, 3:38pm

Just finished rereading Barbara Tuchman's "A Distant Mirror" and found an ancient but stupefyingly cool-sounding and yet eerily useful word:

Usufruct. Basically, the right to use someone else's stuff to a greater or lesser degree without actually destroying it. In the 13th century it was used to refer to various land-use rights of nobles, serfs, blah blah blah, Black Plague, stabbing, whatever.

But where I live in southern California there are perfectly enormous fruit trees growing in neighborhood yards, dripping with luscious lemons, limes, avocados, satsumas, etc... The general implied rule has always been "yeah, take a couple, don't go crazy though..." A sort of informal usufruct rule, I guess. So this ancient fussy medieval legal term has actual everyday application.

But wait, it gets juicier. Someone with the right of usufruct is called... a **usufructuary**.

All I can say is... delicious.

4 Likes

MinuteWalt #323 April 13, 2018, 2:54am

Habilis:

...perfectly enormous fruit trees growing in neighborhood yards...

Here, too, in central Florida, [@Habilis](#) ! Star fruit, all kinds of citrus, mangoes, papaya, pineapple (yes, I know that's not a tree), bananas, and that's just what we've grown in our own yard!

(Probably also like you, we can't do certain things like cherries and apples, they need a frost in the winter).

Unfortunately, there are some of my neighbors who would rather the fruit rot in their yard than let people collect it when it falls, and I can't quite find the right word for that. It was really **vexing** when I was a kid growing up here. The best word (or at least one one I like to say) is **pernicious**.

Or, to be perfectly honest, (and there are times I do like to say this, very much, but it is far from delicious), they were "assholes."

Vexing is a little spicy, and it's slightly pointy. Like fresh cracked black pepper on potato chips (crisps).

Pernicious is fun in the way that stomping a small packet of ketchup is fun when you're 13. You can just fire it off, it smells not-exactly-bad, someone's getting a little dirty, and a lot of people may still be wondering what happened after.

3 Likes

[Habilis](#) #324 April 13, 2018, 10:31pm

For a lovely pairing, consider putting pernicious and perfidious together in the same verbal volley, as in "Naturally I would expect such a pernicious lie from such a perfidious, pusillanimous poltroon as yourself, sirrah!"

2 Likes

[MinuteWalt](#) #325 April 15, 2018, 2:25am

I have to tell you, **verbal volley** is my favorite part of your response. I don't know how describe it as a flavor (Pop-Rocks and vanilla ice cream?) but that's really fun to say.

2 Likes

[MinuteWalt](#) #326 May 8, 2018, 5:17pm

I asked my (almost) 21 year old what his favorite word is to say.

"Moist."

I almost fell down.

The name of my favorite sci-fi character (**Moist von Lipwig**, which, by itself, is actually kind of a rocket-ride), and made me kneel in memory of Sir Terry.

But it can be such a silly and/or creepy word. If some dude **sidles** (a very fun word, it's kind of crispy and greasy. Sorry for that **aside**!) Anyway: if some dude sidles up to you and tells you that he's "**moist**," how do you take that?

A cake, a cave, and a fungus can be moist. It's a difficult word to get your brain around, really, it can mean a lot of different things for your situation. It's much more flexible than "wet," because it's in a bit of space that doesn't have a measurable definition. It can be creepy, delicious, funny, or simply descriptive.

In the end though, this thread is about how words taste. So!

It's not juicy, nor dry, it actually only tastes **moist**. It's practically an onomatopoeia for an abstract concept, an adjective that both describes and tastes like itself.

1 Like

MinuteWalt #327 June 13, 2018, 12:26pm

I was buying drinks from my local drink-monger (it was the 7-11 a few blocks away) and they're acclimated to me refusing plastic bags and just putting the stuff I buy in my jacket pockets, or carrying a reusable bag (throwing things like plastic bags away is a hassle I don't want to deal with, and besides, my reusable bag is Star Wars themed and totally awesome).

Well, I forgot all of that stuff, and the lady noted I needed a regular plastic bag because I didn't have my normal "**regalia**."

That was kind of awesome, a convince-store manager just busting out with **regalia**. I love this lady.

It's a bit spicy, as a word, and also a bit chewy, like it has a little too much fat. It's still very savory, I like it.

For some reason, I think it needs to have a side-dish of **rigamarole**, which is a very bouncy dessert word, IMHO.

Chicanery is cool, too, I guess, but I think there's a word I'm missing.

Anyway, just for the hell of it: **Canoodle. Foofaraw. Hullabaloo**. Take those and go play.

2 Likes

SirAdrian #328 June 13, 2018, 12:52pm

MinuteWalt:

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2 Likes

MinuteWalt #329 June 13, 2018, 2:23pm

SirAdrian:

I hope you had your caboodle to go with that kit?

I had a canoodle to go with the caboodle, but no kit. That was assumed to be brought by any other interested parties.

MinuteWalt #330 June 15, 2018, 9:40am

Laconic.

1 Like

RossM #331 June 15, 2018, 2:25pm

I've just rediscovered *gesticulating*

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #332 June 24, 2018, 6:04am

RossM:

I've just rediscovered *gesticulating*

I like it too, it's like you're trying to get your tongue to do what the word describes. Kind of an inverted onomatopoeia.

It doesn't hurt that's pretty much the way that I talk in person, it's like 30-45% talking with my hands and body language. And, yes, I come from a largely Italian heritage, don't be racist, people.

Codswallop isn't actually a tasty word, it's kind of gross, but it's still fun to say. It's kind of slippery and slimy, and wriggles like it wants to get out of your mouth. Ewww...

I've always liked **ambidextrous**, it feels like a kind of off-brand sugar substitute that still tastes sweet, but means serious business.

In real life, it is considered to be ambidextrous, but I discovered there's a better word. I'm **ambisinistrous**: "two left hands." I'm just as crap with both my hands.

Something I've always disliked: **hunky-dory**. It means "everything's OK" but it tastes like those godawful marshmallow "circus peanuts," perhaps the most reviled of all the candies.

3 Likes

MrJackdaw #333 June 24, 2018, 8:30pm

No idea if it is here already or not but **entscheidung**. The entscheidung problem is a problem in mathematics that rather haunts me - the decidability problem. Not to bore, but working on it led Turing to come up with the idea of the digital computer. I love/hate the problem because I can't understand Kurt Gödel's proof.

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #334 June 25, 2018, 5:47am

That is not here already, believe me.

(EDIT: sorry, that was an awful response from me [@MrJackdaw](#), it was partially from a logic game I was playing with my jerk friend who's much better at it than me, he's such a jerk. What I should have said was, "What does **entscheidung** taste like?" I bet it tastes like licorice and blacktop paving! With a hint of chicken feathers...?)

1 Like

suz #335 June 25, 2018, 7:34am

I'm finally going to come right out and say it. *I have word aguesia*. I just can't taste words! I get the texture and 'mouth feel' but no sweet, sour, salt, bitter or umami. I know that **aguesia** sublimates in my mouth from a chewy solid to a hissy gas. I know **umami** smacks me in the lips... But that's it.

I am just so grateful that I can taste words here, vicariously, with all your wonderful descriptions. Thank you!

4 Likes

MrJackdaw #336 June 25, 2018, 8:26am

No offence taken! It was a good reply... 😊

1 Like

[MrJackdaw](#) #337 June 25, 2018, 8:30am

Snafu/ed is a great word! Snafu... from the Americans, who have invented some nice things in their time 😊

Example of use;

That move just *snafued* the whole strategy

My day is completely *snafued*

My body is *snafu*

3 Likes

[brian](#) #338 June 25, 2018, 8:02pm

SNAFU! One of those great, rare examples of an acronym becoming a fantastic word.

FUGAZI, on the other hand... solid work as a band, but not so much as an everyday word. Guess the context doesn't come up much. Good thing, that.

2 Likes

[MinuteWalt](#) #339 June 25, 2018, 8:06pm

Better than **fubar**.

Yes, **Catch 22** was an amazing book. Joseph Heller is a hell of a writer. We're all snafued.

2 Likes

[MinuteWalt](#) #340 June 25, 2018, 8:04pm

brian:

FUGAZI...

Dammit, [@brian](#) !

1 Like

[bruitist](#) #341 June 25, 2018, 8:14pm

Personally, I prefer Misplaced Childhood.

MrJackdaw #342 June 25, 2018, 9:08pm

Nestled in the safety of your pseudo silk kimono, [@bruitist](#) ?

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #343 June 25, 2018, 9:34pm

OK, enough of that you **jamokes!** Let's get **salient!**

(jamoke tastes like a cruddy cup of coffee with too much sugar, salient tastes like a cup of purified water with a touch of too much chlorine)

1 Like

bruitist #344 June 25, 2018, 9:41pm

I feel like Marillion lyrics are 100% relevant to this thread.

*Drowning Tequila sunsets, stowaways on midnight ships,
Refugees of romance plead asylum from the real.
Scrambling distress signals on random frequencies,
Forever repatriated on guilt laden morning planes.*

1 Like

MinuteWalt #345 June 25, 2018, 9:57pm

suz:

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I am just so grateful that I can taste words here, vicariously, with all your wonderful descriptions. Thank you!

I'm sorry I didn't address this earlier, I should have, and I apologize. I'm super-happy that you get to taste vicariously here. You've been a really cool person, I'm glad that we get to hang out with you sometimes.

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Share these words with your friends, they're weird but delicious:

Oompa Loompa (made-up, but bouncy. Possibly racist)

Hullabaloo (super bouncy. also tastes like bubble gum)

Isotonic (dry, but flavorful, like what a grandparent would consider to be a soda)

Herbaceous (good on pizza, also good for phytology)

Ideophone (sounds pretty good!)

Elementary (like Lego invented a word)

and finally, **phosphorescent**. (It's slightly bubbly, and you may find it useful to have a word that helps you see in the dark).

As always, everyone can help themselves to these words, too. We won't run out anytime soon.

1 Like

MinuteWalt #346 July 2, 2018, 7:06pm

So I just found out about this word. And this is a bit of *sesquipedalian loquaciousness*, which all the way at the top I said this wasn't about, but I also said it wasn't forbidden. It's also not very flavorful to say, but it's still a very fun word to know, and I'll just put it here anyway.

It's **aibohphobia**: *The fear of palindromes.*

It's actually not very tasty, like potatoes that have been boiled for too long, or the dream sequences from Twin Peaks.

It's still pretty fun, like throwing potatoes (or Twin Peaks) at you friends in the lunchroom.

COMaestro #347 July 2, 2018, 7:59pm

Good thing this is a fictional phobia. Otherwise, imagine how heartless the originator would have to be to force people suffering from it to deal with their diagnosis being with their phobia.

1 Like

MrJackdaw #348 July 2, 2018, 9:50pm

Our school celebrated it's *sesquicentennial* a few years ago. No one, except myself, called it that. But! Just feel the musicality! sesquicentennial...

2 Likes

COMaestro #349 July 2, 2018, 10:04pm

And that just makes me think of this:

2 Likes

[MinuteWalt](#) #350 July 3, 2018, 5:32am



[COMaestro](#) #351 July 3, 2018, 6:58am

Every time I make you post this emoji, I get this little feeling of victory!

1 Like

[MinuteWalt](#) #352 July 3, 2018, 7:15am

You bastard 😂👉

That really did make me laugh against my will, thanks [@COMaestro](#) , I needed that my friend.

Here's a freebie 🙌

1 Like

[COMaestro](#) #353 July 3, 2018, 3:04pm

Glad to be of service! 😊

1 Like

[Benkyo](#) #354 July 4, 2018, 6:38am

After reading the last few years' worth of posts, it's going to be hard to add anything new in English, but I *think* **consanguineous** hasn't been mentioned yet (thanks to Jyhad for that) although **obfuscate** has.

I'm reminded of an Israeli travelling companion I spent a couple of months with who requested that I supply her with at least one new English word a day.

Anyway, I came here to post 大丈夫 (**daijoubu**). It has a lovely economy and balance of brush strokes, which is a whole new dimension of word appreciation that I don't get from English, it rolls off the tongue nicely, and is one of the first words most foreigners learn over here.

While I'm at it, I have a soft spot for 凸凹 (**dekoboko**) for similar reasons.

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #355 July 4, 2018, 6:59am

I have been trying to get Asian speakers to contribute here for so long, and they all thought that the flavor of words didn't contribute to their speech.

I know I don't really get how the inflection can change the meaning of a word in many Eastern languages, I'm pretty locked in to English and Romantic languages. If you have any audio resources that would be great!

Also, and I do know how weird and bizarre this is, but could you describe the flavor? I understand the **satisfaction** of saying certain words, but mixing it up with something sensory that isn't associated with the action of speech...it's just fun. What are the **flavors**?

(I'm perfectly willing for anyone to write this whole thread off as an artsy-fartsy experiment, but I won't stop asking anyone who is silly enough to give it a shot, "**what does that word taste like?**")

1 Like

Benkyo #356 July 4, 2018, 7:21am

Many other Asian languages change meaning through inflection, but not Japanese, not really.

It *is* difficult to come up with juicy words in Japanese, for various reasons. Like, every consonant is "followed" by a vowel, except "n". More correctly, every letter other than "n" is a vowel or consonant-vowel combination, so for example if あ a い i う u え e お o is the first line of the "alphabet" か ka き ki く ku け ke こ ko is the second, with every letter having exactly the same length, making for a very rhythmic... standardised?... sound, that just doesn't seem to lend itself to juicy words (there is a small amount of wiggle room for more interesting sounds with the addition of a small や y ゆ yu or よ yo to a letter as is きよ (ki becomes kyo).

I actually think that learners of Japanese, or people appreciating Japanese from a distance, are more able to identify words that are appealing, which might be why the words I picked in my previous post date back ~15 years to when I was first learning the language.

Anyway, this isn't a Japanese lesson thread, I just wanted to quickly outline why some people might think there is a dearth of juicy words in at least one Asian language.

Can't help you with flavour, sorry.

2 Likes

suz #357 July 4, 2018, 7:44am

MinuteWalt:

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You mean we can just make stuff up ???!???!???

In that case, **agnesia** tastes of the air inside bubble wrap and **umami** tastes of seawater on a stormy day.

1 Like

MinuteWalt #358 July 4, 2018, 7:55am

@Benkyo I appreciate your feedback, like...*a lot*. Everything we get here is pure gold.

It's just that **alimentary** (for instance) tastes astringent to me, it's dry, which is kind of ironic. Why does that word have a bit of that? And, yeah, that may be just me, it may have a bit of **alum** in it, conceptually.

There's a bit of **synesthesia** going on here (I swear that word looks like a color, a vibrant purple).

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #359 July 4, 2018, 8:00am

suz:

You mean we can just make stuff up ???!???!???

YES!!! That's kind of the point, suzysuz! What do words taste like?

It's been hard trying to ask people to do this, I know I'm being a super-nerd for even starting it. It's part lexicography and part etymology and (I hope) part *poetry* and part gastronomy.

(edit, sorry for calling you suzysuz, I get a little carried away in the moment sometimes)

1 Like

SirAdrian #360 July 4, 2018, 12:29pm

MinuteWalt:

And this is a bit of *sesquipedalian loquaciousness*

On that subject, you know the song The Bad Touch by the bloodhound gang?

So let's do it like they do on the Discovery Channel

This is what I sing:

... You and me baby ain't nought but mammalian,
So let's do it like they do when we are sesquipedalean

But I am easily amused 😊

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #361 July 4, 2018, 12:56pm

You...dangit, you literally made my club soda I was drinking come out of my nose, it almost ruined my keyboard!

1 Like

MinuteWalt #362 July 4, 2018, 1:46pm

Ooo...this is making me wonder, is there a more technical word than **snarf** for, well, snarfing a drink out of one's nose? **Exsufflation**, maybe? (I know, I kind of just made that up).

I know we have doctors and other nerds here on SU&SD, anyone have an idea?

1 Like

suz #363 July 9, 2018, 7:07am

Honestly, **exsufflation** is perfect. If it has not already been adopted by the scientific community, it should be.

Shame it tastes of onion burps.

1 Like

MinuteWalt #364 July 9, 2018, 9:30am

Oh my! Yes, it's not very tasty.

I was basing it on **insufflation** (I missed an "f"), which itself isn't very flavorful (it's like when you can't sneeze and can't tell why, or like the way **Smarties** taste).

(Not the other "Smarties," the...well, click the link. I think there are various opinions about which "Smarties" are worse, but I begrudgingly like them both)).

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(Sorry, I got to go to bed. I actually means, **insufflation** is not a common word and will probably come up as misspelled for almost everyone. It basically means “snorting,” as opposed to “snarfing.”)

1 Like

Janek #365 July 9, 2018, 9:50pm

Tangentially related to insufflatory efforts, I have always been a big fan of **plethysmography**, which in addition to being rather an elegant technique, slides off the tongue so much easier than the ever-troublesome **sphygmomanometry**.

In double-checking my spelling of the former, I stumbled across the related field of **phallometry** which, while not an inherently satisfying word, does measure pretty much exactly what you’d imagine it does.

2 Likes

SirAdrian #366 July 10, 2018, 11:05pm

Janek:

stumbled across the related field of **phallometry** which, while not an inherently satisfying word, does measure pretty much exactly what you’d imagine it does.

I assume it measures the size of a fallacy you have created.

I am using it right now.

1 Like

MinuteWalt #367 July 14, 2018, 4:23pm



The multiple ways to interpret that...

MrJackdaw #368 August 22, 2018, 1:42pm

I just came across the phrase **L’esprit de l’escalier** but I can’t describe what it tastes of right now...

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #369 August 23, 2018, 9:22pm

It'll come to you.

1 Like

MinuteWalt #370 August 23, 2018, 9:41pm

Dammit, I should have wrote this first.

As far as the meaning, It's not really a "taste" or a "flavor," though, it's the lack of one. It's a feeling.

It's like when when you're a kid, and it just starts to rain or snow, and you want to catch that raindrop or snowflake on your tongue. But every time you try, it misses, despite falling on your face, your nose, your eyelids, with the additional spice of shame. It's both uplifting and frustrating.

As far as the actual flavor of the *pronunciation* of **L'esprit de l'escalier**, (for me at least) it starts out minty-fresh and quickly devolves into murky dark coffee.

1 Like

MrJackdaw #371 August 23, 2018, 9:52pm

Dammit... I should have said it tastes like anticipation and great wine. Next time...

2 Likes

brian #372 October 16, 2018, 7:31pm

Tsundoku... it's how dinner tastes on the tip of the imagination, bags filled with summer produce, headed home from the farmers' market late in the morning. ("[A] Japanese word for a stack of books that you have purchased but not yet read.") It's one of those words I never knew I was missing until now.

From this [New York Times essay](#) by Kevin Mims. (Sorry 'bout the paywall.)

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #373 October 17, 2018, 6:22am

That's kind of perfect.

2 Likes

nurdacil #374 October 17, 2018, 8:53am

My best friend and I just recently realised, that there's a combination of words in German that we have never used before:

In engen Gängen (in narrow corridors! or regarding the alliterations: In close quarters)

But the double "ng" adds to the appeal and also the hinted, possible dirtyness of the words.

So, there you go, have a nice week.

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #375 October 19, 2018, 7:48am

Jackanapes. It's reminded me (flavor-wise) as a poor substitute to black pepper. Too fruity and not as piquant.

Speaking of **piquant**, that always struck me as a poor word for what it means. The word (to me) tastes closer to a kiwi or quince jam, opposed to its meaning of "hot, or spicy."

1 Like

suz #376 October 19, 2018, 8:01am

MinuteWalt:

Speaking of **piquant**, that always struck me as a poor word for what it means. The word (to me) tastes closer to a kiwi or quince jam, opposed to its meaning of "hot, or spicy."

That's weird, to me **piquant** tastes of capers! And [@brian](#)'s amazing word **tsundoku** tastes of autumn produce to me, not summer (maybe because I generally only sit down to read books when it's dark outside?). The article about unread books is great by the way, especially the bit about partially read books living in the 'twilight zone'.

I like how we all taste words differently. For me, I'm learning that it's equal parts physical texture, meaning and association with experiences that I am tasting when I eat a new word.

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #377 October 19, 2018, 8:46am

I've been a fan of **elevation**, it's kind of like wintergreen cut with the smell of rust. Somehow, though, I never think of this in actual elevators.

Elevator is more like a mix of honey, coffee, axle grease, and menthol cigarettes. This may be more of remembering-thing, though, than an actual word-flavor.

Barge is a little like a big chunky butter coffee.

2 Likes

suz #378 October 19, 2018, 8:57am

Okay, that's interesting. **Barge** seems to taste the same for everyone 😊.

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #379 October 19, 2018, 9:02am

suz:

Barge

Yeah, I thought it would have tasted like a small freight boat.

2 Likes

Griffster77 #380 October 19, 2018, 9:13am

For a thread about words, it's bugging me that the title is misspelt...

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #381 October 19, 2018, 3:38pm

FINALLY! It's been a holdover since 2015 (actually a bit before, 2015 was a bit of a landmark year for the forums), you're the first person to say something.

My intent was for the flavor of the words, not the spelling. However, I've been waiting 3 years for this.

3 Likes

RossM #382 October 19, 2018, 9:27pm

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I've fixed the obvious spelling mistake in the title. You're welcome!

2 Likes

SirAdrian #383 October 19, 2018, 9:38pm

Shouldn't it be "Pamplemousse: an Aboretum of Joocy Words"?

2 Likes

bruitist #384 October 19, 2018, 11:18pm

SirAdrian:

Shouldn't it be "Pamplemousse: an Aboretum of Joocy Words"?

Surely you mean Arbortoryrectum?

1 Like

MinuteWalt #385 October 20, 2018, 8:33am

Come on.

MinuteWalt #386 November 16, 2018, 6:59am

I just spelled **discombobulated** correctly on the first try (welcoming someone on the [intro](#) thread).

Good lord, I swear it tastes like root beer, or sarsaparilla.

It's a very carbonated word. I'm sorry if this sounds gross, but I burped several times after typing it.

I know, it sounds like a joke, but I don't enjoy telling lies here (I'll tell lies anywhere else, as long as it's for fun, like magic tricks or fiction, but I take words seriously).

2 Likes

brian #387 November 16, 2018, 8:25pm

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I'm beginning to wonder how @MPODCAST has not yet turned this whole thing into a party game, a bit of a burp-based Balderdash.

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #388 November 16, 2018, 8:52pm

It's already kind of a game? It's just a form of non-competitive play, I suppose.

But you're right, there could be a few tweaks, and it could be a for-realsies game. We could flip it upside-down and make it more like a flavor/linguistic-themed **Balderdash** or **Monikers**, or a game where players vote on the best description, just a straight vote or something not unlike **Dixit**.

(BTW: **balderdash** tastes like a bitter-sweet hard candy, **monikers** tastes like chewy but tasty greens, kind of like lightly fried string beans with onions where it's still a little crunchy. And I know this makes no sense (none of this does), but **Dixit** tastes like lemon PEZ).

I don't want to do that here, though, this is more of a discussion about aesthetics and just goofing off about language in the off-topic. We're in the lounge, sitting on beanbag chairs and just chilling out here.

Occasionally breaking out in halfhearted beanbag chair fights. (I throw my beanbag on top of [@brian](#))

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #389 November 18, 2018, 7:50am

(This is totally off-topic but I've been thinking about this for years, and I do mean literally years, since I was made a mod. I don't know where else to vent this.

Starting a beanbag chair fight in the Thunderdome.

*If you've never been **thwacked** between two high-quality beanbag chairs, you're missing out. It's the most comfortable thing that may knock you out in one shot.*

*Like being hit with a billy club in the back of the head, only all over and the club is made entirely of **smoosh**.)*

I suppose I have to get this back on track:

Thwacked: tastes like palmetto and peppercorn

Smoosh is obviously marshmallow and candyfloss with a hint of horse hair

1 Like

SirAdrian #390 November 17, 2018, 9:53am

MinuteWalt:

I suppose I have to get this back on track:

What sort of *chicanery* is this?

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #391 November 18, 2018, 7:54am

SirAdrian:

...*chicanery*...

That tastes like chicory coffee.

1 Like

MinuteWalt #392 November 21, 2018, 7:34am

Oblong. I've never really been able to get my mouth around that one.

I guess it's kind of like a Jordan almond and overly fried egg? Vanilla and sulfur? I don't know, it mixes me up.

1 Like

brian #393 November 21, 2018, 5:28pm

MinuteWalt:

Oblong . I've never really been able to get my mouth around that one.

It's the wobbliness of a Jell-O mold, pink from milk and cranberry.

3 Likes

RossM #394 November 21, 2018, 9:51pm

Remember kids. A square is a rectangle, and a rectangle is actually an oblong.

4 Likes

I have three, in ascending order of pleasure:

1. **defenestrate** , the act of throwing out a window
2. **bicicleta** , Spanish for bicycle
3. **clerestory** , which is

the upper part of the nave, choir, and transepts of a large church, containing a series of windows. It is clear of the roofs of the aisles and admits light to the central parts of the building.

- the windows in the clerestory of a church or similar windows in another building.
- a raised section of roof running down the center of a railroad car, with small windows or ventilators.

Yeah, I seem to have a thing for *CL* and *R*

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #396 November 22, 2018, 9:55am

But: *what do they taste like?*

Remember, while the definitions are important (and we want to know them), this is simply about words that you like to say, and your best description if what it's like to say them, even if it doesn't make any logical sense at all.

(I've always thought defenestration is the best kind of fenestration, BTW 😊)

bruitist #397 November 22, 2018, 9:58am

MinuteWalt:

But: *what do they taste like?*

I don't know about taste, but defenestration doesn't sound very good.

1 Like

MinuteWalt #398 November 22, 2018, 9:58am

RossM:

Remember kids. A square is a rectangle, and a rectangle is actually an oblong.

A rectangle is only oblong if it isn't a square, you silly person.

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #399 November 23, 2018, 12:23pm

Very funny, [@bruitist](#) 🤔

(Also, they don't sound *that* bad. (My background is punk and metal and weird stuff, I've heard worse)).

It's true, [@pattersonjeffa](#), those are all lovely to say. However, I would like to **elaborate** (which tastes like the kind of the kind of dark chocolate that puts the % of cacao on the package):

Fenestration is generally the bits you put around a window. It sounds sweet to me, like chewy candy, the kind that's puffy and brightly multi-colored

Defenestration (to me) tastes like that, only with a shot of anise or licorice.

As always, these are probably different for everyone.

2 Likes

pattersonjeffa #400 November 26, 2018, 5:32pm

MinuteWalt:

But: *what do they taste like?*

Bicicleta and **Clerestory** both taste like madeira, now that I think of it. Maybe mezcal, too.

3 Likes

MrJackdaw #401 November 26, 2018, 10:18pm

Sesquipedalian - a deep, meaningful taste that lingers on the tongue way beyond it's welcome. Tastes like a seventy year old octopus.

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #402 November 27, 2018, 12:41am

At the top of this thread, I said this isn't about **sesquipedalian loquaciousness**.

And you nailed it! 🎯

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #403 January 30, 2019, 6:57am

Have you ever had an orange-cream push-up pop? Like something you'd get at an amusement park?

That reminds me of **ocelot**. It's sweet to say, with a touch of bitter and butter.

Pancreas (when devoid of its actual meaning) makes me think of a breakfast buffet with toast and waffles.

And then there's **whetstone**, which smells like a fall day at the lake, although I can't actually tell you what it tastes like.

2 Likes

SirAdrian #404 January 30, 2019, 9:04am

Yeah I love some pancreas with a side of eggs and maybe smoked salmon.

1 Like

MinuteWalt #405 January 30, 2019, 6:43pm

Poached eggs with **hollandaise** sauce! And maybe some capers. And a muffin.

MinuteWalt #406 January 30, 2019, 6:51pm

I find it hard to believe no one has mentioned **archipelago**.

It's a word that's like eating *Grape Nuts* cereal. It's hard and bumpy, and kind of a pain to get through. Once you're done, though, you feel good but no one else cares.

3 Likes

Boydesian #407 January 31, 2019, 6:10pm

I flipped some of my old books and rediscovered my much-thumbed-through copy of Wayne Douglas Barlowe's **Expedition** about a fictional planet with unusual life forms living on it. Several of them are **Monopedalien** creatures that hop around like a quarter of a gazelle or antelope, and the description of their method of locomotion is very fun to say: **Ricochetal Saltators**.

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #408 February 15, 2019, 5:50am

This may sound a bit silly, but [@Boydesian](#)'s last answer had awoken something I hadn't thought about in a while.

Antelope tastes like a sharp melon.

These aren't supposed to make any sense, folks! Don't judge me!

2 Likes

SirAdrian #409 February 15, 2019, 6:01am

I have eaten actual antelope, and it was delicious.

And not at all like melon, sorry.

1 Like

MinuteWalt #410 February 15, 2019, 6:17am

I think this was on my mind because the young lady at my local convenience store was trying to desperately (but politely) to get out of a conversation she was having with a creepy old guy. She mentioned antelope was the best game meat she'd had.

The word, itself, though, still tastes melony to me (not the meat, just the word).

EDIT: The creepy old guy wasn't me! 🙄 I just wanted to fend off the inevitable jokes.

1 Like

MinuteWalt #411 February 15, 2019, 6:25am

The word **illustrious** is fun to say, but it doesn't taste good (or bad, or anything at all, really).

It makes me feel like I have confetti or glitter fall out of my mouth. And now it's a pain in the butt to get rid of all that mess on the floor.

1 Like

COMaestro #412 February 15, 2019, 7:59am

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Similar to a canteloupe, perhaps?

1 Like

MinuteWalt #413 February 15, 2019, 8:16am

COMaestro:

Similar to a canteloupe, perhaps?

Well, yeah, duhh. 🤪

MinuteWalt #414 February 16, 2019, 7:19am

Avuncular. It tastes like a bruise, or a scrape on your knuckle you suck on.

Similar, but not the same, as **carbuncle**, which is gross, like a boil that's hiding a Ring-Pop inside.

Finally, **barnacle**, which is very raspy and salty (much like the thing it describes). Even though it starts out soft, much like tripping on something in the playground, you end up coughing the sand out of your throat.

2 Likes

apcshields #415 February 18, 2019, 3:23pm

For me, **barnacle** is more like a powdered jelly donut eaten in a dim room with yellow-orange light at the far end.

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #416 February 21, 2019, 9:34am

Ooh, nice description!

suz #417 April 24, 2019, 9:14am

Lately I've been savouring the word **squash** (which unfortunately tastes of liquid Castile soap).

It means different things depending on whether it's derived from **asquutasquash** from Narragansett or **quasser** from Old French. Well that's what my smart alec dictionary told me, anyway.

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #418 April 24, 2019, 9:49am

Don't forget about the tennis-like game of squash! Which for some reason tastes differently to me, which is weird for homophones. It's like that one olive I thought would be good, but, it's the only one that is very much gone squishy and off.

1 Like

suz #419 April 24, 2019, 9:49am

It's fine for homophones to have multiple flavours, I think. Kind of like Neapolitan icecream.

Plus, a disappointing olive tastes much nicer than soap!

1 Like

MinuteWalt #420 April 24, 2019, 9:55am

EDIT (sort of): big fan of **Castile** soap, which smells *amazing* in most of the versions, gets me clean without still lingering with weird lotion residue, and has interesting rants on the label (they used to be much more fun and crazier way back when Dr. Bronner was writing them. I called them once, and got to talk to the man himself! He talked the exact same way as the label, it was an experience).

But, yes, don't taste the soap, it's awful.

The word **Castile**, however, makes me think of vanilla butter frosting that's just started to go crispy on the outside but is still delicious.

2 Likes

Whoa, it's been a few weeks since anyone updated here, and I want to keep it going.

Catawampus. I'm honestly having a hard time describing its flavor. It's a fun, bouncy word, and I am greatly enamored of it, but I'm not sure what it *tastes* like. The best I can come up with is buttered popcorn that's been sprinkled with unflavored Pop-Rocks and a twist of peppercorns.

2 Likes

suz #422 May 21, 2019, 9:04am

MinuteWalt:

Catawampus .

Catawampus is a great word. I had no idea it had more than one meaning, and that it also meant **askew**. I had to use Google because my fancy Oxford dictionary is apparently not as smart as it thought it was.

I have another multi-flavoured word: **Smelt!** It can taste fishy, metallic or like the memory* of a really good cheese depending on the context...

(*Just to clarify, I'm referring to the memory of the person who *ate* the cheese. Most cheeses I've met have a tough time remembering stuff.)

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #423 May 21, 2019, 12:31pm

suz:

Most cheeses I've met have a tough time remembering stuff.

I recently finished the *Tiffany Aching* series of YA books, which had a sentient, mobile, slightly canabillistic little person-shaped cheese named Horace in some of them. That just made me think of those books.

Horace had an outstanding memory for a cheese.

Also, deep-fried **smelt** used to be the only kind of fish I could tolerate as a child.

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #424 July 5, 2019, 11:47am

...wait...

Let me back away a bit and set this up for you.

I was working at the best job I've ever had (at a small indie toy store) here in Florida, and a very proper British lady wanted me to wrap her purchase in Christmas gift-wrap. We didn't have Christmas-themed wrap at the moment, though, just generic all-occasion wraps and a birthday wrap.

I suggested the birthday wrap, *"Because, you know, it's like Happy Birthday Jesus!"*

She looked offended for a bare instant, and then something amazing happened.

Now, I've been called a lot of things in my life, I ain't gonna lie, but this was the very first time I've been called this:

She looked at me, and cracked a grin, and full-out told me, "You **Scallywag!**"

One of the best moments of my life. I've never been called a scallywag before, I'll probably never be called that again.

Anyway, I wrapped up her present (I'm actually pretty good at that, you could say "I'm gifted" (**booo MinuteWalt! Banned for puns**)) but I still keep that moment in my heart, I'll never forget it.

As for the flavor of the word itself, **scallywag**, it's like a clean golden retriever that's rolled around in sushi-grade seafood. *Don't ask me to make sense of it, I can't, that's just what it tastes like to me.*

(**EDIT** before [@Boydesian](#) corrects me, because he's the only one I know who would, or even possibly could, call me out on this:

I know it's "**scalawag**," which refers to "a white Southerner who collaborated with northern Republicans during Reconstruction after the US Civil War," but "**scallywag**" is a corrupted, however *still valid*, spelling ever since it has come to mean "an amusing rascal, if mildly untrustworthy."

Besides, I think the "y" makes it sillier 😊

I'd bring up **carpetbagger** but that's not a lot of fun to say, it's like a mouth full of hair and stale, flavorless black pepper. It is a little bouncy on the jaw and in the back of the throat, though.)

4 Likes

[Boydesian](#) #425 July 5, 2019, 12:53pm

MinuteWalt:

before [@Boydesian](#) corrects me, because he's the only one I know who would, or even possibly could, call me out on this

You **rapscallion**. 😊

1 Like

Boydesian #426 July 5, 2019, 1:37pm

Rap Scallions are also a perfect accompaniment to **Rock Lobsters**. 😊

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #427 July 5, 2019, 1:50pm

You've forced my hand:

1 Like

Boydesian #428 July 5, 2019, 1:53pm

1 Like

brian #429 July 16, 2019, 1:56am

Did we already do **galoshes**?

'Cause I'm getting notes of overripe plum, diesel fuel, and the mid-1960s.

3 Likes

SirAdrian #430 July 26, 2019, 8:06am

So, assuage . . . great word I just thought of.

It is redolent of an oily silkyness, easing tensions like a lavender bath.

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #431 July 26, 2019, 8:06am

Assuage: smells and tastes like a really nice almond-scented shampoo

3 Likes

SirAdrian #432 July 26, 2019, 8:06am

To be a chickie or a renge!
1 Like

MinuteWalt #433 July 26, 2019, 8:07am

Yeah, you beat me! It's funny how close both of those are, though.

1 Like

SirAdrian #434 July 26, 2019, 8:08am

Nothing assuages guilt like washing your hair with almond-scented shampoo in a lavender bath!

1 Like

MinuteWalt #435 July 29, 2019, 9:24am

(FYI everyone, [@SirAdrian](#) commented on "assuage" in [a totally unrelated post](#), and then we both rushed over here to make the first comment on the word. It was kind of awesome, even though I lost.)

SirAdrian #436 July 26, 2019, 8:14am

Do I get a prize? I do don 't I?

HOORAH!

I am just surprised Assuage didn't come up in the thread before. /me goes to check

1 Like

MinuteWalt #437 July 26, 2019, 8:38am

Are you sure you want *ME* to be the one who chooses your reward?

(Also, [@brian](#) , I did check about **galoshes**, it has not been submitted as far as I could tell, and you are shockingly spot-on!)

1 Like

MinuteWalt #438 July 26, 2019, 8:21am

(Also, could not find a sausage. With the level of silly humor here, I'd think it'd have a "sausage" joke attached to any comments. So you get the Crystal Sausage award for the just-barely-making-it-by-a-second-to-post award!)

1 Like

SirAdrian #439 July 26, 2019, 8:27am

Henceforth I shall be known as Adrian, bearer of the crystal sausage.

3 Likes

MinuteWait #440 July 26, 2019, 8:33am

You asked for it, copy-pasted to your title.

(EDIT: oh jeezuz that title cracks me up the more I read it, I'm so sorry, please let me know if you want me to change it)

1 Like

whistle_pig #441 July 26, 2019, 8:42am

SirAdrian:

Henceforth I shall be known as Adrian, bearer of the crystal sausage.

I'm imagining a snooty footman in fancy livery, with said crystal sausage nestling on a velvet cushion - it is *fabulous*.

2 Likes

SirAdrian #442 July 26, 2019, 8:50am

I tried changing my user name to Sir Adrian, but sadly couldn't work out how to 😞

1 Like

MinuteWait #443 July 26, 2019, 9:11am

Blank spaces don't work in user names at the moment, I tried to fix it for you if that's OK (also making the capitalization of your title more-in line. Another little quirk of mine, I try to match capitalization to their original user names. We can do an underscore if you still want a space).

[HOME](#) [@whistlepig](#) [GAMES](#) [PODCAST](#)
Blame [@whistlepig](#) if you lose your crystal sausage, pig's in charge of it from now on.

2 Likes

[whistle_pig](#) #444 July 26, 2019, 9:11am

MinuteWalt:

Blame [@whistlepig](#) if you lose your crystal sausage, pig's in charge of it from now on.

I'm not sure I can handle that level of responsibility! 🙄

1 Like

[SirAdrian](#) #445 July 26, 2019, 9:12am

Perfect, I just hope people don't go into mourning when that Adrian Smart Alec guy is never seen again 😬

1 Like

[MinuteWalt](#) #446 July 26, 2019, 9:22am

Oh, I'm sure you can [@whistlepig](#). You made a gardening thread on a board gaming forum that's blown most other threads here out of the water.

[@SirAdrian](#), we have already engraved a memorial in the Crystal Sausage that details all of the adventures and foibles of Smart-Alec's life. By microscopy. It can only be read by an electron-tunneling microscope. So you better hope whistle takes good care of that trophy.

(Technically [@SirAdrian](#) is "the bearer," but [@whistlepig](#)'s keeping it safe and hidden)

[MinuteWalt](#) #447 July 26, 2019, 9:42am

Also to get this back on-topic, because it's gotten a little silly (yeah, it's *gotten* a little silly, it's not like it didn't start out this way 😬)

whistle_pig:

...livery...

Oh, gosh. That's always seemed exotic and attractive to me, because we don't have as much of a history here of hereditary hierarchy symbolism. But that's just the *meaning* of the word.

The word itself tastes like a strong one though, like wet pet food, or something my grandparents would have liked.

(EDIT: please don't ask me how I know what wet pet food tastes like, it's something I try to forget)

2 Likes

COMaestro #448 July 26, 2019, 4:28pm

Cummerbund. It's just a funny word. Tastes similar to cinnamon and has a bit of warmth to it.

4 Likes

apcshields #449 July 26, 2019, 7:02pm

It's almost effervescent saltwater taffy for me. (It grips the teeth and makes the jaw sore, but it has a little sparkle to it.)

2 Likes

whistle_pig #450 July 26, 2019, 9:28pm

I'm not sure I like the sound of the word "livery" - it's a bit... liver-y 😬

1 Like

MinuteWalt #451 July 27, 2019, 1:26am

apcshields:

...effervescent...

Now *that's* a fun word! It tastes like the exact thing it describes to me (slightly a bit heavier on the CO2 than most carbonated drinks, a bit like what Alka-Seltzer smells like, or baking soda and vinegar volcanoes you make when you're a kid).

You can also use it to describe things that that word does not actually describe. "*Her presence on stage was effervescent!*"

MinuteWalt #452 August 6, 2019, 2:06pm

Axle-omatic, a word that doesn't taste or smell like it's meaning. I used it by accident in another post, and I thought it was worth bringing up.

It basically means “self-evident,” “prima facie,” or “unarguable.”

But it tastes, or rather *smells* like, when I used to hang out in the garage trading jokes with the mechanics when I had to take my car in for maintenance (this also includes the smell of the mechanics, too).

3 Likes

whistle_pig #453 August 6, 2019, 5:51pm

MinuteWalt:

But it tastes, or rather *smells* like, when I used to hang out in the garage trading jokes with the mechanics when I had to take my car in for maintenance

Axle-omatic?

1 Like

MinuteWalt #454 August 7, 2019, 8:17am

Yeah, I was thinking that's where it comes from. I associate it with grease and motors (“axle” and “automatic”).

I suppose you can't argue your way out of a motor, either. There is logic that works for fixing one, the debate club can't fix physics.

1 Like

MinuteWalt #455 August 13, 2019, 12:40pm

Alacrity!

(I could not end that word without an exclamation point.)

It's a little sweet and a little sour and a bit crunchy, it rolls off the tongue like a bumpy ride in a horse-drawn carriage that's going too fast *with a purpose*. It's practically an onomatopoeia.

It also describes a part of my personality that really annoys my friends and family sometimes (but not my co-workers, somehow). It's like I'm a 45-year-old puppy with nine years of higher education.

2 Likes

[brian](#) #456 September 9, 2019, 6:10pm

I learned a new word this weekend during a round of **Codenames**. It was one of those games where the layout of words overlaps in all the worst ways, and both spymasters were visibly contorting themselves just trying not to crash and burn. So our first word, right out of the gate?

Elasmobranch. (*ee-laz-muh-brank*, emphasis I don't even remember.)

Tastes of crisp well water, a faint tang from the irrigation pipes that led it out to the strawberry fields on a hot June day, mingling with hints of sweat and dust after a day in the sun, overlaid with the looming understanding that, at that point, a glass full of motor oil might be almost refreshing as long as it's cold.

Also, we guessed both clues correctly, so, hey! Bonus!

4 Likes

[MinuteWalt](#) #457 September 10, 2019, 5:08am

Wow, that's perfect.

I know what the word means (among my many hobbies, I do some marine biology), but that nails the flavor of that word.

To reiterate: Wow. Nailed it.

Wait, how the hell did that get into **Codenames**? And what was the other word?!?!?

1 Like

[COMaestro](#) #458 September 10, 2019, 12:13pm

I assumed that was the clue given, not one of the cards.

2 Likes

[brian](#) #459 September 10, 2019, 5:31pm

Yup, I got my words all mixified. How appropriate for a **Codenames** anecdote, eh?

Elasmobranch to get us to guess *Shark* and *Ray*, but not *Beach* or some other word I've since forgotten. Later, of course, we had to pick *Hawk* but not *Eagle*. So much visible discomfort on our two biologist spymasters. I only got us to the right words because the last book I read (**Washington Black** by Esi Edugyan) included nudibranchs as a major plot element, alongside a hydrogen aerostat, Arctic exploration, and more as it follows a boy fleeing slavery in the early 19th century.

Who we're here. **Acoustic**. Florida's fruit/acid note, like cider vinegar made from old pears, laced with the faintest aftertaste of blood and iron. Mingled with the sweet, dusty aroma of a library book only cracked open after twenty-five years on the shelf. Chews a bit like good resume paper - the stuff with plenty of cotton in there, nice linen surface - that's been lightly toasted and crinkled, but not so much it crackles.

1 Like

MinuteWalt #460 September 10, 2019, 8:10pm

I get a faint hint of motor oil and exhaust, as well.

1 Like

brian #461 September 10, 2019, 11:53pm

Well, of course, what with the central Florida accent.

MinuteWalt #462 September 11, 2019, 6:29am

Coastal central Florida, thank you.

It's pretty much the same as Midwestern "accent-less." Florida is as far South you can go without being a Southerner. The snowbirds from the North, the rednecks from the South, and the immigrants from all over, get all mixed together and produce a very normalized accent with their children.

True, when I'm anxious or upset, I tend to go Bostonian, which I learned from my mom and grandparents, and when I'm lazy or **laconic** (tastes like ginger-lemon tea with anise) I tend to slip into a lazy Southern drawl, which I learned because it gets **** HOT here and one just doesn't have the energy.

But many Floridians don't consider themselves as part of the "South," there are too many retirees from the northern States, and others betting their luck on hurricanes rather than blizzards. I don't think of myself as a Southerner, that nonsense starts up in Georgia.

2 Likes

brian #463 September 11, 2019, 5:06pm

In my heart, dear Justin, you'll always be Florida Man.

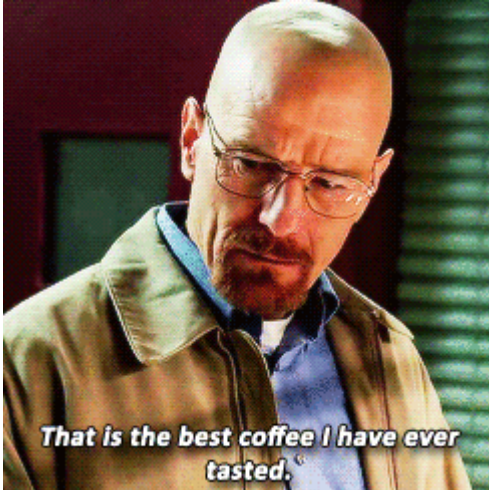
3 Likes

MinuteWalt #464 September 12, 2019, 1:33am

But I swear, I've never even seen crystal meth!

3 Likes

Boydesian #465 September 12, 2019, 6:37pm



3 Likes

GabrielH #466 September 28, 2019, 5:39am

Sometimes I wonder how I ended up reading a thread discussing the flavor of words. But then I'm just like, Donald Trump is President of the United States. There're many weirder things going on in this world. Humans are weird creatures.

More on topic,
Avuncular is a nice word.

As is Extraneous.

Unlike "There're", which is merely a good collection of letters which should be a word.

Speaking of which, "Merely" has a nice ring to it. Sort of like a meerkat, which isn't merely a cat.

Sometimes I look at words and suddenly remember what it's like to not understand them. The other day I was looking at the word Quest, and thought, "that spelling looks strange... Is that actually correct?.. That's really weird... There's no way that's actually a word... Oh no I'm forgetting how to read!.. Are words real?.. Why do I expect to get information out of these weird squiggles?.. Okay I'm fine... Of course it looks normal... Does it, though?"

Now I'm thinking maybe we should start a thread on how words look. What is the world coming to?

3 Likes

MinuteWalt #467 September 28, 2019, 9:05am

GabrielH:

Avuncular

I don't like it. It seems like someone made me chew one of my own foot calluses.

It is a fun word to say, don't get me wrong, that the part of the flataway on a rollercoaster or dirt bike track that makes you go up-and-down really quickly (the correct term, believe it or not, is *whoop - de - doo*), I just think it's unkind to use it on my uncles.

GabrielH:

There're

Sure it's a word! It's the plural of "there's!" There is=there's, "there's an ant on your face." There are=there're, "There're so many places on your face where you have an ant! My god somebody do something!" Who cares if it's not in **Strunk & White**, live a little.

GabrielH:

Now I'm thinking maybe we should start a thread on how words look.

This is a good thread to do that if you want to, or anyone else, for that matter! If it becomes a big deal, we'll make another, it's not like we'll run out of room for new threads anytime soon (jeeze, I hope not, at least, people used to think the same thing about radio bandwidth).

I always like it if people get into the impossible synesthesia of how a word tastes, which was my original reason for starting this, but if they have fun with words like they like saying out loud, I ain't exactly about to kick anyone out if they want to describe what they look like. Just, no huge poetic epics, please.

After all, this is kind of a silly, if experimental, thread.

2 Likes

COMaestro #468 September 29, 2019, 2:30am

GabrielH:

Sometimes I look at words and suddenly remember what it's like to not understand them. The other day I was looking at the word Quest, and thought, "that spelling looks strange... Is that actually correct?.. That's really weird..."

This happens to me too! You start looking at a word and it just looks wrong, like there is no possible way it could be spelled like that.

Griffster77 #469 September 29, 2019, 6:57am

I was once so tired in an exam I forgot how to spell 'l' for a few moments...

3 Likes

Gambauge #470 October 7, 2019, 5:40pm

I'm into "sequester" at the minute.

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #471 October 8, 2019, 8:29am

What does it taste like, though?

For me, it's like one of those weird citrus fruits that pops up at the grocery or farmer's market every once in a while. It's not bad, but it's a little unexpected, like blood orange or bergamot. I wouldn't kick it out of a smoothie or shaved ice, but I wouldn't go out of my way to track it down.

2 Likes

Gambauge #472 October 8, 2019, 7:07pm

I think your ripe Sequester is more like a fig. Very rich and unctuous (honourable mention). Best made into a spiced syrup and poured over real vanilla ice cream.

2 Likes

apcshields #473 October 8, 2019, 11:06pm

Definitely more tannic and smoky for me... not a fruit at all.

3 Likes

Gambauge #474 October 12, 2019, 2:25pm

A bottle of your finest Sequester, please. 1986 vintage, ofcourse.

1 Like

MinuteWalt #475 October 13, 2019, 9:23am

Discovery

This means a very different thing to me, intellectually vs. gastronomically. It's an important difference, and I'm not entirely sure why this word has such an aesthetic dichotomy.

In my brain, it means all the awesome nerdy things that are waiting out there for us, in all the infinite possibilities!

(or the legal action of acquiring or providing evidential documentation, but that's the mundane blah definition I used to have to file for my temp job, ignore this).

On my tongue, though, it's just kind of like a raisin bran bowl of cereal with an adequate amount of milk.

3 Likes

suz #476 October 24, 2019, 3:20pm

MinuteWalt:

I'm not entirely sure why this word has such an aesthetic dichotomy.

Yes, why is that? I want to know too! On the flip side, I came across **bicameralism** the other day (which is like putting several toffees in your mouth at once, and then the phone rings). Its actual meaning is dry as old toast.

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #477 October 24, 2019, 3:45pm

Nice call! Yummy word, kind of cruddy meaning. I kind of get the same thing (only just two toffees)!

1 Like

MinuteWalt #478 October 25, 2019, 12:27am

Analogous tastes slippery-slidy, like a light molasses water park, but the kid's part where the slides are short and straight and watered down.

Unlike **analogy**, which is more like the lazy river bit the adults hang out in that have floating bars. They both taste like slightly sweet but un-fizzy, but are swimmable and inoffensive.

Also unlike **analogue**, where the young adults get the hair ripped out of their heads going down slides covered with pure treacle and acting afterwards like it was no big deal but can't get the treacle

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #479 January 21, 2020, 4:22am

Not a word, but a term I am in love with.

Pyrrhic victory.

It tastes a lot like its meaning. “Pyrrhic” is a lot like swords coming out of your mouth (it does have a bit of an iron flavor, too, like, when you jump off of a swingset and you can still smell the rusty metal on your hands), and “victory” is kind of like one of those super-hot cinnamon-oil infused toothpicks, it’s a very spiky word. “**Vick-Tor-Ree**,” only smashed all together.

It also reminds me of all the people who go out to get Indian or Thai or whatever food and order it “as hot as *you* normally eat it, my fine waitperson,” and then, sweating, teary, and sneezing, finish their meal proudly, and pay for it in the end the next day (pun intended). (Also, I am one of those people).

It’s a pyrrhic victory any one of us can take part in, should you so choose. I’m always up for some vindaloo, we can each fail together when we win.

2 Likes

MinuteWalt #480 January 21, 2020, 4:24am

All of you young **whippersnappers!**

Whippersnapper tastes like cherry licorice that has gone wrong.

It’s like some Mexican candies: sugar, salt, acid, and hot peppers (which I love, Mexican candy is not for everyone, but I think it’s amazing), but the word comes with fake fruit flavoring that makes it disappointing.

It still rolls off the tongue in a satisfying way, and I daresay it would confuse the hell out of any young person if you yelled it at them in a crotchety voice.

*I could be that old man telling the kids to get off my lawn, someday.
If everything works out.*

2 Likes

mutechair #481 March 5, 2020, 10:01pm

I feel like I don’t have quit the level of synesthesia as others here do. So I offer no flavour notes for the phrase **lexique ludique**. But I will be repeating it to myself a bit for a while. Just 'cause.

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'Parcours' seems more interesting than 'roll and move'. 'Contrôle de territoire' is kinda official compared to 'dudes on map'. I have to slow down to say 'Dés et écriture' (*roll & write*)

1 Like
