

NEOLOGISMS: F Through K

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F

- far-sided adj. (far said Id) (fr. the Far Side comics & far-sighted) able to view things from a warped, unusual or twisted perspective.
- faults prophets n.(fr. geological faults and false prophets) people who predict earthquakes that never happen.
- faux pa n. (fo pah) (fr. F. 'faux pas' - misstep & pa (father)) an uninvolved father; a dad who cares more for his possessions than he does for his children.
- Feb four n. (fEb for) (fr. February and the Fab Four) Abe, Phil, George, and Valentino, the Four February holidays (Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Punxsutawney Phil for Groundhog's Day and Valentine's Day)
- feedforth n. (fid forth) (fr. feedback) verbal input given in response to feedback.
- fingeratively adv. (fr. finger & figuratively) pointed with implied accusation.
- Fifth Dementia n. (fif) (fr. Fifth Dimension and Dementia) a mental malaise more severe than mere wedding bell blues, this is the inability to remember the name of the artist of an old rock-n-roll song.
- fileage n. (fai lIj) (fr. file + -age) documents waiting to be filed; a large stack of material (papers, photocopies, checks, etc.) awaiting action.
- fingertrips n. (fIn g'r trIps) (fr. fingertip and trips) surfing the Internet; visits to websites.
- foreignation n. (for Ig nay shun) (fr. foreign + -ation) the process by which something familiar is gradually forgotten (often due to aging or a hectic lifestyle) and hence becomes foreign.
- flour arrangement n. (lau er uh reinj mint) (fr. flour & flower arrangement) the process of forming spilled flour into shapes.
- Franconym n. (frɔŋg ko nIm) (fr. Franco- and -onym) a French word which approximates an English word in spelling but not in meaning. (Ex. Fr. *but*, "goal")
- fudget n. (fuhj It) (fr. fudge and budget) A budget which includes a 'fudge factor'; creative financing.
- function n. (fun sIsh un) (fr. inserting I into "function") a function which I have enhanced.

funneral	adj. (fun 'r 'l) (fr. fun & funeral) referring to a joke, comment, or action which is done most inappropriately in jest at a somber occasion, such as at a funeral.
furlorn	adj. (fr. fur & forlorn) ref. to the look of a dejected cat or dog.
futurility	n. (fr. future & futility) an unattainable wish for one's future life.

G

gavelanche	n. (gΦv 'l Φnch) (fr. gavel & avalanche) a sudden rise in [frivolous] lawsuits.
germ warfare	n. intentionally shaking hands with someone else when one has a cold.
glass-nost	n. (fr. glasnost and glass + nosed) attitude of open communication demonstrated by moving one's glasses down one's nose.
gloominescent	n.(fr. gloom & luminescent) reminiscent of a stained glass window at nighttime, this refers to a person or a situation that was made to bring light and joy and instead brings gloom.
grain assault	n. (grayn ' sault) (fr. grain of salt) having grains of gritty sand in one's eyes, shoes, clothes, etc. after a trip to the beach.
grinching	n. (grInch Ing) (fr. Dr. Seuss' book) the tedious process of undecorating a house after Christmas.
grudgemental	adj. (fr. grudge & judgmental) harshly judgmental and given to holding lifelong grudges.

H

hack-in-a-box	n. (hΦk In ' baks) (fr. hack & jack-in-the-box) the electronic speaker box used by drive-in customers at a fast food restaurant.
haffeinated	adj. a cup of coffee that is half regular and half decaffeinated.
half- and- haffeinated	adj. a cup of coffee that is part decaf, part regular, and part half-and-half cream.
hairflight	n. (fr. hair & airflight) a rapid bike ride that blows one's hair about.
handwich	n. (fr. hand or ham and sandwich) a hand-held sandwich, especially from a fast-food restaurant.

harmony	n. (har m' ni) (fr. harmony & money) a utopian economic state in which all members of a society have enough money.
heartwork	n. (fr. heart & artwork) art that produces an emotional response.
highway innerchange	n. (fr. interchange and inner change) road re-construction or repair.
homeownerous	adj. (hom on 'r 's) (fr. homeowner & onerous) tedious, expensive, or time-consuming, used in reference to the care and maintenance of a home.
hospitalitea	n. (hos pIt al It ee) (fr. hospitality & tea) a tea suitable for entertaining.
hunque	n. (hunk) (a glamorous spelling of hunk) a man who is not only handsome and well built, but also gracious and well mannered.
hymn rhymn	n. (hIm rIm) (fr. hymn and rhyme) the occurrence of two end-of-line words in a hymn or carol that only sort-of rhyme, or by spelling ought to rhyme but by pronunciation do not: <i>try</i> and <i>victory</i> , <i>laughter</i> and <i>daughter</i> , <i>flour</i> and <i>Savior</i> , <i>deer</i> and <i>choir</i> .

I

icelated	adj. (ai sIl eit Id) (fr. ice and isolated) stranded due to an ice-storm; stuck on pavement covered with sheer ice.
ifter	conj. (If t'r) (fr. if & after) only if something happens, and then after it does.
illitterate	adj. (Il It 'r It) (fr. litter (kitty) and illiterate) referring to a cat that is unable to use a litter box properly, either due to obstinance, lack of training, or stupidity.
illouverated	adj. (Il oov 'r ay tId) (fr. louver & illuminated) lit by horizontal cracks of sunshine shining through Venetian blinds.
impasta	n. (Im pas tuh) (fr. imposter & pasta) the lone instance of one type of macaroni which mysteriously appears in a dish of macaroni of another type; i.e., the one "shell" in a dish of "spirals".
incomputerato	adj. (In kum pyoo t'r a to) (fr. incommunicato & computer) unable to access electronic mail.
inder	prep. (In d'r) (fr. in & under) below the surface of water; i.e., <i>in</i> the water, and <i>under</i> the surface.

indexasperated	n. (In dEks as p'r ayt Id) (fr. index & exasperated) frustrated at not having found anything in a library's index or catalog.
indivisual	adj. (In dI vI zhu 'l) (fr. individual and visual) limited to one person's perspective; ref. to a view held by only one person in a group.
inkdicator	n. (fr. ink & indicator) - any device or window on a pen or printer ink cartridge that shows how much ink is left in it.
inphenomenal	adj. (In f'n om 'n 'l) (fr. in- + phenomenal) not great; not worthy of notice, ant. of phenomenal.
insultant	n. (In sul t'nt) (fr. insult & consultant) a person called in to help who ends up offending rather than helping.
insumnia	n. (In suhm ni uh) (fr. insomnia & summer) inability to sleep well during summer months due to hot, humid weather and/or early sunrises.
introduce	v. (In tro doos) (fr. introduce & douce) to lead the first card of a trick, specifically the 2 of Clubs in the game of <i>Spades</i> .
J	
javitalize	v.i. (ja vuh taiz) (fr. java & -atize) to shoot up with caffeine; to drink coffee in order to perk oneself up.
jobby	n. (jah bi) (fr. job + hobby) a hobby that consumes as much time and effort as a job.
K	
keep-it-all offense	n. (fr. capital offense) when someone tries to get everything for himself, thereby alienating the rest of the community.
kinderarten	n. coll. plu. (kIn d'r uhrt 'n) (fr. kindergarten & art) the drawings, art, school papers, letters, notes, and other creations produced lovingly by young children and proudly hung on the office walls of the parents.
kinderclutter	n. (kIn d'r kluh d 'r) (fr. kinder- & clutter) unused or unusable toys, clothes, paper, games, dolls, and other child-related objects which fill up and overrun homes; a mass of broken toys.
knowtice	v. (no tIs) (fr. know & notice) to become aware of something unconsciously; to know without the realization of knowing. Past tense: knewticed.

- kungfused adj. (kung foozd) (fr. KungFu & confused) referring to the errors in grammar, usage, word choice, or spelling commonly found on menus in Asian restaurants, e.g. "sugary and pungent pork".
- kword n. (kw'rd) (fr. kw- + word) words of commercial origin such as names of products or stores that have been respelled with Ks for Cs or KWs for QUs. ex. Kwik-mart, Kountry Kupboard.
- kyttonite n. (kIt un ait) (Fr. Kryptonite & kitten) The magical power of a purring, affectionate kitten to paralyze someone in a seated position.

“X” MARKS THE SPOT

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Indeed, “X” does mark the spot – in this case, the final spot – in the twenty words that this quiz solicits. The remaining letters, arranged alphabetically, require suitable permutation prior to attachment of the letter “X” at the end of each. A perfect score here is “X”cellent!

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| 5. A B E E S W | 15. C C F I I R U |
| 6. B E J K O U | 16. D H O O O R T |
| 7. C E L M O P | 17. A B D H O O S W |
| 8. E E L P P R | 18. C E E I R T U X |
| 9. E H I N O P | 19. C C E F I L M R U |
| 10. E I N O Q U | 20. C C E H I K N O P |