

Weird Words  
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For this special monologue, I will be discussing words I found using an online dictionary, that don't make sense. I will give my original interpretations of them and then their actual meanings. I'm sure you'll be just as surprised as I was. Let's go!!!

Airsick: I always thought airsick was another word for rain. I guess not. Apparently it means being sick whilst flying. Ahem! Need for clarity, much?

Backdrop: Not another word for slouching. This one has actually got something to do with theatre scenery.

Cheeseparings: It's unsurprising I didn't know what this word means as I've never heard of it in my life. Nothing to do with making two wheels of cheese friends, rather it means something that is worthless.

Discrete: Nothing to do with dissing the Greek island, Crete. Discrete means 'individually separate and distinct.'

Endoblast: Again, another word I'd never heard. One may assume it means the most badass 'endo' (a neat bike trick that whilst easy is prone to going very wrong) of all time. Nope, it has something to do with germs.

Factor X: I heard Factor X was the strange force driving the BTK killer. Nope, it means 'Prothrombinase...' Yeah, I don't know what that means, either. Factor X and the X Factor must never be confused with each other as they are COMPLETELY different in both senses of the word.

Galaxy: Mmm... Chocolate. But why name a massive collection of stars after a snack? Turns out the bar was named after star systems, not the other way round. Same goes for Milky Way bars.

Hagfish: Not a misspelling of haggis, nor is it something a drunk Scotsman may say. A kind of fish.

Iceman: Another word associated with a serial killer, in this case Richard Kuklinski. It also means a man who sells ice. Have YOU ever seen a man who sells ice? I haven't.

Judas Priest: I was a little disappointed when I found out about this one. I thought the band made it up. I always thought it was a creative group name. I was thinking 'Hm... Imagine if there was a Judas Priest... That would be interesting...' Turns out it has a similar meaning to the vulgar phrase 'Jesus Christ!' My life hasn't been ruined, but still.

Kerry: This one is a breed of small, black cattle. I thought Kerry King from Slayer had a normal name. Nope, Kerry King is the king of cattle.

Liver of Sulfur: Never heard of this one, either. Apparently it means 'Sulfurated potash'. How about that? Actually this time I've been confused twice in a row.

Megadeath: Again, for a long time I thought this was just a band name. Well as the band is spelt 'MegaDETH' that technically is just a band name, but you know what I mean. Right? I understand that the last sentences don't make complete sense, just use your imagination. Anyway, megaDEATH means 'a million deaths'. An interesting fact. But let's hope it doesn't actually happen.

Nanny State: Nope, not what it's like to be your nan. A kind of government that is too overprotective. Better than a fascist state, though.

Phase Rule: When I was young and really into electric guitar playing, I though phasers ruled, too. But apparently phase rule means... well AGAIN I don't really know what it means, even with the definition in front of me. I think it has something to do with guitars, but I don't know. Sorry.

Quiche: I do know what quiche is, but I wish I didn't. I've never liked the food. In fact it's disgusting.

Read-through: As someone who has had many scripts read out, you'd think I know what a read-through is. And I do! Got you!

Simon: That's my name! Cool!

Telesurgery: Not a very strange name for what electricians do, this means 'surgical operations carried out by a surgeon in a distant place by means of a computer'.

Untaxed: Now THAT is a good word.

Vapor lock: A lock made out of vapor may sound completely ridiculous to you (it did to me), but it's not what you might think. It actually has something to do with engines and bubbles.

Weatherfish: Oh if only fish could predict the weather. Sadly a weatherfish is another kind of fish. I think.

X: Does x mean ten or simply x? Does x-rated mean 10 rated? That will have to remain a mystery.

Yorkshire: Home of delicious chocolate bar, the Yorkie. Another chocolate anecdote for you. Again, I made it up.

Zorse: A combination of a zebra and a horse. It's nice to end this monologue on something logical, isn't it? I guess.....  
.... Bye!