

ALTERNATIVE MEANINGS FOR COMMON WORDS

The Washington Post has published the winning submissions to its yearly contest in which readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for common words.

The winners are –

1. **Coffee, n.** The person upon whom one coughs.
2. **Flabbergasted, adj.** Appalled by discovering how much weight one has gained.
3. **Abdicate, v.** To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. **Esplanade, v.** To attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. **Willy-nilly, adj.** Impotent.
6. **Lymph, v.** To walk with a lisp.
7. **Gargoyle, n.** Olive-flavoured mouthwash.
8. **Flatulence, n.** Emergency vehicle that picks up someone who has been run over by a steamroller.
9. **Balderdash, n.** A rapidly receding hairline.
10. **Testicle, n.** A humorous question on an exam.
11. **Rectitude, n.** The formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
12. **Frisbeetarianism, n.** The belief that, after death, the soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.