

MEAN SIDEWALKS

ANIL

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- SOME REDEFINITIONS by Captain Kidding, word pirate

antibody a person who would rather be incorporeal (like Sheldon in Big Bang Theory)

et cetera what you say when you've run out of ideas and don't care to admit it

from time immemorial what you say when you don't know how long it's been

goes without saying a saying

It's like a jungle out there. much quieter and more peaceful than civilisation

mason a Mamma's boy

mistake shoplift

politicians people who go around with their heads in the crowds

pot belly result of getting stoned on pot often and pigging out on munchies

prelate 1) early or on time; 2) still living

presumptuous before you are splendid, but sure you will be one day

raindrops Precipitation decreases.

rock and roll a cradle lullaby

safecracker a firework that doesn't explode

satisfactory where they turn female employees into satis (suttees)

thrive divide into three (after halve)

- NEWWORDS

blues-blood hereditarily disposed to suffer and/or sing the blues

fakt fake 'fact' [actually Polish for fact, no slur intended]

Neandering wandering around like a lost caveman

northpaw a left-handed person in the southern hemisphere
[actually used informally or jokingly to mean a right handed person in northern hemisphere]

retweeter a baby-talking coward (or not new? see Quiz answers below)

rickety-split as fast as my old body can run

- QUIZ (answers below)

1. What's red, gray and blue, and over 150 years old yet still alive?
2. What's the difference between ACCOUNTANT and LIBRARIAN?
What do you call it when you lose your shorts in a game of strip poker?
4. The CASSOWARY is a marvel, a concoction of eleven different animals. Can you name them? Can you find more than eleven animals hiding, mostly scrambled, inside the giant bird?
5. What's special about the words TWO and TWEETER?

- HOMOPHONIC DEFINITIONS

In May 2019 I presented 65 homophonic synonyms. Here are a few more.

bowls balls (bowling balls, regional accent)

Carrie Nation Carry 'Nay, shun!' (a WCTU prohibitionist)

commence come-ins (or: **commencement** come-ins meant)

disdain 'This stain!'

embarrassed Am bare-assed!

random ran dumb (not knowing where it's going)

SOB Asshole be.

And two homophonic antonyms:

accepted excepted

right angle wry tangle

• THE CAT'S PER

This is the dark side of the cat's meow, a purr-version of a dozen per- words. This type pun has been done before, but I think these are all new.

perambulation the catwalk

percent feline currency (Coins only. Cats have no interest in paper money except to chew on.)

perforce This unit for measuring the strength of a purr was long overdue.

perfume angry cat on a hot tin roof (What a smell!)

perjury the panel of dishonest judges at a kitten singing contest

permissible an allowable but skippable per

permissive a catty epistle that takes lots of liberties

peroxide what wicked vandals used to bleach my pussy

perseverance de-purring (Some other cat got its tongue, after tireless attempts.)

persist meow (a purr sibling) which goes on and on

personally male kitten's intimate human friend

perverse shockingly twisted poems composed or sung by cats

• RUMOR

McDonald's is to be taken over by Donald Trump once his term ends. It's supposedly a sealed deal. Because he dislikes ethnicity he plans to rename them all Donald's.

• An Intimate Meeting

MEET MEET MEET MEET MET MET

(This is why met is past tense of meet. Once you meet you've met.)

QUIZ ANSWERS.

1. The US civil war.
2. A charade: one is a bookkeeper, the other a book keeper.
3. short
4. ass cory cow cowry cray crow orca oscar ray roc sow. ?+ saw (sawfish)

5. Yes, both are spelled exclusively on the top row of the qwerty keyboard. That's only part of the answer. Two is the only number so spelled. Tweeter is the longest common word I could find easily that's composed purely of letters laterally adjacent on the keyboard. My runner up is the informal 'sadass', a word describing its own effort to get counted as a word. Can you beat tweeter?

Retweeter I've listed as a new word above (baby talk for retreator, a coward), and it's not a Scrabble word, but it is listed in the online Wiktionary and commonly used online. Even retweeter, the act of retweeting, is used online but isn't common and is not in any dictionary.

• CONFESSIONS

Sometimes I maze myself.

I'm constantly rehearsing my defense for Judgement Day.

I work my butt off. That's the only part of me that gets any wear and tear.
(except my fingers and mouth)

I had a fast fast today. It lasted nearly two hours. I'm improving.

Ages 1-2 were the happiest, most carefree time of my life. So how come I can't recall any of it?

I've been called ambidextrous—both a prick and a wanker.

Worries Free? Yes, They're Free!

When Aussies tell me 'No worries, mate!'

I tell them, 'I'll find something.'