

## COINICONS: A NEW WORD GAME

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Here is a new word game that can be played by any number of people. To play the game, you must first learn these definitions. A **coinicon** is either a **protoproot**, a **moreform**, or an **interreinevitive**. A **protoproot** is a made-up word comprising a common prefix, followed by an anagram of that prefix. A **morfform** is a made-up word comprising a common suffix, preceded by an anagram of that suffix. An **interreinevitive** is a made-up word comprising a common suffix and prefix, sandwiching an anagram of these two elements. The above terms fall under the larger class of words in which each letter is repeated (DEED, MUMU, etc.). We may call this class **duploplouds**. The words defined above are all self-exemplifying words (other examples being PENTASYLLABIC and SIBILANT). We may call words which describe themselves **selfslefs**. I leave it to the reader to determine whether SELFSLEF is a selfslef.

To play the game, players take turns creating coinicons, and making up definitions for them. The player who thinks up the most coinicons (or the best definitions, or the longest ones, etc.) wins. Here are some protoproofs, morfforms and interreinevitives:

UNDERDRUNE a low prolonged whine, reminiscent of bagpipes

OVERVORE a glutton

INTERTRINE to intertwine in three braids

SUPERSPRUE a very tough variety of asparagus, sometimes used in the structural reinforcement of concrete beams

PSYCHOSCOPY psychoanalysis conducted without the aid of speech or writing, i.e. paralinguistically

ONTITION existence; the state of being

CYTICITY the extent to which a structure fulfills the functions of a cell

CYANANCY the propensity to blush

ANTICOMOMANTIC opposed to divination involving hair

HODOHOOD a period of guidance [Japanese *hodō*, "guidance"]

PREPETRONITION a phase prior to fossilization

PRESIMPERISM a state approaching sychophancy

TRITERRIER a three-legged dog

RENATERANT an inducement to rebirth

OVERFLOUVERFUL wearing an excess of sweet-smelling perfume