

## “Professional English for Molecular Biologists” - Words of the day

### 25.9.

*Tedious* – too long, slow, or dull: tiresome or monotonous

*Sloppy* – 1. containing too much liquid, 2. careless and unsystematic, 3. weakly or foolishly sentimental

*Beggar* – a person, typically homeless one who lives by asking for money or food

*Creep* – to move slowly and carefully, especially in order to avoid being heard or noticed

### 2.10.

*Potty* – a bowl used by small children as a toilet

*Witch* – a woman thought to have evil magic powers

their earnings in return

*Pillow* – a bag stuffed with feathers used to support the head when lying or sleeping

*Wise guy* – a person who speaks and behaves as if they know more than others

### 9.10.

*Dope* – 1. a drug taken illegally for recreational purposes, especially heroin, 2. a stupid person

*Groovy* – 1. inclined to follow a fixed routine, 2. highly stimulating or attractive (slang)

*Smash* – to break to pieces with violence and often with a crashing sound

*Snuff* – to draw in through the nose by inhaling

### 16.10.

*Sturdy* – strongly built, robust

*Nap* – sleep lightly or briefly, especially during the day

*The heck* – expression used for emphasis in questions and exclamations („what the heck do you thing you are?“)

*Intoxication* – 1. poisoning: the physiological state produced by a poison or other toxic substance, 2. drunkenness: a temporary state resulting from excessive consumption of alcohol, 3. excitement and elation beyond the bounds of sobriety; "the intoxication of wealth and power"

### 23.10.

*Screwdriver* – 1. a tool with a flattened or cross-shaped tip that fits into the head of a screw to turn it, 2. a cocktail made from vodka and orange juice

*Lullaby* – a quiet, gentle song sung to send a child to sleep

*Lucid* – expressed clearly, easy to understand

*Delirium* – a state of being unable to think or speak clearly because of fever or mental confusion

### 30.10.

*Let's keep the facts straight*

*Rubbish* – 1. waste material, 2. material that is considered unimportant or valueless

*Peculiar* – strange or odd, unusual

*Wallflower* – a person who has no one to dance with or who feels excluded at the party

### 6.11.

*Grass widower* – 1. A man who is divorced or separated from his wife. 2. A man whose wife is temporarily absent.

*Crapflooding* – the practice of disrupting online media

*Spam* – the use of electronic messaging systems (including most broadcast media, digital delivery systems) to send unsolicited bulk messages indiscriminately

*Hacker* – or cracker, who accesses a computer system by circumventing its security system

### 13.11.

*Yummy* – delicious, highly attractive and desirable

*Pimp* – a man who controls prostitutes and arranges clients for them, taking a percentage

*Seductive* – tempting and attractive

*Wellness* – being healthy and disease free

### 20.11.

*Lousy* – very poor or bad, disgusting

*Schnook* – an unimportant or stupid person

*Vicious circle* – a complex of events that reinforces itself through a feedback loop toward greater instability

*Rule of thumb* – principle with broad application that is not intended to be strictly accurate

### 4.12.

*Lobbyist* – A lobbyist is an activist usually paid by an interest group to promote their positions to legislatures

*Vendetta* – A bitter, destructive feud, normally between two families, clans or factions, in which each injury or slaying is revenged; a blood feud

*Squatting* – consists of occupying an abandoned or unoccupied space or building, usually residential, that the squatter does not own, rent or otherwise have permission to use

*Stoned* – 1. under the influence of drugs, 2. very drunk

### 11.12.

*Nightmare* – a very upsetting or frightening dream; an extremely unpleasant event or experience or possible event or experience

*Brain drain* – when large numbers of educated and very skilled people leave their own country to live and work in another one where pay and conditions are better

*Mighty* – possessing great and impressive power or strength

*Corpus* – the collection of a single writer's work or of writing about a particular subject, or a large amount of written and sometimes spoken material collected to show the state of a language