

New words, new definitions to common words - how do people come up with new words and definitions? For sure, some should become mainstream such as the one at the very end. So, read on and enjoy new word creation at its finest . . .

Neologism

The Washington Post 2015 list of winning submissions to its annual neologism contest where readers were asked to supply alternate meanings for common words.

The winners were:

- **Coffee** (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.
- **Flabbergasted** (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
- **Abdicate** (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
- **Esplanade** (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
- **Willy-nilly** (adj.), impotent.

- **Negligent** (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
- **Lymph** (v.), to walk with a lisp.
- **Gargoyle** (n.), olive-flavoured mouthwash.
- **Flatulence** (n.) emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
- **Balderdash** (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
- **Testicle** (n.), a humorous question on an exam.
- **Rectitude** (n.), the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
- **Frisbeetarianism** (n.), the belief that when you die, your Soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.

The Washington Post's Style Invitational also asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and providing a new definition.

Here are the winners:

- **Bozone** (n.), the substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
- **Foreploy** (v), any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.
- **Cashtration** (n.), the act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.
- **Giraffiti** (n), vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
- **Sarchasm** (n), the gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
- **Inoculatte** (v), to take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
- **Hipatitis** (n), terminal coolness.
- **Osteopornosis** (n), a degenerate disease.

- **Karmageddon** (n), it's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
- **Decafalon** (n.), the grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
- **Glibido** (v), all talk and no action.
- **Dopeler Effect** (n), the tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
- **Arachnoleptic Fit** (n.), the frantic dance performed just after you have accidentally walked through a spider web.
- **Beelzebug** (n.), Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
- **Caterpallor** (n.), the color you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you are eating.

And the pick of the lot:

- **Ignoramus** (n), a person who's both stupid and an asshole.