

Wordage

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While thumbing a ride through the dictionary, I came across some 'age' words. Age is defined as the amount of time a person has lived and is also a stage of life; a time span. If I were a lexicographer, this is how I would define many of them.

Bandage – The time of life when adolescents turn garages into echo chambers

Bondage – Anytime people spend quality time together

Message – The terrible twos

Creepage – The terrible threes

Hermitage – The life span of a loner

Image – Adolescent time spent Instant Messaging

Leakage – Diaper time for babies

Seepage – Diaper time for seniors

Potage – Follows the diaper age

Linkage – The time of life wasted on golf courses

Manage – Begins at 21 for males – and often much later.

Package – The four year time span of high school cliques

Parentage – The time of life when the real fun begins and leads to the pillage

Pillage – The time of life for stress relief

Poundage – Weight watching time span

Spoilage – Any time, especially during puberty

Roughage – Teen years, often; parenting years, for sure.

Usage – The life span of the 'us' generation; a subset of the 'me' generation

Wreckage – Time of life when learning to drive

Shortage – pre-puberty time span

Shrinkage – post-middle age time span

Plumage - the best years of your life

Roughage - the worst years of your life