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**Etymology**

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Breakin’ down the slang you don’t understand.

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**Swag**

*(verb) \(\text{'swag'}\)*

“That bro has so much swag.”

Unfortunately, due to horrible rappers who rank the YouTube charts among kittens, the word swag is alive and strong. Actually, the word swagger, or swag, has been alive and strong for hundreds of years. It dates far enough back to that P.I.M.P. Snoop Daddy Shakespeare in his “Midsummer Night’s Dream” circa 1590. Yet, the word to describe the ability to exhibit swag even surpasses Shakespeare’s time and roots from some dudes who exchanged Lakers 59fifty hats for a similar style with animal horns attached to the peripherals. Viking gangsters were the first to coin the term swag. Swag comes from the Scandinavian word sveggja, which describes someone walking with a certain swing or sway in their step. After hundreds of years of word development the meaning has not changed much: A wannabe rap artist who stylishly limps embodies the word swag as the Scandinavians intended.

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**Cute Porn**

*(noun) \(\text{'kyūt-'porn'}\)*

“I need a cute porn pick-me-up after this day.”

garner a ubiquitous “awww” from its viewers. Cute is a relatively new word, first recorded in a dictionary published in 1731. It was first described as something demonstrating acuteness, but by 1838 it was recorded to describe pretty or fetching. The word porn has not changed much since its birth. Pornography derived from the Greek words porni, meaning prostitute, and graphein, meaning to write. For many decades the term simply referred to the undisclosed actions of ladies of the evening. We won’t get into anything too kinky by analyzing the connection between kittens and prostitutes, but it is easy to see that the modern versatility of the word porn results from the addictive behaviors often attributed to it. And, as we all know, kittens on the Internet are rather addicting.

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**Dankrupt**

*(noun) \(\text{'dank-rapt'}\)*

“Yo dog, we fresh dankrupt.”

Dankrupt comes from the combination of the words dank and bankrupt. The word dank first appeared circa 1310 by the Scandinavians and Germans as a verb meaning to moisten. That version of the word is now obsolete, rather dank is a slang word that describes potent, moist marijuana. Bankrupt is a commonly used word, describing what a person declares in law when unable to pay his or her debts. The root of bankrupt comes from the Italians and figuratively means shipwrecked or defeated. The combination of the words accurately describes the defeated feeling of a stoner with an empty stash. You’re guilty, everybody is. Slideshows of cute kittens playing with hyped up Japanese music in the background is difficult to avoid if you own a computer. Cute porn is a new slang word that describes any film, video or series of photos that exists solely to
NAILED IT!

The only reason we use Pinterest is in hopes each board will mask the less-than-perfect lives we actually have. Because we all know that when push comes to shove, melting crayons on a canvas (1) is going to be messy, but marbling nail polish (2) is going to be messier. Putting sprinkles all over your lips (3) won’t ever look as sexy on you as it did on that model and neither will wearing a sock in your hair (4). Cutting a tiny star in the center of a DIY camera filter (5) can’t possibly be as easy as just buying one for $15. And nothing that is “healthy and delicious!” is going to look pretty, like Lemon Yogurt Cake made with almond flour (6).

UGGPOCALYPSE

Uggs are so 2001 and we need to keep them there. But for those of us who still have a pair lying around, there are at least five better uses for those clunky wool clogs.

Kitten bed: It’s soft, cuddly, warm and the perfect size for your little kitty to crawl in and take a snooze.

Car emergency kit: Throw these in your trunk mid-winter. When your lemon breaks down and all you have is a pair of peep-toe heels you can ensure no toes go amputated. (Though you still probably shouldn’t be caught dead in your Uggs.)

Extreme sock puppet: 1) Put the boot on your hand; 2) Cut a hole for a mouth; 3) Hot glue on some googly eyes.

Safe storage for valuables: Your pair of sequin Uggs is the first thing a burglar is going to pass up during a break-in, so keep all the stuff you don’t want stolen tucked inside: jewelry, iPod, cash, your social security card, etc.

Firewood: Plain and simple: The easiest solution is to just burn them.

DON’T BE THE PERSON WHO...

- Looks ready to go out at the gym
- Wears shorts in the winter
- Posts selfies every day
- Tweets a paragraph full of hashtags
- Unscrews the parmesan and peppers at Jeff’s
- Pounds your mug on the bar
- Gets drunker than the birthday bitch
- Is a heavy mouth breather
- Believes everything written on the Internet
- Pees in the stairwell

Trending #Humblebrag

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