

My very first L^AT_EX document: The Dictionary of Shame

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□ *inoculate*

- I Inoculate \In*oc"u*late\, v. t. [imp. & p. p. {Inoculated}; p. pr. & vb. n. {Inoculating}.] [L. inoculatus, p. p. of inoculare to ingraft; pref. in- in, on + oculare to furnish with eyes, fr. oculus an eye, also, a bud. See {Ocular}.]
1. To bud; to insert, or graft, as the bud of a tree or plant in another tree or plant.
[1913 Webster]
 2. To insert a foreign bud into; as, to inoculate a tree.
[1913 Webster]
 3. (Med.) To communicate a disease to (a person) by inserting infectious matter in the skin or flesh, especially as a means of inducing immunological resistance to that or related diseases; as, to inoculate a person with the virus of smallpox, rabies, etc. See {Vaccinate}.
[1913 Webster +PJC]
 4. Fig.: To introduce into the mind; — used especially of harmful ideas or principles; to imbue; as, to inoculate one with treason or infidelity.
[1913 Webster]
 5. (Microbiology) To introduce microorganisms into (a growth medium), to cause the growth and multiplication of the microorganisms; as, to inoculate a fermentation vat with an actinomycete culture in order to produce streptomycin.
[PJC]
- Inoculate \In*oc"u*late\, v. i.
1. To graft by inserting buds.
[1913 Webster]
 2. To communicate disease by inoculation.
[1913 Webster]

□ *cadre*

- I Cadre \Ca"dre\, n. [F. cadre, It. quadro square, from L. quadrum, fr. quatuor four.] (Mil.)
The framework or skeleton upon which a regiment is to be formed; the officers of a regiment forming the staff.
[Written also {cader}.]
[1913 Webster]

□ *sardonic*

- I Sardonic \Sar*don"ic\, a.
Of, pertaining to, or resembling, a kind of linen made at Colchis.
[1913 Webster]
- Sardonic \Sar*don"ic\, a. [F. sardonique, L. sardonius, Gr. ?, ?, perhaps fr. ? to grin like a dog, or from a certain plant of Sardinia, Gr. ?, which was said to screw up the face of the eater.]
Forced; unnatural; insincere; hence, derisive, mocking,

malignant, or bitterly sarcastic; — applied only to a laugh, smile, or some facial semblance of gayety.

[1913 Webster]

Where strained, sardonic smiles are glozing still,
And grief is forced to laugh against her will. —Sir H.
Wotton.

[1913 Webster]

The scornful, ferocious, sardonic grin of a bloody
ruffian. —Burke.

[1913 Webster]

{Sardonic grin} or {Sardonic laugh}, an old medical term for
a spasmodic affection of the muscles of the face, giving
it an appearance of laughter.

[1913 Webster]

□ *dilettante*

I Dilettante \Dil'et*tan"te\, n.; pl. {Dilettanti}. [It., prop. p.
pr. of dillettare to take delight in, fr. L. delectare to
delight. See {Delight}, v. t.]

An admirer or lover of the fine arts; popularly, an amateur;
especially, one who follows an art or a branch of knowledge,
desultorily, or for amusement only.

[1913 Webster]

The true poet is not an eccentric creature, not a mere
artist living only for art, not a dreamer or a
dilettante, sipping the nectar of existence, while he
keeps aloof from its deeper interests. —J. C.
Shairp.

[1913 Webster]

□ *petulant*

I Petulant \Pet"u*lant\, a. [L. petulans, —antis, prop., making
slight attacks upon, from a lost dim. of petere to fall upon,
to attack: cf. F. p[']e'tulant. See {Petition}.]

1. Forward; pert; insolent; wanton. [Obs.] —Burton.

[1913 Webster]

2. Capriciously fretful; characterized by ill-natured
freakishness; irritable. "Petulant moods." —Macaulay.

[1913 Webster]

Syn: Irritable; ill-humored; peevish; cross; fretful;
querulous.

[1913 Webster]

□ *infamia*

I Infamy \In"fa*my\, n.; pl. {Infamies}. [L. infamia, fr. infamis
infamous; pref. in- not + fama fame: cf. F. infamie. See
{Fame}.]

[1913 Webster]

1. Total loss of reputation; public disgrace; dishonor;
ignominy; indignity.

[1913 Webster]

The afflicted queen would not yield, and said she
would not . . . submit to such infamy. —Bp. Burnet.

[1913 Webster]

2. A quality which exposes to disgrace; extreme baseness or
vileness; as, the infamy of an action.

[1913 Webster]

3. (Law) That loss of character, or public disgrace, which a
convict incurs, and by which he is at common law rendered
incompetent as a witness.

[1913 Webster]

Yesterday, Dec. 7, 1941 — a day which will live in
infamy, . . . —Franklin D.

Roosevelt.

□ *ninny*

I Ninny \Nin"ny\, n.; pl. {Ninnies}. [Cf. It. ninno, ninna, a
baby, Sp. ni[~n]o, ni[~n]a, child, infant, It. ninna, ninna
nanna, lullably, prob. fr. ni, na, as used in singing a child
to sleep.]

A fool; a simpleton. —Shak.

[1913 Webster]

□ *soykaf*

I Soakage \Soak"age\, n.

The act of soaking, or the state of being soaked; also, the
quantity that enters or issues by soaking.

[1913 Webster]

□ *invidia*

I Insidiate \In*sid"i*ate\, v. t. [L. insidiatus, p. p. of
insidiare to lie in ambush, fr. insidiae. See {Insidious}.]

To lie in ambush for. [Obs.] —Heywood.

[1913 Webster]

□ *commiseration*

I Commiseration \Com*mis'er*a"tion\, n. [F. commis[er]ation, fr.
L. commiseratio a part of an oration intended to excite
compassion.]

The act of commiserating; sorrow for the wants, afflictions,
or distresses of another; pity; compassion.

[1913 Webster]

And pluck commiseration of his state

From brassy bosoms and rough hearts of flint. —Shak.

Syn: See {Sympathy}.

[1913 Webster]