

Inklings

Cryptic Pic

Can you work out the name of the famous actor depicted here?



Shoptalk

Grocery Store

A merchant who sold his goods wholesale, or by the *gross*, was called a *grosser*. His store was therefore called a *grosser's store*, which later became changed to a grocery store.

Manchester

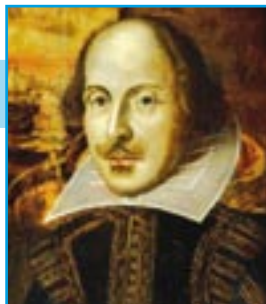
The section of a department store dealing with household linen, probably due to the quality of linen produced in the city of Manchester in North-West England. Strangely enough, this term is more widely used in Australia and New Zealand than it is in Britain.

Ironmonger

An old-fashioned name for a hardware store, *monger* is a suffix meaning a dealer in a specific trade, such as a fishmonger. Also in a figurative sense, used in warmonger, scandalmonger.

Did You Know?

'I'll make a wise phrase'
is an anagram of
William Shakespeare



What's The Difference?

An **impresario** is a person who organises and often finances plays, operas and concerts. An **entrepreneur** is a person who sets up businesses, taking on financial risks in the hope of profit.

Memory Test

Research has shown that mental stimulation such as doing crosswords keeps the brain healthy and increases the strength of memory. See if you can match each author with his quote about memory.

• **Abraham Lincoln** • **Groucho Marx** •

• **Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche** •

• **Professor Henry Brodsky** • **Ogden Nash** •

1. "I never forget a face, but in your case I'll be glad to make an exception."
2. "No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar."
3. "Middle age is when you've met so many people that every new person you meet reminds you of someone else."
4. "The advantage of having a bad memory is that you can enjoy the same good things for the first time several times."
5. "Use it or lose it - the more we use the brain by doing activities such as crosswords, sudoku, playing bridge or learning a language, the stronger the neural connections in the brain are likely to become."

Name That Band

Ever wondered how bands came up with their names? Most people know that **ABBA**'s name came from the initials of Agnetha, Bjorn, Benny and Anni-Frid.

The Rolling Stones called themselves after a song by Muddy Waters *Rollin' Stone*.

Singer Michael Stipe called his band **REM** after apparently flicking randomly through the dictionary and finding the acronym for Rapid Eye Movement.

JETHRO TULL is named after the obscure inventor of the farmer's seed drill.

SAVAGE GARDEN's name came from a phrase from the Anne Rice novel *Interview With The Vampire* - "the mind of each man is a savage garden".

VERUCA SALT is named after Roald Dahl's spoilt little rich girl in his novel *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.



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Hello!

Since the dawning of the computer age, there's been a compulsion to make up words by putting a prefix onto the front of an existing word, so much so that thousands of new words are being coined and it's impossible for any individual to keep up.

There's the **E** prefix, standing for 'electronic', which is used for anything connected with computers, such as email, eBay, etrading etc.

CYBER is another popular one, for anything relating to IT and virtual reality. Cyberstalking is harassing someone with emails and cyberslacker is a person who uses email and internet for personal use when they're supposed to be working.

INFO is another prefix, such as infotainment – broadcast material to entertain and inform. There's no shortage of words for frequent computer users, geeks, nerds, cybernauts, infonauts, internauts.

That's geekspeak for you.

But there's also greenspeak.

BIO is a prefix meaning 'relating to life' and comes from the Greek bios 'life', such as biology and biography. In recent times it means 'organic life', eg biofuel, 'fuel derived immediately from living matter'. Bioterrorism is another name for germ warfare.

ECO comes from ecology, meaning the science of preservation of environmental quality. Many new words using the **eco** prefix have sprung into life recently, eg eco-warrior, a person actively involved in preventing damage to the environment. You can have eco-furniture, eat eco-fruit and can suffer from eco-anxiety.

So if you're sending emails into cyberspace, containing infotech about biodegradable ecomatter, you'd better watch out because you may have a hyperprefixation!

Happy uberpuzzling!

Christine Lovatt



Why not tackle the COLOSSUS TRIVIA CHALLENGE? At the foot of the Colossus Crosswords you'll find a trivia question. See how many you can score out of 10.

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Answers**

Cryptic Pic – Billy Crystal
Memory Test – 1. Groucho Marx, 2. Abraham Lincoln, 3. Ogden Nash, 4. Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche, 5. Professor Henry Brodaty.

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