

NEW WORDS AND PHRASES IN THE OXFORD DICTIONARY OF ENGLISH REVISED 2E

agitation • *noun* (Indian) a public demonstration.

ASBO • *abbreviation for* (Brit.) antisocial behaviour order, a court order which can be obtained by local authorities in order to restrict the behaviour of a person likely to cause harm or distress to the public.

backbone • *noun* (Computing & Telecommunications) a high-speed, high-capacity digital connection which forms the axis of a local or wide area network.

bashment • *noun* an uptempo style of popular music derived from dancehall and ragga.

beatbox • *verb* imitate the sounds of a drum machine with the voice.

bindaas • *adjective* (Indian informal) carefree, fashionable, and independent-minded.

boo² • *noun* (US informal) a person's boyfriend or girlfriend.

cariad • *noun* (Welsh) darling; sweetheart.

chav • *noun* (Brit. informal, derogatory) a young lower-class person typified by brash and loutish behaviour and the wearing of (real or imitation) designer clothes.

chelation therapy • *noun* (in alternative medicine) a treatment for atherosclerosis involving the intravenous infusion of substances intended to remove the calcium contained in the plaques of hardened arteries.

chillybin • *noun* (NZ) a portable insulated container for keeping food and drink cool.

chip and PIN • *noun* a way of paying for goods by debit or credit card whereby one enters one's personal identification number in an electronic device rather than signing a slip.

chugger • *noun* (informal) a person who approaches passers-by in the street asking for donations or subscriptions to a particular charity.

chupacabra • *noun* an animal said to exist in parts of Central America, where it supposedly attacks animals, especially goats.

clueful • *adjective* (informal) having knowledge or understanding of something; well informed.

cockapoo • *noun* a dog that is a cross-breed of an American cocker spaniel and a miniature poodle.

cold-cock • *verb* (N. Amer. informal) knock (someone) out, typically with a blow to the head.

cool • *verb* • **(cool out)** (informal) relax.

cwtch • *noun* (Welsh) **1.** a cupboard or cubbyhole. **2.** a cuddle or hug.

dadah • *noun* (in Malaysia) illegal drugs.

demographic • *noun* a particular sector of a population.

desi (also **deshi**) • *noun* a person of Indian, Pakistani, or Bangladeshi birth or descent who lives abroad.

down-low • *noun* (in phrase **on the down-low**) (chiefly black slang) **1.** on the quiet; in secret.

2. (of a man) concealing his homosexual tendencies.

dramedy • *noun* (*pl.* **dramedies**) a television programme or film in which the comic elements derive mainly from character and plot development.

be drinking in the last chance saloon (Brit. Informal) be in a difficult situation in which there is one final chance to put it right.

eighty-six • *verb* (N. Amer. informal) reject, discard, or destroy.

enrobe • *verb* coat (an item of food) in chocolate, a sauce, etc.

Euro pop • *noun* pop music from continental Europe with simple melodies and lyrics, often sung in English.

fanboy • *noun* (informal) a male fan, especially one who is obsessive about comics, music, film, or science fiction.

feuilleté • *noun* a puff pastry case with a sweet or savoury filling.

flatline • *verb* fail to increase; remain static.

flehmen • *noun* a behavioural response found in many male mammals when they detect particular smells from females, characterized by a curling of the upper lip and a raising of the head.

flippy • *adjective* (of a skirt) flared and relatively short, so as to flick up as the wearer walks.

floss • *verb* (black slang) behave in a flamboyant manner; show off.

foefie slide • *noun* (S. African) a rope or cable with a suspended handle or pulley by means of which one may slide between two points.

'fro • *noun* (*pl.* **'fros**) an Afro hairstyle or a frizzy or bushy hairstyle resembling one.

gamepad • *noun* a hand-held controller for video games.

geocaching • *noun* a form of treasure hunt using GPS, in which an item is hidden somewhere in the world and its coordinates posted on the Internet, so that GPS users can locate it.

Greek god • *noun* (informal) an extremely handsome man.

greige • *noun* a colour between beige and grey.

guided imagery • *noun* a method of relaxation which concentrates the mind on positive images in an attempt to reduce pain, stress, etc.

handy • *noun* (*pl.* **handies**) (in Europe) a mobile phone.

Hellerwork • *noun* a system involving deep tissue massage and exercise, designed to help correct posture, improve mobility, relieve pain, etc.

Hinglish • *noun* (informal) a blend of Hindi and English, in particular a variety of English used by speakers of Hindi, characterized by frequent use of Hindi vocabulary or constructions.

Hoover (Brit.) • *verb* (**hoover something up**) (informal) consume something quickly and eagerly.

hypoxaemia (US **hypoxemia**) • *noun* (Ecology) oxygen deficiency in a biotic environment.

infinity pool • *noun* a swimming pool whose positioning gives the impression that it merges into the surrounding landscape, especially the sea.

Jheri curl • *noun* a black male hairstyle in which the hair is styled into tight ringlets with a glossy finish.

jilbab • *noun* a full-length outer garment, traditionally covering the head and hands, worn in public by some Muslim women.

J-pop • *noun* Japanese pop music.

judder bar • *noun* (NZ) a speed bump.

Kernow • *noun* Cornish name for Cornwall.

kitty party • *noun* (chiefly Indian) a regular gathering of a group of women (usually over a meal) in which each member contributes money to a central pool and lots are drawn to decide which member will get the entire sum as well as who will host the next gathering.

labradoodle • *noun* a dog of a breed developed as a cross between a Labrador retriever and a poodle.

lehnga (also **lengha**, **lehenga**) • *noun* a full ankle-length skirt worn by Indian women, usually on formal or ceremonial occasions.

leverage • *verb* use (something) to maximum advantage.

-licious • *combining form* forming adjectives denoting someone or something delightful or extremely attractive: *babelicious*.

Lollywood • *noun* a name for the Pakistani popular film industry, based in Lahore.

lush • *adjective* (informal) very good.

masala • *noun* (figurative) someone or something that comprises a varied mixture of elements.

mehndi (also **mehendi**) • *noun* (Indian) **1.** the art or practice of applying temporary henna tattoos, especially as part of a bride or groom's preparations for a wedding. **2.** a temporary henna tattoo.

mitumba • *noun* (in eastern and central Africa) second-hand clothing, especially that donated by aid agencies in the West.

molecular gastronomy • *noun* the application of scientific principles to the understanding and development of food preparation.

monotherapy • *noun* the treatment of a disease with a single drug.

multitask • *verb* (of a person) deal with more than one task at the same time.

nanoscale • *adjective* on a scale of 10⁻⁹ metre; having or involving dimensions of less than 100 nanometres.

offshoring • *noun* the practice of basing some of a company's processes or

services overseas, so as to take advantage of lower costs.

one-size-fits-all • *adjective* (informal) suitable for or used in all circumstances.

overdog • *noun* (informal) a person who is successful or dominant in their field.

peedie • *adjective* (Scottish) little; small.

pelmet • *noun* (Brit. informal) a very short skirt.

perfect storm • *noun* **1.** a particularly violent storm arising from a rare combination of adverse meteorological factors. **2.** (chiefly US) an especially bad situation caused by a combination of unfavourable circumstances.

petrissage • *noun* a massage technique that involves kneading the body.

phishing • *noun* the fraudulent practice of sending emails purporting to be from reputable companies in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers, online.

picturize (also **picturise**) • *verb* adapt (a story or screenplay) into a film.

PJs • *plural noun* (informal) pyjamas.

podcast • *noun* a digital recording of a radio broadcast or similar programme, made available on the Internet for downloading to a personal audio player.

pokey hat (also **poky hat**) • *noun* (Scottish) an ice-cream cone.

polydrug • *adjective* relating to or denoting the use of several, typically illegal, drugs together.

portlet • *noun* (Computing) an application used by a portal website to receive requests from clients and return information.

potty-mouthed • *adjective* (informal) using or characterized by bad language.

props • *noun* (black slang) due respect.

puppy • *noun* (*pl.* **puppies**) (informal, chiefly N. Amer.) a person or thing of a specified kind.

que sera sera • *exclamation* used to convey a fatalistic recognition that future events are out of the speaker's control.

rakyat • *noun* (in South-East Asia) the ordinary people, especially when considered in relation to the government.

randan • *noun* (in phrase **on the randan**) (Scottish) out celebrating or enjoying oneself.

rebetika (also **rembetika**) • *noun* a type of Greek popular song accompanied by instruments such as violins and bouzoukis.

retail politics • *plural noun* (US) a style of political campaigning in which the candidate attends local events in order to target voters on a small-scale or individual basis.

rock up • *verb* arrive; turn up.

Rosie Lee • *noun* (Brit. rhyming slang) tea.

Ruby Murray • *noun* (Brit. rhyming slang) a curry.

scopophilia • *noun* sexual pleasure derived chiefly from watching others when they are naked or engaged in sexual activity; voyeurism.

shisha • *noun* **1.** (in Egypt and other Arabic-speaking countries) a hookah. **2.** tobacco for smoking in a hookah, especially when mixed with flavourings such as mint.

sing-jay • *noun* a DJ who raps and sings as part of their performance.

slippery dip • *noun* (Austral.) a children's slide in a playground or park.

smackdown • *noun* (informal, chiefly US) **1.** a bitter contest or confrontation. **2.** a decisive or humiliating defeat or setback.

snagging • *noun* (Brit.) the process of checking a new building for minor faults that need to be rectified.

sock hop • *noun* (N. Amer. informal) a social dance at which participants dance in their stockinged feet.

soundclash • *noun* **1.** a head-to-head competition between DJs. **2.** a piece of popular music that features a mixture or clash of very different styles.

speck • *noun* a smoked ham of a type produced in NE Italy.

spendy • *adjective* (informal, chiefly US) **1.** costing a great deal; expensive. **2.** spending a great deal of money; extravagant.

spit • *verb* (black English) perform rap music.

starrer • *noun* (informal) a film which provides a starring role for a particular actor or actress.

step up to the plate (N. Amer.) take action in response to an opportunity or crisis.

step change • *noun* (in business or politics) a significant change in policy or attitude, especially one that results in an improvement or increase.

supersize • *adjective* larger than average or standard sizes; extremely large. • *verb* [often as *adj.*] (**supersized**) greatly increase the size of.

supertaster • *noun* a person who has more taste buds than normal and is very sensitive to particular tastes.

tag • *noun* a nickname or other identifying mark written as the signature of a graffiti artist • *verb* (of a graffiti artist) write their tag on a surface.

tamasha • *noun* (Indian) a fuss or commotion.

throwdown • *noun* (informal) a performance by or competition between DJs, rappers, or similar artistes.

tom-tom • *verb* (chiefly Indian) proclaim or boast about.

trolleys (also **trolleys**) • *plural noun* (Brit. Informal) underpants or knickers.

trough • *verb* (informal) eat greedily.

twofer • *noun* (N. Amer. informal) an item or offer that comprises two items but is sold for the price of one.

undercrackers • *plural noun* (Brit. Informal) men's underpants.

ur- • *combining form* denoting someone or something regarded as embodying the basic or intrinsic qualities of a particular class or type: *ur-thespians Patrick Stewart and Ian McKellan*.

vermicomposting • *noun* the use of earthworms to convert organic waste into fertilizer.

vermiculture • *noun* the cultivation of earthworms, especially in order to use them to convert organic waste into fertilizer.

vibe (informal) • *verb* **1.** enjoy oneself by listening to or dancing to popular music. **2.** get on; have a good relationship. **3.** transmit or give out (a feeling or atmosphere).

vinyasa • *noun* **1.** movement between poses in yoga, typically accompanied by regulated breathing. **2.** a method of yoga in which these movements form a flowing sequence in coordination with the breath.

wife-beater • *noun* (US informal) a man's sleeveless vest or T-shirt.

wiki • *noun* a website or database developed collaboratively by a community of users, allowing any user to add and edit content.

Windrush • *adjective* relating to or denoting the people who emigrated from the Caribbean to Britain on the British ship the *Empire Windrush* in 1948.

word • *exclamation* (chiefly black English) used to express agreement or affirmation.

yebo • *exclamation* (S. African) used to show agreement or approval; yes.