

New words that have entered into common usage since the last edition...

adorkable *adjective slang* socially inept or unfashionable in a charming or endearing way

al desko *adjective, adverb facetious* (of a meal, esp lunch) at one's desk at one's place of work

Bitcoin *noun* a system of open source peer-to-peer software for the creation and exchange of (payment in) a certain type of cryptocurrency running the Bitcoin client software

kawaii *adjective* denoting a Japanese artistic and cultural style that emphasizes the quality of cuteness, using bright colours and characters with a childlike appearance

meme *noun* an idea or element of social behaviour passed on through generations in a culture, esp by imitation

photobomb *verb informal* to intrude into the background of a photograph without the subject's knowledge

preload *verb (intransitive) informal* to consume alcoholic drinks at home before going to a social gathering

textonym *noun (in text messaging)* one of two or more words that can be generated by pressing the same key combinations on a mobile phone: 'kiss' and 'lips' are textonyms

twerking *noun* a provocative dance performed by moving the hips rapidly back and forth while standing with the feet apart and raising and lowering the body in a squatting motion

vape *verb* to inhale nicotine vapour (from an electronic cigarette). Thus **vaping**, and **vaper** (one who vapes).

Win at word games with intriguing, rare and quirky words...

averruncate *verb (transitive)* to avert, to turn away

cantabank *noun* an itinerant singer

crepuscle *noun* twilight

cymophanous *adjective* lustrous; brilliant

dumple *verb (transitive)* to form (something) into a short and fat shape

flosculous *adjective* flowery; abounding in flowers

furacious *adjective* given to stealing; thievish

hamfatter *noun* a second-rate or ineffectual actor

infaust *adjective* unlucky; ill-fated

logodaedaly *noun* the cunning or skilful use of words

mizmaze *noun* the condition of being puzzled or baffled

rantipole *adjective* wild, reckless, boisterous

senectitude *noun* old age

tenebrific *adjective* causing darkness

virose *adjective* poisonous; foul-smelling

whiskerando *noun* a man with extravagant whiskers

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