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*Words that are highlighted* are *NOT new words in the dictionary.*

1. babymoon: a relaxing or romantic holiday taken by parents-to-be before their baby is

born; a period of time following the birth of a baby during which the new

parents can focus on establishing a bond with their child.

1. BYOD: abbreviation of ‘bring your own device’ – the practice of allowing the employees

of an organization to use their own computers, smartphones, or other devices for work purposes.

1. rizz: romantic appeal or charm.
2. digital detox: a period of time during which a person refrains from using electronic

devices such as smartphones or computers, regarded as an opportunity to reduce stress or focus on social interaction in the physical world.

1. idiocracy: a society consisting of or governed by people characterized as idiots, or a

government formed of people considered stupid, ignorant, or idiotic.

1. food baby: a protruding stomach caused by eating a large quantity of food and

supposedly resembling that of a woman in the early stages of pregnancy.

1. padawan: a young person, especially when regarded as naïve, inexperienced.
2. coulrophobia: an abnormal fear of clowns.
3. dunandunate: the overuse of a word or phrase that has recently been added to your

own vocabulary.

1. douchebaggery: obnoxious or irritating behavior.

1. garbageologist: an anthropologist or archaeologist who studies a community or society

through systematic analysis of what is thrown away as garbage.

1. squee: an exclamation, used to express great delight or excitement.
2. earworm: a catchy tune that frequently gets stuck in your head.
3. thirst trap: a photograph (such as a selfie) or video shared for the purpose of

attracting attention or desire; someone or something that attracts

attention or strong desire.

1. colourism: (mainly used in the U.S.) prejudice or discrimination against individuals

with a dark skin tone, typically among people of the same ethnic or racial group.

1. nonversation: a worthless conversation, wherein nothing is explained or otherwise

elaborated upon.

1. silver fox: a handsome man with silver-grey hair.
2. polkadodge: the dance that occurs when two people attempt to pass each other but

move in the same direction.

1. scrax: the waxy coating that is scratched off an instant lottery ticket.
2. smushables: items that must be packed at the top of a bag to avoid being squashed.
3. unlike: withdraw one’s liking or approval of (a web page or posting on a social media

website that one has previously liked).

1. sprog: to go faster than a jog but slower than a sprint. In Britain, however, “sprog” is a

noun meaning a child or a military recruit or trainee. As a verb, it also means to have a baby.

1. sprummer : when summer and spring time can’t decide which is to come first, usually

hot one day then cold the next.

1. wurfing: the act of surfing the Internet while at work.
2. finsta : a secret or incognito account on the Instagram photo-sharing service.
3. geek chic: the dress, appearance, and culture associated with computing and

technology enthusiasts, regarded as stylish or fashionable.

1. wikism: a piece of information that claims to be true but is wildly inaccurate.
2. jorts: denim shorts.
3. vacay: a shortening of the noun vacation.
4. fabulosity: fabulous quality, state, or nature.