

LIGHT STUFF

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Incredibly, there are sixty or more words in our language that begin with FL and have the connotation of "light" or "downy" (such as fluffy). How many FL words can you identify from the definitions given below? Fewer than 15 or 20? Then you're a flop!

1. A flat sheet of floating ice
2. A flat fish easily caught; a stroke of luck easily achieved
3. Light or foolish talk
4. A light tart; the custard filling
5. To vanish or swiftly run away
6. To brush off lightly
7. Downy silk fibers or similar material
8. A frothy drink of milk and eggs
9. A method of separating light material from ore
10. Wrecked ship pieces; cargo light enough to be found drifting
11. Lightly and quickly move from one thing or place to another
12. Light and insubstantial
13. Light down
14. Continuous movement in light things (such as fashion)
15. To vibrate rapidly and irregularly
16. A channel to transport logs easily via water
17. A place where an object is easily broken
18. A man who makes arrows fly better
19. To peel the blubber off easily
20. A mass like a soft light tuft of wool
21. A light airplane; a cheap, light car
22. Light cotton waste used for stuffing or decorating wallpaper
23. To make love lightly
24. Light windiness or emptiness
25. Empty trifling; or light and sweet milk concoction

Still puzzled? See Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.