A WORD OF DIFFERENCE

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A selection of neologisms starting with the letters A & B

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APR financing  n. (tax refunds come in APRIL) using a tax refund for necessary household purchases

ad ridiculum  n. (æd ri dIlk 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.

alternative 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 / 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.

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.

picture  n.  (fr. Bic and picture)  a hasty pen drawing.

bilk chocolate  n.  (bIlk chawlt llt)  (fr. milk chocohlate)  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 struk)  (fr. blunder + thunderstruck)  laid low by the realization of one’s own error.

blurbatim  adv.  (bl’r bei tltm)  (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.


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.