

Walking Dictionary

Impromptu Speech Prompt

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Croochie-Proochles

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The superb Scots dialect word *croochie-proochles* means the feeling of discomfort or fidgetiness that comes from sitting in a cramped position (like, say, on an airplane).

Nikhedonia

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- You're playing a game, and you suddenly realize that you've got it in the bag. Or you're watching your favorite team play and, after a close-fought match, you see that they're surely going to win.
- That's *nikhedonia*—[the feeling](#) of excitement or elation that comes from anticipating success.

Alysm

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- *Alysm* is the [feeling](#) of restlessness or frustrated boredom that comes from being unwell.
- When you're desperate to get on with your day but you're so under the weather that you can't bring yourself to get out of bed? That's *alysm*.

Shivviness

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- A *shive* is a tiny splinter or fragment of something, or else a loose thread sticking out of a piece of fabric.
- And derived from that, *shivviness* is an [old Yorkshire](#) dialect word for the feeling of discomfort that comes from wearing new underwear—a word that surely needs to be more widely known.

Gwenders

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- That [tingling feeling](#) you get in your fingers when they're cold?
That's *gwenders*.

Misslieness

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- The Scots dialect word *misslieness* means “the feeling of solitariness that comes from missing something or someone you love.”

Crapulence

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- When the word *hangover* just won't do it justice, there's *crapulence*. As the OED defines it, *crapulence* is a feeling of “sickness or indisposition resulting from excess in drinking or eating.”

Huckmuck

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- [According](#) to the *English Dialect Dictionary*, the confusion that comes from things not being in their right place—like when you’ve moved everything around while you’re cleaning your house—is called *huckmuck*.