

A WORD OF DIFFERENCE

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A selection of neologisms starting with the letters A & B

A

- APR financing n. (tax refunds come in APRIL) using a tax refund for necessary household purchases
- ad ridiculum n. (æd ri dIk yoo lum) (like ad nauseam) a sensationalized commercial advertisement.
- advice versa n. (æd vais uh ver suh) (fr. advice + vice versa) advice which is contrary to what is wise and true; bad advice or wrong advice.
- a-fense-ive adj. (fr. a fence & offensive) so obnoxious as to provoke one's neighbor to build a fence.
- afterblow n. (æf t'r blo) (fr. afterglow & blow) that column of dark, musky-scented smoke that rises from a candle whose flame has just been extinguished.
- aks murderer n. (æks m'r d'r 'r) (fr. ask inverted to *aks* & ax murderer) a person who murders the English language through non-standard speech.
- al studente adj. (al stoo don te) (fr. student and It. *al dente*) half-baked; incomplete, not well thought out.
- architexture n. (uhrk I teks cher) (fr. architecture and texture) the study of how fabrics are used in creating interior home design.
- asker v. (æs ker) (fr. ask and answer) to answer a question by asking another question.
- astrophy n. (æs tro fi) (fr. astro- & distrophy) the collapse of a star previous to supernova.
- atlernative spelling n.. (æt l'rn uht Iv spEl Ing) (fr. alternative) an erroneous occurrence of a written word wherein the writer has unintentionally crossed the *l* instead of the *t*.
- attique n. (æt eek) (fr. attic & antique) old junk from an attic that is pawned off as a valuable antique.
- auld-lang-xieties n. (Fr. Auld Lang Syne + anxieties) apprehensions of the coming New Year; or, the fear of being dateless and alone on New Year's Eve.
- Austentacious adj. (aw stEn tay shuhs) (fr. [Jane] Austen + ostentacious) referring to a snobbish display of knowledge about great English literature.

B

backrupt	adj. (bæk ruhpt) (fr. back & bankrupt) having a broken or ailing back; in ill health due to overexertion in the pursuit of wealth.
bagdad	n. (bæg dæd) (fr. Baghdad) a father who is carrying a diaper bag, many shopping bags, beach things, or in general a lot of baggage; a dad who has much baggage that he cannot Iraq-and-roll.
beddread	n. (bEd drEd) (fr. bed + dread) an emotional resistance to going to bed.
betweeth	adv. (bi twith) (fr. between & teeth) stuck between two teeth.
biceptionist	n. (bai sEp shuhn Ist) (fr. biceps & receptionist) employee at a health club who mans the front desk.
bicture	n. (fr. Bic and picture) a hasty pen drawing.
bilk chocolate	n. (bIlk chawk lIt) (fr. bilk & milk chocolate) hollow Easter bunnies.
biWord	n. (bai w'rd) (fr. Bi + word) a word or brand name created by conjoining two words and capitalizing the initial letter of the second one (ex.: TurboTax)
blerse	n. (bl'rs) (fr. blessing & curse) something which is first perceived as a blessing, but then becomes a curse; a disappointment.
blunderstruck	adj. (blund 'r struck) (fr. blunder + thunderstruck) laid low by the realization of one's own error.
blurbatim	adv. (bl'r bei tIm) (fr. blurb + verbatim) method of quoting commercial advertisements word for word.
blurral	adj. (bl'r 'l) (fr. blurred plural) refers to the number of persons involved when referring to a pregnant woman; in nature, a plant or animal that contains young and is therefore no longer singular but not yet fully plural.
boardom	n. (bor dum) (fr. board & boredom) a state of being bored at a board meeting.
Brontësaurus	n. (bran tayi sor uhs) (fr. Charlotte Brontë + -saurus) a monstrous character in an old novel.
browntuber	n. (fr. the inner tube of a roll of tissue or paper towels) one who uses up resources with no regard for replacement– e.g., someone who uses the last paper towel but does not replace it with a fresh roll.
bronxiety	n. (fr. Bronx and anxiety) fear of traveling through the Bronx.