

Wordsworth's Newsletter

Words of Wisdom from The Words Workshop



Wordsworth says ... Why do some words just disappear into obscurity?

Nowadays we are more aware than ever of our constantly changing language thanks to the likes of Twitter, Facebook and of course the language used in text messages that, sooner or later, contributes to the Oxford Dictionary.

It is understandable that, as the language grows, some words will fall by the wayside and be replaced by more modern words with the same meaning but, because of this, the English language has lost some brilliantly descriptive words. Let's all get together and try to bring them back into use.

Here are some of our favourites:

1. **Irrisory:** to be addicted to laughing or sneezing.
2. **Scurryfunge:** a hasty tidying of the house between the time you see a neighbour and the time she knocks on the door.
3. **Lunting:** walking and smoking a pipe.
4. **Jargogle:** to confuse or jumble.
5. **Kench:** to laugh loudly.
6. **Deliciate:** to take pleasure, revel or luxuriate. "After dinner, we deliciated in chocolate pudding."
7. **Ludibrious:** describes a person, thing or situation that is likely to be the butt of jokes. "It's so ludibrious."
8. **Brabble:** to argue loudly about something that doesn't matter.
9. **Quagswagging:** the action of shaking something to and fro.
10. **Widdendream:** a state of confusion. "I am constantly in widdendream."



Wordsworth's jargon buster ...

Some of you old-timers may remember 'Wordsworth's management speak to avoid' where Wordsworth tried to de-code management jargon into plain English. Well, we thought the parents, aunties, uncles, grandmas and grandpas out there might appreciate a little teenage jargon busting.

This month's word is:

'Buff'

No, they don't use this to describe the process of polishing up shoes as you may expect (they probably don't need a word for that seeing as it isn't something they ever do!). 'Buff' is actually a word used to describe something or someone attractive. For example, "Brad Pitt is buff."

Wordsworth will be bringing you more like this over the next few months, however if you want to swot up go to www.gotateenager.org.uk for more teenage jargon busting.



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