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A Thing About Words: The Blog

JUNE 6, 2013

Never mix business with pleasure. Business with leisure, on the other hand ...

The English language is impressively prolific, as anyone who keeps an eye out for new words will tell you. An example of this prolificacy that made an impression on me [...] [more »](#)

Emily Brewster

WORD OF THE DAY

JUNE 12, 2013

Rx

: a prescription: such as a : a written direction for a therapeutic or corrective agent; specifically : one for the preparation and use of a medicine b : something (such as a recommendation) resembling a doctor's prescription [more »](#)

MOST POPULAR

The most frequently looked up words:

Past 24 hours	Past 7 Days
1. endemic	1. physical education
2. touché	2. pragmatic
3. physical education	3. touché
4. caveat	4. esoteric
5. disposition	5. paradigm

Merriam Webster Unabridged Dictionary

Merriam-Webster's flagship Unabridged Dictionary is America's most comprehensive dictionary and recognized as one of the finest in the world. Throughout 150 years it has grown in size, scope and features to become the product known and cherished today.

The leading dictionary for modern international English, our new platform provides engaging editorially generated content and observations including Trend Watch, Top 10 Lists, Blog, Word of the Day, and "Ask the Editor" videos.

The screenshot shows the Merriam-Webster Unabridged website. The header includes the Merriam-Webster logo, 'BRITANNICA DIGITAL LEARNING', and 'Unabridged'. Navigation links include 'Welcome to the New Unabridged!', 'Advanced Search', 'The Blog', 'Word Games', 'Word of the Day', and 'Style Guide'. The main content area features a 'Trend Watch' section for the word 'Knaidel'. It includes a 'NEXT' button, a photo of a young boy holding a trophy, and text explaining the word's origin and usage. The right sidebar contains 'QUIZZES' (How Strong is Your Vocab?, Name That Thing, True or False?) and 'TOP TEN LISTS' (Top 10 Words for Unusual Colors, Our Most Popular Quick Quizzes).

Trend Watch

"Knaidel"

When:
Lookups spiked on May 30, 2013.

Why:
After finishing in third place two years in a row – eliminated both times by words of German origin – 13-year-old Arvind Mahankali spelled *knaidel* correctly to win the 2013 Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Knaidel means "dumpling," defined as "a small mass of leavened dough cooked by boiling or steaming." It is a German-derived Yiddish word.

As Arvind remarked after his victory, "The German curse has turned into a German blessing."

Photo: The E.W. Scripps Company

QUIZZES

- How Strong is Your Vocab?**
Take a 10-question quiz to find out.
[Take the Quiz »](#)
- Name That Thing**
Take our visual vocabulary quiz.
[Test Your Knowledge »](#)
- True or False?**
A quick quiz about stuff worth knowing.
[Take It Now »](#)

TOP TEN LISTS

- Top 10 Words for Unusual Colors Worth Looking At**
Paintings, Flowers, Fleas & More
- Our Most Popular Quick Quizzes? The Answer Is ...**
Top 10 Quick Quizzes

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Useful Statistics:

Updating the *Unabridged Dictionary* is an extensive and ongoing project with new and revised entries added continuously throughout the year. In time, every entry and definition in the dictionary will be reviewed and edited by our lexicographers, and new definitions will be created as new vocabulary enters the ever-expanding English language.

- 700,000 definitions
- 107,000 example phrases
- 263,000 main entries
- 476,000 words defined
- 100,000 quotations
- 143,000 etymologies
- Nearly 1,000 pictorial illustrations

Key Features:

- [Advanced Search](#)
- [Popularity meter](#)
- [Word in History](#) (within each word entry)
- [Top Ten lists](#)
- [Audio pronunciations](#) (within each word entry)
- Localized top searches
- Seen & Heard
- [Games](#), and [quizzes](#) with competitive scoring
- Cite and share entries
- [Ask the Editor Video Channel](#)

Additional references:

Merriam-Webster's Unabridged Dictionary also includes the following additional resources:

- The Collegiate® Dictionary.
- Collegiate Thesaurus, and Collegiate Encyclopaedia.
- Medical Dictionary.
- Spanish-English Dictionary, and French-English Dictionary.
- Citations database – an unsurpassed collection of over a million real-world usage examples that our editors use to track words and their meanings.

The screenshot displays the Merriam-Webster Unabridged Dictionary interface. At the top, the Merriam-Webster logo and 'Unabridged' title are prominent, along with navigation links like 'Advanced Search', 'The Blog', 'Word Games', 'Word of the Day', and 'Style Guide'. A search bar at the top left shows the word 'integrity' entered. Below the search bar, the entry for 'integrity' is displayed, including its pronunciation, inflected forms, and definitions. The definitions are categorized by part of speech (noun) and include examples from various sources. On the right side, there are sections for 'MOST POPULAR' words and 'RECENT SEARCHES'.

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in·teg·ri·ty *noun* \ˈɪn · tɛɡrətē, -rətē, -rɪ\

Inflected form(s): **-es**

1 **a** : an unimpaired or unmarred condition : entire correspondence with an original condition : **SOUNDNESS**

<personality function depends greatly upon the *integrity* of brain function — *Diagnostic & Statistical Manual*>

<maintenance of the ship's watertight *integrity* — *Manual of Seamanship*>

<designed to assure structural *integrity* of the aircraft — *Index to Current Technical Publications*>

<the *integrity* of the national currency is not dependent on its convertibility — *Current Biography*>

b : an uncompromising adherence to a code of moral, artistic, or other values : utter sincerity, honesty, and candor : avoidance of deception, expediency, artificiality, or shallowness of any kind

MOST POPULAR

The most frequently looked up words in the past 7 days:

Medicine	Entire Site
1. integrity	1. physical education
2. communication	2. pragmatic
3. physics	3. touché
4. empirical	4. esoteric
5. postmortem	5. paradigm
6. mitigate	6. disposition
7. intrinsic	7. opportunity
8. latent	8. conscientious
9. cathartic	9. caveat
10. catharsis	10. comradery

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RECENT SEARCHES

lion of England

leopard of England

Excerpt from an Independent review in comparison with OED

“Content

Merriam-Webster Unabridged is an American online dictionary containing over 700,000 definitions, 143,000 etymologies, and 100,000 word-in-context quotations from well-known writers. Using the advanced search feature enables users to access citations from the Merriam-Webster citation files (a collection of over a million real-world usage examples that the publication’s editors use to track words and their meanings). This edition, the largest revision done in 50 years, includes 5,000 new words and definitions, supplementary notes providing additional context, and usage paragraphs offering guidance and suggestions for words with disputed usage. The dictionary is supplemented on a continual basis. The new site also includes a blog, quizzes, Top Ten Lists, and word-popularity rankings.

Usability

This new rendition of the Merriam-Webster Unabridged (MWU) online combines a workmanlike interface with a delightfully seductive design that will reel word lovers (like me) in at first glance. The main screen looks similar to the familiar home screen of the Oxford English Dictionary (OED): there’s a simple search box (with a link into advanced search), a featured word of the day, a list of recent additions (akin to the OED’s “recently published” words), a link to the resource’s blog, and a predominantly blue, white, and red color scheme. But where the OED’s personality is stately and profound (one feature, the OED Appeals, asks users to “help record the history of our language”), the nature of the MWU is unabashedly frolicsome: it doesn’t take itself too seriously, and the result is fun to use.

A title bar includes links to advanced search, the blog, word games, word of the day, and a style guide. Below this at screen left is the simple search box and the day’s blog entry, followed by “Trend Watch” (which notes recent word lookup “spikes”), recent videos by M-W editors (“The Longest Word in the Dictionary” and “Weird Plurals,” for example), quizzes, and top-ten lists. The word of the day is featured prominently, below which appear lists of the most frequently looked up words of the past 24 hours and past seven days, followed recent additions to the dictionary. That sounds like a lot of features, and it is, but the screen isn’t crowded and keeps a research-type character while being entertaining.”