

the feel of your desk chair, the smell of the break room, that really **banal office joke** that that guy keeps repeating, all of that stuff, basically your whole world, will just cease to exist. And the part of you that is the only you that you know will just be gone.

150. [18:40] **GONG**: Even though she's experienced her Hannah self, if in future she goes to work at a different company that doesn't use English nicknames and has a strict hierarchy, she thinks she'll go back to the way she carried herself in her previous workplace.

151. **SHIN**: (Speaking Korean).

152. **GONG**: But then she'll think about Hannah for a long time, **lamenting how** she can't be that way anymore.

153. **SHIN**: (Speaking Korean).

## End of Part 1

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## Discuss

1. What are your initial thoughts on this topic?
2. Who of us has not fantasized about leaving work fully at work, having the freedom not to worry about that email or that boss when you're spending time with family or friends [1]?
3. Is your work self (or student self) you?
4. How similar are your work self (or student self) and your outside-work self?
5. Describe a time when the “**climate of silence**” helped a situation and hurt a situation [43]?
6. What's your reaction to the “2017 survey by the **Korean Chamber of Commerce** [that] found that nearly 70% of Korean corporate workers don't actively voice their opinions at meetings [43]?”
7. What do you think about your work self with an English nickname being **a braver version of** yourself like in Hannah's case [96]?
8. “So [in South Korea] if a whole generation stops remembering people's ages... does that sound like a good future to you [115]?”
9. What do you think about “major companies are **adopting English name policies** and abandoning their traditional position-first, title-first way of culture [125]?”
10. Millennials and Gen Z, desire **a horizontal culture** at the office. Do you? What about a horizontal culture outside of the office [127]?

## Wordsmith.org

This week's theme: time

### timeous (TY-muhs)

adjective: In good time.

**ETYMOLOGY:** From time, from Old English tima (time). Earliest documented use: 1482.

**USAGE:** "I knew Bridget always ran out of supplies during a party and thought I should make timeous provision."

Andre Brink; Before I Forget; Sourcebooks; 2007.

**A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:** Remove all periods / They are scars made by words / I couldn't bring myself to say -Charles Simic, poet (b. 9 May 1938)

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### yealing (YEE-ling)

noun: Someone who is the same age as oneself.



Both would be turning 95 this year. 📅

**ETYMOLOGY:** From Scots eildins. Earliest documented use: 1728.

**USAGE:** "O ye, my dear-remember'd, ancient yealings,  
Were ye but here to share my wounded feelings!"  
Robert Burns; The Brigs Of Ayr; 1786.

**A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:** The higher up you go, the more mistakes you are allowed. Right at the top, if you make enough of them, it's considered to be your style. -Fred Astaire, dancer, actor, singer, musician, and choreographer (10 May 1899-1987)

## Day 5

### Garner's Usage Tip of the Day

**disconnect**, n., (= disconnection) is a VOGUE WORD that arose in the 1980s and became seemingly ubiquitous after about 1995.

It is primarily used to label (1) a clash between what is expected and what happens <a disconnect between our mission statement and our admissions policy>; or (2) more mundanely, the failure of a connection such as the Internet, telephone, or utility <I didn't hang up—we just had a disconnect>.

*Disconnect typifies* a popular trend in CASUALISM, by which an established noun is truncated to form a new noun that looks the same as the corresponding verb but differs in pronunciation. The new noun has the accent on the first syllable (/dis-kə-nekt/), while the verb has the accent on the last (/dis-kə-**nekt**/). This pronunciation scheme follows the pattern of many standard verb–noun pairs, such as *contest* and *progress*.

Other vogue words that have gone through the same process include *consult* and *invite*. The new forms are generally inappropriate in formal writing.

**1. ubiquitous** u·biq·ui·tous /yooˈbikwədəs/  
adjective: present, appearing, or found everywhere.:  
"his **ubiquitous** influence was felt by all the family"  
**synonyms:** omnipresent, ever-present,

**2. typify** typ·i·fy /ˈtipəˌfi/ verb  
3rd person present: typifies  
be characteristic or a representative example of.: "tough, low-lying vegetation typifies this arctic area".

**3. truncated** /ˈtrəNGˌkādəd/  
adjective: shortened in duration or extent.: "his truncated career" "a truncated version of the show".

**4. truncate** -trun·cate /ˈtrəNGˌkāt/  
verb past tense: truncated past participle: truncated  
shorten the duration or extent of.:  
"he was a sensational player whose career was truncated by injuries"  
**synonyms:** shorten, cut, cut short, curtail,