

Jargon

Definition of Jargon

Jargon is a literary term that is defined as the use of specific phrases and words in a particular situation, profession, or trade. These specialized terms are used to convey hidden meanings accepted and understood in that field. Jargon examples are found in literary and non-literary pieces of writing.

The use of jargon becomes essential in prose or verse or some technical pieces of writing, when the writer intends to convey something only to the readers who are aware of these terms.

Therefore, jargon was taken in early times as a trade language, or as a language of a specific profession, as it is somewhat unintelligible for other people who do not belong to that particular profession. In fact, specific terms were developed to meet the needs of the group of people working within the same field or occupation.

List of Jargon Words

Jargon can be found in a variety of fields, from law to education to engineering. Some examples of jargon include:

- **Due diligence:** A business term, "due diligence" refers to the research that should be done before making an important business decision.
- **AWOL:** Short for "absent without leave," AWOL is military jargon used to describe a person whose whereabouts are unknown.

- **Cache:** In computing, "cache" refers to a place for short-term memory storage.
- **Dek:** A journalism term for a subheading, usually one or two sentences long, that provides a brief summary of the article that follows.

- **Stat:** This is a term, usually used in a medical context, that means "immediately." (As in, "Call the doctor, stat!")
- **Phospholipid bilayer:** This is a complex term for a layer of fat molecules surrounding a cell. A simpler term is "cell membrane."
- **Detritivore:** A detritivore is an organism that feeds on detritus or dead matter. Examples of detritivores include earthworms, sea cucumbers, and millipedes.
- **Holistic:** Another word for "comprehensive" or "complete," "holistic" is often used by educational professionals in reference to curriculum that focuses on social and emotional learning in addition to traditional lessons.

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- **Magic bullet:** This is a term for a simple solution that solves a complex problem. (It is usually used derisively, as in "I don't think this plan you've come up with is a magic bullet.")
- **Best practice:** In business, a "best practice" is one that should be adopted because it has proven effectiveness.