

Dangerous Misunderstandings

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The world is a confusing place and information on the internet made to help you, is filled with contradictions. 'Pepsi is better than Coke', 'Coke is better than Pepsi', and all that. You think the small stuff isn't important? Well what if you decide you need to find out for yourself what drink is best, and to do so, you drink 10 cans of each product in a day? To really get an in depth analysis, that is. Already you have consumed 20 times your sugar recommendations and consequently you go blind from diabetes. But there's more, even the simplest of facts become complicated if you use google. What is 1 + 1? Five year olds know that - it's obviously 2. However, the internet says 'the answer is 2 (if you are working with decimal numbers)'. What does that mean?? 1 + 1 is still 2, right? Right??

Don't get me wrong, the Earth was still baffling before the 'information' age. In fact, it made no sense from the birth of language. Here are some words that I thought I knew the meaning of, but clearly didn't. But everyone makes mistakes, right?

Gestapo:

Actual definition: Nazi secret police.

My interpretation: Evil soup. I guess I was half right with the evil, but I evidently I got confused with the Gazpacho dish.

Gerrymander:

Actual definition: Something to do with politics. I still don't completely know the meaning of this example, though.

My interpretation: To muck about. I was well off with that one, but that's what it sounded like to me. As in 'stop gerrymandering!'

Freesia:

AD: A kind of flower.

MI: The clue's in the name. A free freezer. Right? No?

Freebie:

AD: Something with no price.

MI: A free bee. I've done it again. I feel quite the fool.

Streetwalker:

AD: A prostitute.

MI: Everyone with legs. 'Everyone with legs is a prostitute'? I'm glad I got that one cleared up. :S

Five words in and already my potential use of words could have caused massive misunderstandings. What if I were to say 'I just saw a streetwalker gerrymandering'? I thought I would have meant I saw a typical person messing about. However, what I actually would have said was 'I just saw a prostitute involved in politics'. That could get me into some serious legal trouble. Let's move on and see how else the world is perhaps even dangerously unclear.

Idolise:

AD: To worship.

MI: Another term for 'lazy eyes'.

Peignoir:

AD: A type of woman's clothing.

MI: No idea. Something French.

Ratiocination:

AD: The act of reasoning in a logical way.

MI: No idea again. Oh, the irony. No, I know, It's about rats, surely? It's the counting of how many rats there are in a nation/area. No of course not, I've just given the real definition. Durr.

Snorkel:

AD: Swimming equipment.

MI: The act of falling out of bed, as in 'the man just snorkelled!!!'. This action is possibly followed by expletives.

Obfuscate:

AD: To make something unclear.

MI: An expletive used when falling out of bed.

This time my confused self could say something like 'after snorkelling, I idolised myself'. What I would mean is that 'after falling out of bed, I injured my peepers, causing lazy eye'. However to others, I'd sound like a complete narcissist and let's face it, a bit of a dick. Still though, at least that wasn't slanderous to people with a lot of power and the sentence whilst pompous, did make sense. Unlike this reply to the following question: 'Where's your ratiocination, you idiot?' 'There's no need, this place is very hygienic'. Very random. To sum up, be careful with your words or you will taken for a fool, a willyface or you might even end up in jail! :S