

## NEOLOGISMS L through O

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| lapkin          | n. (from lap & napkin) a napkin for the lap  |
| Larsonesque     | adj. (lar s'n Esk) (fr. Gary Larson) simultaneously humorous and horrifying. see also "far-sided?"   |
| learn           | v. (lim) (fr. learn, wherein the r and n are connected) to learn something incorrectly, incompletely, or fuzzily.  |
| linusized       | adj. (lai nus aizd) uncovered and shivering. (Like Linus in the pumpkin patch)   |
| LlinkedIn       | n. a website for Welsh professionals.  |
| log cabin fever | n. (lawg cæb In fi v'r) (fr. Log Cabin maple syrup & cabin fever) sluggishness and irritability after excessive consumption of pancakes; also, the associated phenomena of sticky fingers, plates and tables.                |
| magmatude       | n. (fr. magma & magnitude) the measure of a volcano's output.  |
| mallminded      | adj. (mawl main dId) (fr. mall + -minded) referring to a mental state of depressed lethargy which results from spending twelve continuous hours dressed in jeans and a black T-shirt, standing aimlessly in a shopping mall. |
| Marchuary       | n. a dead time right after February when winter won't give up.   |
| mantime         | n. (fr. man & meantime): "in the mantime" means during the interval between the moment a husband promises to do something and when he actually does it.  |
| mappendectomy   | n. (mæp end ek to mi) (fr. Map & appendectomy) ripping the map out of a book.  |
| mathtub         | n. (fr. math & bathtub) a sinking feeling of drowning in numbers.  |
| matriculum      | n. (mu trIk yoo lum) (fr. matrix & reticulum) the intricate web of mental, electronic, and paper-based information which is the sum total of one's social and professional interrelationships, experience, and knowledge.    |
| maxle           | n. (mæk s'l) (fr. L. maxilla) the area between the nose and upper lip (wherein a man's mustache is found).   |

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| mechmaniacal   | adj. (mEk m'n ai uh k'l) (fr. mechanical & maniacal) given to a lust for mechanizing all aspects of daily life.  |
| mechnology     | n. (mEk nal I ji) (fr. mechanics + technology) engineering; the practice of using mechanical means to develop new technology. (also: mechnological, adj., refers to such)                |
| medifice       | n. (mEd I fls) (fr. medi- + -edifice) a hospital, clinic, or doctor's office; any medical building.  |
| membrain       | n. (mEm brein) (fr. membrane and brain) any means, spiritual, auditory, visual, extrasensory, by which information enters the mind.  |
| metrospect     | n. (mEtro spEkt) (fr. metro- and retrospect) consideration of the needs of urban areas to the exclusion and detriment of rural areas.  |
| microchasm     | n. (fr. microcosm & chasm) a small crack or void that bespeaks of a far greater one.   |
| mindfield      | n. (maind fild) (fr. mind & minefield) a touchy subject that when brought up in conversation causes a person to explode with a torrent of anger.   |
| Minus touch    | n. (fr. minus and Midas touch) a weatherman's ability to predict below-zero weather.   |
| mirrorrim      | n. (mir'r rIm) (a plindrome formed by mirror + rim) the beveled edge of a mirror.  |
| misalaned      | adj. (mIs uh laynd) (from misaligned and lane) lane designations on a street or roadway that do not line up or that force a driver to swerve wildly in order to stay in the "right" lane |
| mondayne       | adj. (muhn dayn) (fr. Monday & mundane) boring; tedious; related to humdrum affairs, esp. around an office.  |
| moribundive    | adj. (mor' buhnd Iv) (fr. moribund + -ive) due to expire or be discontinued; used in the phrase "~ in X years", e.g. "that toaster is moribundive in 4 years".                           |
| mourning after | n. (fr. mourning and morning after) sudden grief weeks after a death in the family.  |
| mouscular      | adj. (mows kyu l'r) (fr. mouse & muscular) adept at using a microcomputer mouse.   |

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| multi-flasking     | n. (mul ti flæs kIng) (fr. multi-tasking and flask) drinking two things at once.  |
| multi-masking      | n. (mul ti mæs kIng) (fr. multi-tasking and mask) playing two acting roles at once.   |
| mystiquen identity | n. (fr. mystique and mistaken identity) a women's ability to perhaps purposely cause errors relating to her true identity.  |
| mythridate         | v. (mIth rId ayt) (fr. myth & mithridate) to tell a lie a little at a time so that after people have heard the small lie long enough they will eventually embrace the larger lie as truth.  |
| negaton bomb       | n. (nEg uh tan bam) (fr. negate & megaton bomb) An event which is supposed to have cataclysmic effects but which has little or no actual effect; a fizzle; a flop, like the Y2K bug.  |
| NEMF-o-maniac      | n. a crazy truck-driver from New England Motor Freight.   |
| nestive            | adj. (nEst Iv) (fr. nesting & rest + -ive) referring to the state of mind of a pregnant woman-- often characterized by an intense focus on resting, nest-building, and keeping family members close at hand.  |
| obfustigate        | v.i. (uhb fuhs tI gayt) (fr. obfuscate and fuss) to delay making a decision by worrying, fussing, fretting, and wuffing (q.v.) for so long that no decision is ever made, or no action is ever taken. (n. - obfustigation)                                      |
| Ohio wave          | n. (o hai o wayv) (fr. "Oh, Hi. Oh." and wave), a gesture or wave of greeting in which the waver incorrectly believes that he knows the wavee however, when the wave is only partially executed, the wave is awkwardly aborted as he realizes that he does not. |
| Okemotherapy       | n. (o ki mo thayr uh pi) (fr. Okemo, Vermont & chemotherapy) using a skiing trip in Vermont as a cure for the winter blues.   |
| onepay             | n. (wuhn pay) (fr. one & toupée) a cheap, obvious hairpiece, which is by virtue of its name, only half as good as a toupée.   |
| onmissiont         | n. (an mish Int) (fr. omniscient and on mission) ref. to a person's self-proclaimed ability to know what mission everyone else should be on.  |
| Oregonni           | n. (or uh ga ni) (fr. Oregon & origami) the art of cutting out paper in the shape of Oregon.  |
| oreonics           | n. (or i an Iks) (fr. Oreo + -onics) the art of screwing open an Oreo cookie in order to devour the creme first.  |

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| .org-gy       | n. (fr. .org & orgy) a frenzied exploitation of data from .org websites.   |
| organizortium | n. (or gIn uh zor shuhm) (fr. organization & consortium) an agency whose membership is made up of a complex multi-tiered structure of other organizations. |
| overpause     | n. (o ver pauz) (fr. overpass & pause) the momentary silence in a vehicle that occurs when it passes under an overpass during a heavy rainstorm.           |
| Ozart         | n. (fr. Ozark and art) hokey Southern art.   |

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## Letter banks

A letter bank is a type of puzzle where all the letters of one word (the "bank") can be used as many times as desired (a minimum of once each) to make a new word or phrase. For example, IMPS is a bank of MISSISSIPPI, and CYNDI LAUPER is a letter bank of PERPENDICULARLY.

The term **letter bank** was coined by Will Shortz at the 1980 convention of the National Puzzlers League. This puzzle type is the basis for the word game Alpha Blitz.

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Quasimodo rings his bells  
Without regard for how he smells.  
He heads each day from bed to tower,  
Never stopping for a shower.  
He never performs a single EIGHT  
Before a sweaty day of GREAT.

Author: Mr. Tex

Solution: ablution – tintinnabulation

(10 - 4, 4, 6)

This five-note segment of a scale  
is a piece of cake for J. J. Kale,  
but Madonna sings it would be wise  
if father would cease to sermonize.

Author: Zoran Radisavljević

Solution: Pentachord – Papa Don't Preach