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**mask**  
 combining form  
 Relating to face masks, esp. worn to protect against the COVID-19 pandemic

**—mask break**  
noun phrase  
Temporary break from wearing a face mask for coronavirus protection, as among a group of students during the school day

2020 **Mar. 19**, @EyediUpdate, **Twitter** (responding to eyedi_camp, **Instagram**): “마스크 쉬는 시간 😷”: #TRANS: “Mask break time 😷”

2020 **Mar. 26**, Jessica Chamberlain (@JessicaChimples), **Twitter** (responding to @mondomascots, **Twitter** [see image]): Good but is this guy having a mask break while watching a mascot?! 😏

2020 **Aug. 25**, “What Does a ‘Mask Break’ Look Like?” **Lakota Local School District**: From dancing on the playground to relocating class outside, teachers throughout Lakota are finding creative ways to give their students, and themselves, “mask breaks.” […] As part of the announcement to require face coverings, mask breaks were introduced to the community. “Wearing a face covering for a full day of learning will be challenging - whether you’re an adult or a kindergartner,” said [superintendent Matthew] Miller. “Incorporating time during the day to be more than six feet apart from one another so that masks and gaiters can come off will be an important part of the school day.”

2020 **Sept. 9**, “Take A Mask Break! A song for teachers, parents and students,” **YouTube** (🔗): 〈For goodness sake / it’s time to take / a well-deserved / mask break.〉

**2021 June 16**, Chris Oberholtz and Rhett Eisenberg, “Teacher under fire after 11-hour meeting for alleged use of racial slurs in class,” CNN Wire (Nexis): According to a statement of charges from the district, those allegations include using the “n” word and referring to Martin Luther King Jr. Day as “black privilege day.” He also allegedly told a student that the class could not go on a walk during a mask break because she is black.

**—maskhole**  
noun  

1: Person who hoards masks in response to the COVID-19 pandemic despite shortages

2020 **Mar. 10**, @WafflesPharm, **Twitter**: I’ve invented a word: MASKHOLE / you might be a maskhole if:/ -you push an elderly woman to ask if we have masks / -you rudely sigh/’moan like a child if we tell you we’re out of masks / -you ask 3 different rx employees about masks when 1st tells you we are out

2020 **Mar. 22**, @VictorB123, **Twitter**: Don’t be a #maskhole / If you have a hoard of masks, keep a few and donate the rest, you do not need them if you are not sick unless you are in VERY close quarters with people.

2: Person who refuses to wear a mask or who wears a mask ineffectively, such as below the nose

2020 **Mar. 27**, @gemsays, **Twitter**: Protect yourself & others / Don’t be a maskhole

2020 **May 27**, Heather Shirey, “Don’t be a Maskhole/Masks Save Lives” (photograph of street art on a utility box at the corner of Bleecker and Carmine Streets in New York City), **Urban Art Mapping: Covid-19 Street Art** (see image)

2020 **July 17**, Buzz Staff, “Maskhole, After Covid-idiots, is the Best Word to Define People with Reckless Behaviour in Pandemic,” News 18 (India): Step out at any point of the day and there will be people with the mask covering just their mouth, or chin, or it graces their neck (just for the heck of it). […] Maskhole is the word that The New Yorker has devised for such individuals. […] A woman in Kentucky who cut a hole in her mask to breathe can be called a maskhole too.

2020 **Aug. 15**, Allen Pan, “Shooting Masks onto People’s Faces,” **YouTube** (see video): Look at these maskholes. These mouth-breathing, nose-revealing, bird-brained homunculi maskholes. It feels like people just aren’t wearing masks, and they should be—I’m only talking about America, by the way; this
is kind of a uniquely American problem.

2020 Oct. 21, Epixome (blog): After I had COFFEE TIME, Barry picked me up at 9 AM and we went banking (I said hi to Roberta wearing her coronavirus mask in the “maskhole / dicknose” fashion) and to Price Smart.

2021 Mar. 7, Charles Kuffner, “What can we expect from the maskless mandate?” Off the Kuff (blog): What that has meant in practice is that responsibility for mask requirements falls squarely on the shoulders of frontline workers, who at least had the backup of an executive order when confronting some maskhole. But now even that is going away, which means we’ll have a lot more of this.

3: Person who insists on wearing a mask, even when perceived as unnecessary

2020 May 14, Ed Mosca, “Don’t be a #Maskhole,” Granite Geek (blog): No. I did not mean Masshole. I meant Maskhole ... a virtue-signaling, white-privilege “progressive” who knows nothing about COVID, but believes he does and also believes he has some inherent right to tell everyone else how to live their lives on account of COVID. [...] But if you want to be “woke” and wear a mask everywhere ... do so. Just don’t be a #Maskhole like these two.

2020 Aug. 13, Amy Marie Morse, post on Dunedin Happy Tails Dog and Cat Grooming, Facebook (Birdseye): Wonderful place :) happy they leave masking up at 9 AM and we went bank-

2020 May 28, Good Morning America, ABC (a): [Amy Robach:] This morning, though, it’s all about those masks. They have become obviously a big part of our daily lives and, as a result, a lot of people are now dealing with breakouts because of them. Dermatologist Dr. Whitney Bowe joins us with more on how to combat what’s being called maskne. Good morning. Dr. Bowe. All right, so tell us what maskne is. [Bowe:] Good morning. Yeah, so maskne is basically acne or breakouts, you know, underneath the mask. And it results from the mechanical friction of the fabric against the skin combined with all the moisture that gets trapped underneath the mask. And, Amy, that’s only gonna get worse as the weather gets warmer. You know, so it’s just so important to learn how to prep, take care of our skin to prevent maskne from becoming a major issue this summer.

2020 June 20, Wait Wait...Don’t Tell Me, NPR (a): [Peter Sagal:] Here is your first limerick. [Bill Kurtis:] My mask makes my own oils attack me, / Skin can’t breathe, and my pores pay me back, see? / When my chin is mask-free, it’s a spotty goatee. / It has made me break out in bad... [Dawn Kanelh:] Maskne!

2020 Sept. 8, Carrie MacMillan, “Maskne: What Is It and How Do You Prevent It?“ Yale Medicine: If the stress of COVID-19 didn’t make your skin break out, the mask you’ve been wearing might. [...] Some are calling this “maskne,” describing the kind of acne caused by wearing a face covering that traps oil, sweat, and bacteria beneath it. Before the pandemic, the condition—officially known as acne mechanica—was mostly seen in athletes and workers who wear helmets and chin straps, says Sara Perkins, MD, a Yale Medicine dermatologist. When a mask rubs against the skin, it can irritate small hair follicles, which triggers inflammation and generates acne.

—masktard noun [mask + retard; cf. lactard ‘person who is lactose intolerant,’ ”ATNW,” AS 82, no. 2 (Summer 2007); celebutard ‘celebrity who is viewed as unintelligent,’ David West Brown, “Paris Hilton, Brenda Frazier, Blogs, and the Proliferation of,” AS 83, no. 3 (Fall 2008): 312–25]

1: Person who wears a mask during the COVID-19 pandemic, or insists that others wear masks, even when perceived as unnecessary (disparaging)

2020 Apr. 16, Owen Benjamin, “#803 NY Goes Full Masktard, George Takes a Ride, and Amy Has a Dream,” Owen Benjamin (podcast), BitChute (referencing New York governor Andrew Cuomo’s executive order requiring face masks in public): New York goes full masktard

2020 May 11, @Wintim63, Twitter: Take your Zinc, D3, A, and C. If you so much as cough during your routine grocery store adventure, some MaskTard will pull out their phone and report you. Be healthy!

2020 Sept. 22, asenath7766, “masktard,” Urban Dictionary: A person who doesn’t question authority and mindlessly complies to mandates (not laws) given by left authoritarian government, to the detriment of personal autonomy, freedom, jobs, livelihoods. Their own mantra of “my body, my choice” goes out the window, because their fear and devotion to compliance overrides your rights as a free citizen to choose for yourself. They insist you must do as they
do or you’re a selfish grandma-killer, which betrays their faith in the mask’s effectiveness in the first place. / I was just going about my business and this mask-tard got in my face and lectured me about not wearing a mask.

2020 Dec. 27, William Preston, comment on Angela Betsaida B. Laguipo, “Researchers find correlation between consistent mask-wearing and improved well-being,” News-Medical.net: I was a compliant mask-tard and wore those disgusting face diapers all the time everywhere and I STILL managed to come down with COVID19.

2: Person who resists wearing a mask during the COVID-19 pandemic (disparaging)

2020 May 26, Shilpa Godbole (@godbole_shilpa), Twitter: Who are you? / Maskopath – Wears the mask at home / Mask warrior – Tells everyone to use the mask / Masktard – One who never wears a mask

2020 July 19, “Don’t be a mask-tard, wear a mask!” The Cross Pollinator (responding to @RemyDee504, Twitter 2020 Apr. 11, @JfIWereMagneto, Twitter (responding to @RemyDee504, Twitter): “No masks for toxic mascs. (That was terrible. I’m so sleep deprived.) / Seriously, what a bunch of tools’): Toxic Maskulinity

2020 May 29, Eric Shapiro, “Crisis of Maskulinity,” Milpitas (Calif.) Beat: And we can now add refusing to wear masks to toxic masculinity’s list of achievements.

[¶] Masks look uncool, men say. We must be brave, men say. Caution is for sissies, they say. And they say things a lot less tasteful in the meantime.

2020 July 9, Carl L. Palmer and Rolfe D. Peterson, “Toxic Mask-ulinity: The Link between Masculine Toughness and Affective Reactions to Mask Wearing in the COVID-19 Era,” Politics and Gender 16, no. 4 (abstract): Utilizing an original survey, we test the correlation between masculinity and mask wearing. We find that identification with norms of masculinity has a significant influence on affective responses toward mask wearing.

2020 Sept. 8, Judith Fein, “What Is MASKulinity? Is it unmanly to wear a mask?” Psychology Today: Over the last month or so, I asked people who weren’t wearing masks what their feelings were. One said, “It’s giving in to fear.” Another said, sarcastically, “It’s really manly to cover your mouth and nose,” and a third said a particular politician who wore a mask looked “like a p*ssey.” […] It isn’t MASKuline?

moranavirus noun [moron + coronavirus] Epidemic of stupidity, esp. regarding the COVID-19 pandemic

2020 Mar. 2, @Cruel_Coppinger, Twitter: The Moronavirus pandemic is real

2020 Jan. 22, @Wildwilly1000, Twitter (responding to @realTuckFrumper, Twitter: “Trump says US has coronavirus ‘totally under control’”): However the Moronavirus has infected the entire GOP.

2020 Jan. 29, @SuzyK1054, Twitter: MSM [mainstream media] has caught the Moronavirus #FakeNewsMedia 😒陞

2020 Mar. 3, Allergy Diagnostic & Treatment Center LLC-Office of David K. Brown, MD, Facebook (see accompanying image): Moronavirus alert! Biggest threat to democracy.

2020 Mar. 4, gordonengstrom, “Don’t be a Dirty Gym Rat,” TikTok (see video)

2020 May 26, Boxcar Bob, “moranavirus,” Urban Dictionary: A virus related to COVID-19 that affects both sides of the political spectrum. Symptoms are either intense overreaction or extreme ignorance. / Moronavirus patient #1: How dare you step outside your house. We need to keep locked down until...
we find a vaccine. / Response: Really? Do you realize over 25% of the population could die from poverty, stress, or suicide if we do that? / Moronavirus patient #2: COVID-19 is a hoax. Let’s go out and party, party, party. / Response: What’s wrong with you? My friend died of COVID-19. Do you want to keep us shut down forever and get other people sick?

2020 May 26, Peter FitzSimmons, “Friends, bad news, moronavirus is getting worse in the US,” Sydney Morning Herald: In its source country, the United States, moronavirus is actually getting worse! And I don’t just mean the obvious, that a nation which 50 years ago was capable of putting a man on the moon, now has a man in the White House who publicly ponders the possible benefits of injecting disinfectants into the blood.

2020 Oct. 7, “US President Donald Trump Returns To White House After Testing Positive For Moronavirus,” The Mocktant: After testing positive for the moronavirus, US President Donald Trump has returned to the White House to continue working. […] The moronavirus pandemic has sickened over seven million Americans and killed over 210,000. Symptoms include groupthink, inability to evaluate causal relationships, and a failing brain-to-mouth filter.

2021 Jan. 31, Tom Steward, “Phase 1,” Space Force: Quarantine (12-part serial), Lonesome Whistler Productions, 1:52 (YouTube) (●●●): [Honeymustard Sanders (Steward):] Everyone on this station tested positive for the monora-virus. According to CDC guidelines—CDC, of course, standing for “collective Sanders (Steward):] Everyone on this station tested positive for the monora-virus. According to CDC guidelines—CDC, of course, standing for “collective of dead carcasses”—the inhabitants had to maintain at least 6-feet of space between them at all times. Unfortunately, the base commander interpreted those guidelines literally and ejected our entire population out of the airlock.

officer-involved shooting noun phrase Incident in which a police officer shoots another person with a firearm

1972 July 2, Stan Leppard, “Focus on L.B. Homicide Detectives: These men stalk killers,” Independent Press-Telegram (Long Beach, Calif.), B-12 (Newspapers.com): Do Long Beach homicide detectives have any function other than the investigation of murder? [¶] “A few,” [Sgt. J. J.] Hurlbirt says. “Such as cases involving attempted murder, officer-involved shootings, mayhem, assault with a deadly weapon, kidnapping, illegal abortion, common assaults, firing into an inhabited dwelling, and drawing and exhibiting a firearm in a rude and threatening manner.”[1]

1974 Apr. 28, Jeffrey Hansen, “Officer Will Retire After 7 Years of Airing ‘Dirty Linen,’” Los Angeles Times, 1 (Newspapers.com): [Lt. Bob] Helder occupies what some say is the most sensitive, difficult job on the force: supervisor of the Officer-Involved-Shootings Section. […] Every time an officer fires his weapon, it is Helder who oversees the ensuing investigation. On the facts he uncovers, the man—and thereby the department—are absolved. Or both are besmirched.

1975 Mar. 9, “News in Brief,” Los Angeles Times, pt. 1, 2 (Newspapers.com): An unidentified man was shot to death by police, apparently following an eight-block chase in South-Central Los Angeles, authorities said. A police spokesman would confirm only that a “police-involved shooting” had occurred at 82nd and San Pedro Sts. after an auto chase that began at 7:40 p.m.

1975 Apr. 11, “Grand Jury raps handling of siege,” Times-Advocate (Escondido, Calif.), A-1 (Newspapers.com): The report “will be given great consideration as we continue to review our policies and procedures in SWAT operations and officer-involved shootings,” [Sheriff John] Duffy said. [¶] An earlier grand jury report cleared the sheriff’s department of criminal responsibility in the incident.

1978 Apr. 30, “TV Week,” Green Bay (Wisc.) Press-Gazette, 6 (Newspapers.com): James Farrentino portrays a top-flight policeman who suffers pangs of guilt when he accidentally slays an innocent young women in a shootout with a lethal robber—and must undergo a withering investigation by the special Officer-Involved Shooting Team—in “No Margin for Error.” The two-hour “Police Story” is showing on NBC tonight.

1987 June 3, Darren Allen, “Dania Police Aim to Sharpen Gun Skills,” Sun Sentinel (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.), 3 (ProQuest): “Dania’s a pretty safe town,” [Sgt. Phil] Johnson said. “It’s been years since we’ve had an officer-involved shooting.”

1988 Jan. 7, T. E. Bell and Eric Hanson, “Aborted drug deal ends with likely suicide,” Houston Chronicle, 19 (NewsBank): Assistant District Attorney Don Smyth said Carrion’s death appears to be a suicide, but that it will be investigated. [¶] “Of course the medical examiner will have to determine whether it was a suicide. We have determined that it was not an officer-involved shooting,” Smyth said.

1992 Nov. 15, Tom Sawyer (writer) and Anthony Shaw (dir.), “The Dead File,” Murder, She Wrote, season 9, episode 5, CBS, 32:46 (●●●): [Sgt. Martha Redstone (Susan Kellermann):] You know there’s only one thing worse than a crooked cop… [Lt. Peter DiMartini (Jon Polito):] Wait a minute. [Redstone:] …that’s a crooked cop who muscles in on my case. [DiMartini:] Who do you think you are? Mother Teresa? I seem to remember you getting in over your head on an officer-involved shooting about a year ago. [Redstone:] That was righteous. Internal Affairs cleared me on that.

1997 Paul Bishop, Tequila Mockingbird: A Fey Crocker Novel (New York: Scribner), 355: Hale was in for a long evening. So was Keegan, who was on his way to the station with Fey and Monk. The officer-involved shooting team would soon be descending on them over the action at Fey’s house.
The Secret Service has confirmed, Aug. 11, 2020 (BBC News), May 26, Craig Martin, “Time to Kill the Term ‘Officer-Involved Shooting,’” HuffPost: Typically, the report goes on to explain that the person “died” as a result of the “officer-involved shooting.” This use of such euphemistic language to describe an incident in which an organ of the state has killed a citizen is not only bizarre, it should alarm us. May 7, Ralph Genende, “Gamzumped, Gezoomt and Gezunt,” Australian Jewish News (Times of Israel): You’ve probably heard the word “gazumped” or “gazumping,” which is believed to be derived from a Yiddish slang expression that means “to swindle.” It is used to describe the practice of raising the price of a house after an agreement with a buyer on what the price would be. The buyer would find he had been gazumped when he showed up for the closing. May 1, Nancy Friedman (@Fritinancy), Twitter: New Yiddish-English #coronacoinage (via my cousin): / Oysgezoomt: A wonderful neologism that spread quickly on the internet, author unknown, meaning wiped out from Zooming all day—literally, “all Zoomed out.” July 20, @jdorf, Twitter (responding to Merci Grace [@merci], Twitter: “9.5 straight hours on Zoom but it’s really those last 2 hours that get ya”; see accompanying image): Oysgezoomt! Oct. 27, A. J. Goldmann (@ajgoldmann), Twitter (responding to Tasha Robinson (@TashaRobinson), Twitter: “This is about as 2020 as Halloween lawn decor gets”; see accompanying image): This gives new urgent meaning to the wonderful #Yiddish neologism “oysgezoomt” (“zoomed out”) Dec. 21, Rukhl Schaechter, “The Yiddish word of 2020,” Jewish Standard (Times of Israel): But it was [ADS’s] special 2020 category of “Zoom-Related Word of the Year” that caught our attention. The winner was “You’re muted,” but there, in third place, with a respectable 9 percent of the vote, was “Oysgezoomt,” the freshly coined Yiddish word meaning “fatigued or bored by Zoom.” Oysgezoomt derives from “Oysgemutshet,” meaning completely exhausted. Oysgemutshet has roots in the Germanic expression “oys,” meaning “completely,” and the Slavic “mutshet,” which is related to the Russian word for martyr.

1997. Dean J. Champion and George E. Rush, Policing in the Community (Upper Sadler River, N.J.: Prentice Hall), 406: Although the LAPD has a special “officer involved shooting team,” the Commission also found serious flaws in the investigation of shooting cases. Officers are frequently interviewed as a group, and statements are often not recorded until the completion of a “pre-interview.”

2000 Jan. 31, Robert Medley, “FBI looks into shooting by Seminole Nation officer,” Daily Oklahoman (Nexis): Daniel Ray Jones, 29, was shot by a tribal police officer about 4:45 p.m. Saturday. […] If the officer-involved shooting occurred on tribal land, it will be investigated by the FBI, Johnson said. Otherwise, it could be turned over to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.
2020 Dec. 23, Arianna Huffington (@ariannahuff), Twitter: And the Yiddish word of 2020 is: “Oysgezoomt,” a freshly coined word meaning “fatigued or bored by Zoom.”


2021 Feb. 12, Natasha Lipman (@natalashalipman), Twitter: If oysgezoomt is the Yiddish word for fatigued or bored by Zoom, may I suggest oysgemenisth (sp?) for when you are fatigued (although, kindly, not bored) by people.

2021 Mar. 10, Sonia Gollance (@SGollance), Twitter: In classic 2021, the first Yiddish word the students in my Yiddish Popular Culture class learned was “oysgezoomt.”

petro-masculinity noun Form of masculinity associated with the consumption of fossil fuels

2018 June 20, Cara Daggett, “Petro-masculinity: Fossil Fuels and Authoritarian Desire,” Millennium: Journal of International Studies 47, no. 1: 28: Through the concept of petro-masculinity, I emphasise the relationship—both technically and affectively, ideationally and materially—between fossil fuels and white patriarchal orders. While misogyny and climate denial are often treated as separate dimensions of new authoritarian movements, a focus on petro-masculinity shows them to be mutually constituted, with gender anxiety slithering alongside climate anxiety, and misogynist violence sometimes exploding as fossil violence.

2018 July 15, Ethan Huff, “Lunatic liberals now claim fossil fuels cause “petro-masculinity” that makes men hyper-macho,” Natural News: A liberal professor of politics and global security at Virginia Tech says that the continued use of fossil fuels for energy is contributing to a concept she made up called “petro-masculinity,” which in her own words represents “a reassertion of white masculine power on an unruly planet that is perceived to be increasingly in need of violent, authoritarian order.”

2018 Oct. 10, Ralph Felix Pina (@ralphpina), Twitter: I agree that the far right lurch is frightening but petro-masculinity is not a useful concept

2019 Dec 14, Megan MacKenzie, “Is fragile masculinity the biggest obstacle to climate action?” ABC News (Australia): There are multiple examples of “cool climate dudes” and petro-masculinity, including “right wingers...going crazy about meat”, by embracing diets called “the carnivore” or “the caveman” at the same time that vegans are belittled as “soyboys” and “beta males”.

2020 Feb. 5, Joshua Nelson, “Petro-masculinity and climate change denial among white, politically conservative American males,” International Journal of Applied Psychoanalytic Studies 17, no. 4 (Dec. 2020): 282: White, politically conservative males in the United States have been widely found to maintain petro-masculine attitudes that include aspects of racism, misogyny, and climate change denial. These beliefs and their associated behaviors, including climate destructiveness, can be conceptualized as compensatory reactions to modern-day racial, gender, and climate-related anxieties that are experienced as threats to traditional white male privilege and power.

2020 Nov. 2, Brian Kahn, “The ‘Petro-Masculinity’ of This Weekend’s Trump Highway Rallies,” Gizmodo: The dependence of American society on fossil fuels is something that has been reinforced by the decisions of predominantly rich white men and has in turn helped uphold the status quo. While that puts us all in major danger due to climate change, giving it up poses a risk to those who have constructed their identity around petro-masculinity.

2020 Nov. 10, Mario Herger, “Petro-Masculinity: How E-Mobility Scratches At The Image of One’s Own Manliness,” The Last Driver License Holder... (blog): There is a convergence of three anachronistic characteristics that seem threatened in times of feminism, emancipation and climate change: Masculinity, fossil fuels and authoritarianism. [...] A design like the one presented for the upcoming [Tesla] Cybertruck addresses precisely this petro-masculine target audience and can thus break down their resistance.

2021 Jan. 27, Crelin, Sky News Australia (YouTube)(4): [Kel Richards:] The, the Marxist feminist have been launching a, a linguistic attack on masculinity for a long time. That’s been very hard if you grow up as a boy or a young man in today’s world because they keep calling it toxic masculinity. And you think, you know, that’s so absurd; you, you could parody that or make a joke out of that, but you can’t parody these people. They’ve taken it a step further: there’s a, a feminist academic in America, Professor Cara Daggett at Virginia Tech, who’s come up, in 2018, with this expression petro-masculinity, and that means what these blokes do is they get in big cars that are gas-guzzlers and they assert their masculinity by destroying the planet. So you can be a virtuous feminist and a campaigner for the climate at the same time, because these evil petro-masculinists are driving big utes or pickup trucks, as they call them in America, and they’re doing it deliberately to pump out as much carbon fuel as they possibly can.

2021 Apr. 23, Keira Myles, “Anthro Talks: Petro-masculinity,” Tufts Daily (Tufts University): As clean and renewable energy systems pose threats to the fossil fuel capitalist order promised by 1950s America, Proud Boys and other petro-masculine populations feel a sense of powerlessness and have no choice but to perpetuate the authoritarian system of fossil fuel burning to cling to their identities.

pod noun [cf. OED3 sense 8: ‘A detachable or self-contained compartment on an aircraft, spacecraft, or other vehicle or vessel, esp. one with a particular function. Also: any discrete unit, often having a rounded shape, which forms a separate or detachable part of a larger structure’ 1950–]
Space in which a person infected or suspected of infection with the coronavirus is isolated

2020 Feb. 2, @iamnosleep, Twitter (responding to @HayekAndKeynes, Twitter: “This is a medical prison, not a hospital”): It’s a pod to contain the virus. Regular hospitals aren’t built for such purpose and may seem luxurious. Seems a better option to get treated than left alone to die on street.

2020 Feb. 5, @2Tubular, Twitter: NHS in the #UK has asked hospitals to create #coronavirus Pods for patients with the suspected virus.

2020 Feb. 14, @Fi79, Twitter: At the hospital, they have some metal ‘pods’ outside for people who think they have the Corona virus. Great, except they’ve put them on 3 disabled parking spaces.

2020 Mar. 5, “What does a Coronavirus isolation pod look like?” The Telegraph (UK), YouTube (caption; see also video still): A Milton Keynes safety equipment supplies sy the demand for its isolation structures and pods has gone up “astronomically” since the coronavirus outbreak. [¶] The company usually sells to the army and hospitals, but phone calls from China and other parts of the world being affected by the virus have been constant.

2020 Mar. 15, two moms in an isolation pod (@twomomsinsaniso1), Twitter: IsolationLog00001: One mom and one child of the seven in our shared house are symptomatic. Public health has confirmed our need to self isolate. How to keep our sanity with five children between us? Shared isolation pod. Shared live tweeting.

2020 Apr. 7, “COVID-19 Modular Isolation Pods,” BES Ltd.: BES and Norwood have teamed up with Wassenburg Medical to combine our manufacturing experience and industry knowledge in order to produce a range of bespoke isolation pods.

Space in which an uninfected person is isolated to avoid coronavirus infection

2020 Jan. 23, @das_krumel, Twitter: Remain in your pods... 😷 BTW... $PTON has 50day in home trial. Avoid all human contact. 25…

2020 Jan. 28, @Bovell_GM, Twitter (see accompanying video): Nothing like a ride in the old virus pod.

2020 Mar. 25, “Chinese father builds ‘baby pod’ to protect infant from coronavirus,” Reuters: Cao Junjie, 30, refashioned a cat carrier to make the scalable pod that includes an air-quality monitor displaying the concentration of carbon dioxide inside.

2020 July–Aug., Rob Turner, “Pods Save America,” Sactown Magazine (subhead; see accompanying image): In Amsterdam, a waterfront restaurant transformed prefab greenhouses into cozy private dining rooms to help stem the spread of COVID-19. We’d like to eat our peas in a pod too.

2020 July 10, Mehreen Kasana, “Once mocked, personal pods are now taking off thanks to COVID-19,” Input (see accompanying image): Protective pods are, well, a little odd. They look awkward by sheer design, unlike face masks that can be made a little fashionable without compromising their effectiveness.

Group of individuals with whom a person is isolated to avoid contracting coronavirus; bubble (“ATNW,” AS 96, no. 2 [May 2021]); quaranteam

2020 Mar. 24, Savage Love, episode 700, 25:27 (¶): [Daniel Westreich:] The way we’re trying to do that is to try to break, uh, in some sense, to break the, the, the giant networks of people interacting. Um, and this is a, a subject that, that has been studied pretty well in a lot of other contexts as well, including sexually transmitted infections, where it, it’s risk to a group of people has to do with network connectivity—the more people in contact with more people, the faster the disease can spread throughout all those people, or an infection. And so in this case we’re trying to break apart the network into little self-contained pods, and so if somebody in my household gets coronavirus, probably everyone else in the household is going to get it, but then we’re not going to spread it to the next household over. [Dan Savage:] Right. [Weinreich:] And, and what that’s going to do, hopefully, is if then if people in my household need a hospital bed, there is one because 30 other households aren’t demanding that same bed at the same moment.
2020 Mar. 24, Matt Hayles (@mathayles), Twitter: I’m hearing from people who are calling this their “Pod” or “Quaranteam,” which is A++ language-ing.

2020 Mar. 25, Jen Sinrich, “Coronavirus Isolation Pods: Can Families That Vow to Self-Isolate Eventually Spend Time Together?” Martha Stewart: But is there any possibility for small gatherings if you none of the parties involved have or are carrying the virus—especially if you and your loved ones practice social distancing ahead of coming together? Whispers of “isolation pods,” or groups of people who band together after self-isolating for a specific period of time, have cropped up in news stories left and right. But are they safe?

2020 Apr. 30, Ryan Prior, “Creating a pandemic social bubble: A how to guide,” CNN Health: Call it your cohort, your pod, your bubble, your squad, or your quaranteam. Whatever you call it, forming a group to go through the next few months could be key to getting through the summer with your mental health intact.

2020 May 17, “The Pros And Cons Of ‘Social Bubbles,’” Weekend Edition Sunday, NPR (@npr): [Lulu Garcia-Navarro:] What is a social bubble? You call it a pod. [Gideon Lichfield:] People call it pod, a bubble, a quaranteam. It’s basically a group of people who have decided to treat each other as safe, meaning they’re agreeing to be in normal contact together, not take any precautions with each other but take precautions with the outside world. So it’s a pact, basically, that I made with a family who were friends of mine that we will with each other but take precautions with the outside world. So it’s a pact, essentially function as an extended family, even though we don’t live together.

2020 Oct. 13, Kara Gavin, “How to Keep COVID-19 From Invading Your ‘Pod’ – and How to Stay Safe if It Does,” University of Michigan Health: For many Americans, life in the time of COVID-19 means forming “pods”—small groups of people who agree to share child care and education responsibilities, or to study or socialize together.

—podmate noun Person with whom one isolates to avoid contracting COVID-19, bubblemate (“ATNW,” AS 96, no. 2 [May 2021])

2020 Mar. 24, Joan Price (@JoanPrice), Twitter: Trying to figure out what to call someone you’re nesting with or lovers with during this fearful time. “Respiratory bonded” (the equivalent of “fluid bonded,” but for Covid-19) has no zing. But @fakedansavage’s podcast gave me an idea: “pod mate.”

2020 Oct. 27, Tracey Anne Duncan, “Can your friendship survive casual sex during a pandemic?” Mic: But what if you do accidentally have sex with a podmate? We’re all so stressed and desperate for connection and it may feel easier than usual for a hug with a roommate to end up in coronalingus on the kitchen floor. If that does happen, first of, congratulations, we solo dwellers are so jealous right now, and second, try not to freak out about it.

2021 Feb. 24, Maggie Lange, “All My Friends’ Quarantine Bubbles Are Bursting: Suddenly, everyone I know is abandoning their pod,” The Cut (blog), New York Magazine: Then, over a series of FaceTimes, I began hearing about annoying miscommunications, extraneous trips, and one pod mate’s popping social life.

—pod up verb Self-isolate as a group to prevent exposure to a contagion, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic; bubble up (“ATNW,” AS 96, no. 2 [May 2021])

2020 June 12, Melinda Wenner Moyer, “How to Form Social Bubbles and Quarantine Pods,” New York Times (see accompanying image): Maybe you could even pod up with a family of a different race or ethnicity so you can grow and learn from each other. If you’re going to pod up, you might as well choose a family that helps you “become more than the sum of your parts,” Dr. Marcus said, as that will make your quarantine experience more sustainable.

2020 July 10, Tiffany Taft (@DrTiffTaft), Twitter: My husband worked from home long before #COVID forced me home so we can divide the load. We may pod up w another family with sons in K & 3rd grade to creste some social interaction. I may pay a friend who recently left teaching to help...

2020 July 15, Carlos Rodarte (@crodart), Twitter: Is there a covid-19 http://match.com for families to pod up?

2020 July 21, Anne Marie Chaker, “Amid Coronavirus, Parents ‘Pod Up’ to Form At-Home Schools,” Wall Street Journal: Julia Begley is wary of sending her 10-year-old daughter, Eve, back to school in the fall. So she is interviewing parents with children of similar ages to “pod up,” she says, or create their own little school.

poggers [from PogChamp, an emote (small expressive image) created by BetterTTV in 2012 to be used in the chat feature of Twitch, a video game streaming service, using video of Ryan “Gootecks” Gutierrez originally sampled from outtakes from his YouTube channel Cross Culture TV (see image); Gutierrez earned the moniker PogChamp in a separate video titled “Pogs Championship,” during which he dropped a game controller he was promoting on a stack of pogs, cardboard disks; Pogs, both the name of the cardboard disks and the 1990s commercially released version of the disk-flipping game, comes from POG, an acronymous beverage brand made from passion fruit, orange, and guava juices, the cardboard cap liners from which were used to play the game]
interjection | Expression of admiration or enthusiasm, esp. for a gaming performance

2018 Jan. 27, Setlz, “Poggers,” *Urban Dictionary*: A Twitch emote that may only be seen if you have BetterTTV installed. It is used in place of PogChamp as an expression of extreme excitement or hype, particularly after an impressive play is made. Popular in the League of Legends community. / *Tobias: YOYOYOYOYO DID YOU SEE THAT ONE PART COMBO / Chat: POGGERS*

2020 Nov. 10, Kyuju, “If you despise MONKS let us know!” *Blizzard forum*: poggers bois! we got a 5% damage buff, our leggos are still garbage, and whirling dragon punch is killing people in the current iteration of nathria! progress woo!

2020 Dec. 2, @lushsux, *Twitter* (see accompanying image): POGGERS MOMENT.

2021 Jan. 7, Shannon Liao, “PogChamp emote deleted for ties to Capitol violence,” *CNN*: Gamers typically say “PogChamp” or variations such as “Poggers” and “Pog” when celebrating a surprise win in a game or sharing something they consider to be particularly awesome. Emotes, similar to emojis, are often spammed ad nauseum while streamers play games or chat with fans.

2021 Jan. 19, “Poggers Song,” *YouTube* *(4)*: P to the O to the double-G / Poggers / None of you gamers can compete with me / Poggers / Win the match, number 1, MVP / Poggers / Now let me break it down for what it means to be / Poggers / Got Victory Royale on my first run / Poggers / And I vented without any suspicion / Poggers / Got a billion robux, that’s for certain / Poggers / and I S-ranked every single mission / Poggers / Got 50 likes on my selfie / Poggers / Yeah, you know my followers behaving / Poggers / Got my name read by Miss Delphine / Poggers / Only spending half of all my savings!

2021 Mar. 17, Airc, “I’m turning 40 soon, and I have no idea what some of you write,” *Blizzard forum*: “PogChamp” is a corruption of “Pog” which is a corruption of “Potg” which means “play of the game”. Just think of it as “that was great!” or something similar.

2: adjective | Impressive; excellent; first-rate, esp. of a gaming performance

2018 Feb. 6, @TheFrostPrime, *Twitter*: FROSTPRIME BREAKING SUB RECORDS EVERYDAY CAUSE HE’S SO POGGERS

2019 Dec. 4, @dumb_bitch42, *Twitter*: when i was playing grifball last night i couldn’t stop saying “that’s so poggers” everytime someone scored not sure if in regressing or evolving

quaran- | combining form | Relating to activities or experiences while self-isolating during the COVID-19 pandemic

quaranbeard | noun | Beard grown during quarantine

2020 Mar. 16, Alejandro Melendez (@A_lay_HAHN_dro), *Twitter*: Stephen Colbert doing #thelateshow from his bathtub and looks like he’s growing a #quaranbeard

2021 May 14, “Press,” QuaranDate (app): Knowing there would be a deficit of commonplaces for people to date during a quarantine, QuaranDate began with the concept of video dating. A host would be in the date to ensure everyone feels comfortable and acts as a “wingman” to provoke conversation.

quarandate | noun | Social or romantic engagement during quarantine, esp. one held virtually

2020 Mar. 15, Kendall Blanc (@ardentlymine), *Twitter*: FaceTimed my oldest friend for a little quarandate and it was the highlight of my day, if you’re struggling with social distancing I really recommend calling someone you love 📞


2020 Jul. 5, @Veganbubby, *Twitter*: I’m learning to communicate my feelings more. I even met someone! We had our first quarandate! Haha
2020 Dec. 8, Christelle McKillen, “Love in the time of corona,” Christelle McKillen (blog): Over in Japan there are new innovative ways to ‘Quarandate’, the Japanese have taken to drive-through omiai (matchmaking), kind of like a drive-thru McDonalds minus the food, as singles flirt with each other from their cars in empty car parks.

2: verb Go on a Quarandate

2020 Mar. 11, Laura Nasca (@lnastynasca), Twitter (responding to @Atom_Kane_, Twitter: “a lil quarantine fling...a quarantining if you will”): Quarandating
2020 Mar. 16, @dolly, Twitter: Here’s a hot pic in case any boys are tryna #QuaranDate 📱

2020 May 21, Brittany Churchill, “Quarandating, life as a single mom during COVID-19,” Austin Moms: After getting a divorce and spending nearly a year in therapy, I wasn’t expecting to hop back into the dating world as a single mom only to shortly after be ordered to stop going out on dates. The universe had its own plan – and here I am, quarandating.

2020 July 29, Berna Barshay, “Looking for Love, Sex, and a Good Investment During the Pandemic,” Empire Financial Research: ‘Quarandating’ isn’t business as usual… / While the initial digital connection may start with a swipe to the right as it always did, what happens after has been radically changed by the virus.

—quaranqueen noun Woman who excels during quarantine

2020 Mar. 6, Kim Caramele (@kimcaramele), Twitter: Out here lookin like a quaranQUEEN!
2020 Mar. 28, AdamDrummer67, “QuaranQueen,” Urban Dictionary: A woman who locks herself inside and obsessively cleans, washes clothes, wipes all purchased items and makes others follow strict hygiene rules during a global pandemic, including making her partner immediately strip and shower upon reentering the house. / [T]eni hasn’t stopped cleaning since the quarantine started. She’s a QuaranQueen.

2020 Apr. 2, The Lead with Jake Tapper, CNN (transcript; Nexis Uni): [Tapper:] Some are calling her their quaranqueen, after this clip of celebrity chef Ina Garten getting ready for cocktail hour, AKA, any hour, went viral.

2020 Apr. 14, Nyota Magazine, “Quaran-Queens,” Facebook (see image)

—quaranstream

1: verb Watch a video on a streaming service during quarantine

2017 Feb. 17, Job Hilbers (@CaptCoachPro), Twitter (responding to @fdotny, Twitter: “Idea: ‘Quarantine Stream’. Streamer stays in single room for a month without ever leaving”): At least rebrand it to “Quaranstream” ;)

2020 Mar. 7, @vlonite, Twitter: Need to finish #Castlevania today. #Quaranstream
2020 May 22, Nina Huang, “How to watch Showtime, Starz, and Epix shows for free on demand for 30 days,” Entertainment Weekly (subhead): Via Sling TV’s Premium Pass program, there are even more shows to quaran-stream.

2020 July 2, Joel Lyons, “Quaranstream: Free events and services to watch online while self-quarantining,” Good Morning America, ABC News: To help navigate the Golden Age of “Quaransreaming,” “GMA” presents this guide of entertainment that you can stream, some of it live […] and much of it for free.

2: noun Video on a streaming service broadcast during quarantine

2020 Apr. 4, Treaty Oak Distillery, Facebook (see image)
2020 May 1, “April LARS Live QuaranSTREAM!” Los Angeles Recording School: Enjoy the first virtual LARS Live QuaranSTREAM! Shoutout to our Entertainment Business and Audio/Music Production classes for putting on this hit event!


—quarantanning verbal noun Sunbathing or using self-tanning equipment during quarantine

2020 Apr. 10, Travis Minor (@mister_minor), TikTok (see video still)
2020 July 5, Aly Walansky, “What Is ‘Quarantanning’? 10 Ways To Self-Tan Safely At Home (& Avoid The Beach),” Your Tango: [Adam] Mamelak adds. “While we might not be out socializing like we used to, quarantanning still offers a great opportunity for a golden glow on a Zoom call. It also gives us a chance to try new products without the risk of an orange incident (as some of the older spray tans can have a bit of an orange tint to them).”
—quaranteam noun Group of individuals with whom a person is isolated to avoid contracting coronavirus; bubble (“ATNW,” AS 96, no. 2 [May 2021]); pod

2020 Mar. 7, @hydiaheysoul, Twitter (see accompanying image): Choose your quaranteam wisely.

2020 Apr. 17, Saba Hamedy, “People are ditching their homes and joining their friends to avoid isolation. It’s called quaranteaming,” CNN: Two weeks ago, [Charles] Lichaa and [Lo] Noulinthavong formed what some are calling a “quaranteam,” loosely defined as the group of people you choose to live with during the coronavirus pandemic. [...] Selecting a “team” to quarantine with has become a way for some to escape the isolation that comes with the stay-at-home orders mandated across the United States.

2020 May 7, Brian Krans, “What to Consider Before You Try ‘Quaranteaming,’” Healthline: As shelter-in-place orders continue in many states, some people are giving up their isolation to join a “quaranteam.” / A quaranteam is a bubble of people who create their own tight-knit social circle that doesn’t interact with others outside their group.

2020 Dec. 17, Erin Jensen, “From our quaranteam to yours: COVID-19-themed holiday cards reflect an unusual year,” Clarion Ledger (Jackson, Miss.), A1 (ProQuest): Now, they’re also offering cheeky messages that reflect the challenging year that has been plagued by a pandemic, isolation and a short supply of 2-Ply. Now, cards sport such messages as “Sending love from our quaranteam to yours” and “Dear Santa, how about a do-over?”

—quaranteen noun Teenager whose life has been affected by quarantine conditions

2020 Mar. 7, Holly Taylor Coolman (@HTCoolman), Twitter: #Teenager, asked to do a bigger, outdoor chore: “I can’t do that! I have The Corona!” Please note: being quarantined apparently does not increase anyone’s desire to do chores. It just makes them sound like someone’s 92-year-old grandmother. Day 5. #Quaranteen

2020 Apr. 3, Kevin Oklobzija, “QuaranTEEN town hall to discuss stay-at-home family life,” Rochester Business Journal: Two clinical psychologists will join Samra Brouk, Democratic candidate for the the 55th New York Senate District, for a virtual town hall entitled Living with a QuaranTEEN during COVID-19.

2020 May 31, “Vintage Officially A Quaranteen 13th Birthday Gamer T-Shirt,” Tee Shirt Palace (retail site) (see image)

2020 June 15, “QuaranTEEN Stories,” Navigating Teen Life, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center & Children’s Community Pediatrics (YouTube) (see video)

—quarantigue noun [quarantine + fatigue] Fatigue suffered from quarantine conditions


2020 Apr. 1, @rockomcneill, Twitter (replying to @rad5cientist, Twitter: “Why am I so tired!”): Quarantigue

2020 May 26, Holderness Family Vlog, “Quarantine Fatigue = Quarantigue,” YouTube (video caption): What do you do when you’ve finished all of Netflix? Are you tired of quarantine too? We know social distancing is hard. #Stay-Home and laugh #WithUs - we will be making songs, skits, and vlogs to keep you smiling! #Quarantigue

2020 July 17, Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Health, Facebook (see accompanying image): If you haven’t felt as motivated to follow health guidelines, you’re not alone. Quarantine fatigue is real, but we can’t give up just yet. Here are some ways to deal with Quarantigue.

—quarantimes noun Times experienced under quarantine

2020 Feb. 27, @SteveOStereo, Twitter (responding to press release by Palm Beach County, Fla., government, pbcgov.org): It’s ALL BS! No cases because there is NO testing!! And stupidly, the old TB Hospital in Lantana which would serve well for quarantimes and isolation was closed a few years ago!!
2020 Mar. 11. @GingerConstruct, Twitter: Am I the only one watching TV and cringing when people shake hands, share drinks, and touch their faces? Maybe it’s just the wine talking, but I’m going to need Netflix to come out with a series set during COVID. Catch phrase: “it was the best of times, it was the Quarantimes.”

2020 Dec. 14. Charlie Mason, “The Voice Performance Finale Recap: Which of the Top 5 Sang Like a Winner?” TVLine: DeSz (Team Kelly), “Holy Ground” — Grade: B+! Before hitting the stage, DeSz said that, listening to the song, she had been in tears before the 30-second mark. When the spotlight fell on her, I got it — the number certainly spoke to our trying quarantines. But it didn’t really grab me till the choir kicked in on the chorus.

2021 Feb. 2, dececcethered, “Running Joke Life,” Instagram (see image)

—quarantini noun [quarantine + martini; cf. appletini, margaritini, mocktini, saketini, vodka tini, etc.] Martini or other cocktail made while under quarantine

2005 Feb. 8, Tad Quill (writer) and Michael Spiller (dir.), “My Quarantine,” Scrubs, season 4, episode 16 (see video): [Kylie (Chrystee Pharris):] So, uh, what’s wrong with this guy? [J.D. (Zach Braff):] Well let’s see. Fatigue, fever, malaise. Have you been to Hong Kong, sir? [Mr. Donaldson (Gary Rubenstein):] Yeah. [J.D.:] And then I said something stupid. Could be SARS. I forgot that if any doctor suspects SARS, it’s cause for immediate quarantine lockdown. [Perry (John McGinley):] What have you done, newbie? [Danni (Tara Reid):] Quarantinis anyone?

2009 May 1, @ashleelovelee, Twitter: eek! wash your hands! what’s in a quarantini?

—quarantunes noun Music produced, performed, or consumed under quarantine

2020 June 3, Bethany Clough, “Fresno bartenders, other local foodies share quarantine cocktail ideas,” Fresno (Calif.) Bee (see accompanying image): The Peach Quarantini cocktail was created by Sarah Primavera at Lucy’s Lounge.

—quaran troll noun Person who posts inflammatory, irrelevant, or offensive online messages related to quarantine conditions

2020 Mar. 19, @kikaigarcia, Twitter: Quarantrolls.- people hating on Vico while at home and still manage to bash and feast on fake news

2020 Apr. 13, Kassy Cooper, Facebook (referencing model on the cover of the Mary Kay Men’s Catalog posted by Elle Leigh’s VIP Page): But do you have HIM? (Jk, he’s not my type! I’m a quarantroll)

2020 May 14, Maui Me, comment on “Billy Porter – Engaging Politically & Creatively During COVID-19 | The Daily Social Distancing Show,” Late Night Funk: Wow, the quarantrolls are out in full force. Don’t feed them.

2020 May 21, Kendra Stanton Lee (@Kendraspontiondence), Twitter: There is a very proactive troll in my brain who thinks I am a YouTube comment field. I have tried to mute her and block her but she keeps ComMeNtInG on everything I’m not doing and I wish she would find someone to sell her toxic protein shake to. Quarantrolls, man.

2020 June 2, Heather Kelly, “In times like this, it’s ‘quarantini’ time,” The Province (Vancouver, B.C.), 22 (Newspapers.com): What, exactly, is a quarantini other than something you drink during a quarantine? […] Sean Kelley, a veteran San Francisco bartender of 10 years, shared his take on the quarantine drink:

/ 1.5 oz of your favourite gin or vodka / 0.5 oz Lillet Blanc / 1 dash Regan’s Orange Bitters / Stir and strain with a lemon twist

2020 June 3. Rania Aniftos, “Rita Wilson Creates ‘Quarantunes’ Playlist as She Recovers From Coronavirus,” Billboard: The actress took to Twitter early on Friday (March 13) to announce that she wanted to make a Spotify playlist for her fellow self-quarantiners to jam to, and asked her followers to ponder songs and a playlist title that would best fit the nature of social isolation. […] Just a few hours later, Wilson unveiled her “Quarantunes” playlist, which features 28 songs that touch on themes of loneliness, healing and surviving.

2020 Mar. 20, @paddycullivan, Twitter: subj: quarantunes TOO SOON?!

2020 Mar. 13, Rania Aniftos, “Rita Wilson Creates ‘Quarantunes’ Playlist as She Recovers From Coronavirus,” Billboard: The actress took to Twitter early on Friday (March 13) to announce that she wanted to make a Spotify playlist for her fellow self-quarantiners to jam to, and asked her followers to ponder songs and a playlist title that would best fit the nature of social isolation. […] Just a few hours later, Wilson unveiled her “Quarantunes” playlist, which features 28 songs that touch on themes of loneliness, healing and surviving.

2020 Mar. 29, @paddycullivan, Twitter: Another ‘Quarantine’! This time satirical musicologist Professor Patrick demonstrates how to sing just like ‘The Boss’ Charlie Haughey! Only kidding - it’s Bruce Springsteen! 😂

2020 June 22, Rufus Wainwright, Facebook: Hello everyone! Welcome back to #Quarantunes. It’s another #MuscialMonday, and that means more #RobeRecitals! Today’s song is another highly-requested favorite - Sword of Damocles!
misleading perception of a Republican electoral victory based on early vote tallies, discounting the higher percentage of Democrats casting mail-in, absentee and provisional ballots tabulated later in the vote-counting process (see also blue shift ["ATNW," AS 96, no. 2 (May 2021)])

2020 Aug. 31, “Hawkfish CEO Josh Mendelsohn (Full Interview)” Axios on HBO, HBO (YouTube), 0:32 (рош): [Margaret Talev:] A mirage, by definition, is something that appears to be there but doesn’t really exist, and you have a model scenario called “the red mirage.” What does that mean? [Josh Mendelsohn:] The reason we talk about a red mirage is, in fact, because we believe that on election night we’re going to see Donald Trump in a stronger position than the reality actually is. We are sounding the alarm and saying that this is a very real possibility—that the data is going to show on election night an incredible victory for Donald Trump. That is likely to be what we see. When every legitimate vote is tallied and we get to that final day, which will be some after election day, it will in fact show that what happened on election night was exactly that, a mirage: it looked like Donald Trump was in the lead, but he fundamentally was not when every ballot gets counted.

2020 June 24, Eric Volmers, “In a year of disruption, cancellations and uncertainty, these local entertainers became stars of 2020,” Calgary (Alta.) Herald: Singer and vocal teacher Rozette became one of the more unusual COVID-19 success stories after deciding to sing away the pandemic blues with a series of parody songs she launched on Facebook and other social media channels. Quaranzines received thousands of views and found Rozette riffing on self-isolation with new pandemic-related lyrics applied to popular songs such as Dolly Parton’s Jolene (which became Vaccine) and Lady Gaga’s Poker Face (which morphed into Poker Virus.)

—quaranzine noun [quarantine + zine ‘noncommercial or homemade magazine’] Zine produced during quarantine

2018 Aug. 30, K. M. Claude and R. E. Hellinger, Quaranzine (Two Dead Queers) (see cover image)

2020 Mar. 15, is.press, Instagram (see accompanying image): Quaranzine Fest is simple. Post your work on the platform of your choice April 4th and 5th with the hashtag #quaranzinefest—no submission process, no selection process, no fees, no leaders, no volunteers, no building, no table, no limit on vendors, no fire code restrictions, no peanut butter fingers touching your zines...

2020 Apr. 30, Ysabelle Cheung, “Enter the “Quaranzine”: Zines That Boost Resistance, Mutual Aid, and Self-Care,” Hyperallergic: Beatrix Pang, co-founder of the Zine Coop collective, says that she has noticed an uptick in zine creations during quarantine—or quaranzines—in Hong Kong over the past few months, including Pop & Zebra’s The New Coronavirus Abecedary, a mini-zine of COVID-19 terminology, and artist Eunice Tsang’s forthcoming No Play Today, featuring photos of cordoned-off playgrounds.

2021 Mar. 5, Rachel Tshjian, “The Dawn of the Quaranzine,” GQ: But the quaranzine is a different animal. The new wave of zines that have sprouted in the last year or so feel in many ways like a reaction to the current, even more precarious than usual, state of journalism—a cooler or more artisanal version of starting a Substack, or, in the case of High Fashion Talk, working outside the insular world of fashion media.

red mirage noun [red ‘Republican’ + mirage] Misleading perception of a Republican electoral victory based on early vote tallies, discounting the higher percentage of Democrats casting mail-in, absentee and provisional
again in Georgia, but there are signs that older, Republican-leaning voters requested more mail-in ballots than in November, meaning the effect may be less pronounced.

2021 Mar. 10, Mathew Simkovits, “Michigan 2020: Election Administration in the Coronavirus Pandemic,” Stanford-MIT Healthy Elections Project, 24: Buoyed by the “red mirage” of President Trump’s potential victory on election night, the lawsuits perpetuated and lent credibility to conspiracy theories of voter fraud and created anger directed at election officials. The courts quickly dismissed all of the post-election lawsuits brought before them. Nonetheless, it is likely to take time and a concerted, collaborative effort from both parties in Michigan’s legislature to combat the rampant misinformation disseminated about the election.

2021 June 12, Brett Sholtis, “Counties fear desired election law changes will get lost in sprawling GOP bill,” WITF (Harrisburg, Pa.): Then-President Trump used the appearance of a “big blue shift” or “red mirage” in Pennsylvania and elsewhere to falsely claim there was voter fraud. Numerous audits and reviews have shown there was no widespread voter fraud in the commonwealth in the 2020 election.

Rona, The Rona noun [clipping of coronavirus] COVID-19 pandemic or the virus responsible for it (slang)

2020 Jan. 27, @MustiShahid, Twitter: The world dying from coronavirus but this girl got the rona virus

2020 Jan. 30, @mrgracemugabe, Twitter: you wearin’ a facemask cause you’re scared of the ’rona bro? yeah? bit afraid of the sicky ‘roro are ya?

2020 Mar. 2, @EricTrillman_, Twitter (responding to @MaddySkye, Twitter: “Coronavirus patient released in San Antonio went to North Star Mall, browsed & ate at food court, before returning to quarantine”): Nigga got da rona all over the Auntie Anne’s

2020 Mar. 9, autrona, “the rona,” Urban Dictionary: the correct term for the Coronavirus / dangggg abyssa just got diagnosed with the rona

2020 Mar. 11, JohnRona, “Rona,” Urban Dictionary: Slang for Coronavirus (Covid-19) / Did you hear that Italy is shutdown because of rona?

2020 Mar. 12, Mimi Montgomery, “What’s the Effect of Covid-19 on DC Dating? So Far, ‘Rona’ Jokes on Tinder and Canceled Dates,” Washingtonian: Take, for instance, the DC-area man whose Bumble bio ponders “How many swipes am I losing to Coronavirus?” Or another local man’s Tinder bio, which declares “The Rona” has forced his company to have everyone telework for two weeks and asks, “Who tryna travel with me? Lol.”

2020 Mar. 13, @quenblackwell, Twitter: There is literally no toilet paper anywhere near me. Rona please. I just wanna wipe.

2020 Mar 13, Darius Williams, “Scared of the ‘Rona? Here Are Three Ways You Can Protect Yourself,” DariusCooks.tv: With everyone afraid of COVID-19 aka the Coronavirus aka that ‘Rona, it’s more important than ever to take precaution. The virus is spreading this world with a quickness. Even Tom Hanks and NBA players weren’t safe from ’rona.

2020 Mar. 30, Tim Chantarangsu (@TimothyDeLaG), Twitter: So is everybody’s mom sayin to gargle salt water to fight the Rona or is it just Asian moms?

2020 Apr. 25, Chandra A Clements, illustrated by Tara Rose, Rona Stole My Fun! The Four Year Old Vs the Virus (Helensvale, Australia: One Legacy) (see book cover)

2020 July 16, Alzo Slade, “How the Coronavirus Works,” Funny or Die, YouTube (see video): Man, these times we’re living in are crazy. Remember when the rona first hit and people were fighting over toilet paper or in the house with nothing to do but hang out with friends online or watch another streaming show that you can’t believe you’re watching but you’re still watching? Then things erupted across the world after the police killing of George Floyd. Then states started opening their doors for business as if the rona just disappeared. But guess what, the rona is still here. This is what it looks like, and we’re kind of gonna show you how this thing works.

2020 Sept. 11, Mic Terror, The Rona (album), Flight School Group (see album art)

2020 Sept. 25, Scott D. Pierce, “Utah health officials warns college students to avoid ‘the Rona,’” Salt Lake Tribune (see accompanying image): Armed with the hashtags #ronalert and #avoidtherona, the campaign is running on social media and digital platforms, and on college campuses across the state—with an emphasis on Brigham Young University and Utah Valley University.

2020 Oct. 20, CA Public Health, “The Rona Halloween,” YouTube (video caption): You can’t see it, but it’s real: The Rona [is] a virus that wants to
infect us all. We hear its evil plans as he makes his way through a Halloween party. The good news is that we can stop it if we all do our part. To learn how, visit DefeatTheRona.org

2020 Nov. 20, Donald Trump Jr., Instagram: Got the Rona. I’m totally asymptomatic / Going to give it a couple days of quarantine and follow the protocols then get retested in case it was a false positive as I feel and have felt totally fine.

2020 Dec. 20, “RONALERT,” Utah.gov: You’re so over it. No more classes from home. No more Zoom links. No more social life from a phone in your bedroom. But if you wanna stay at school, you gotta avoid the Rona! Don’t get careless now. / SHARE YOUR COVID-19 STORY! BECOME A RONALERT AMBASSADOR.”

—Miss Rona  noun  COVID-19 pandemic or the virus responsible for it  (slang)

2020 Mar. 13, @itskeyon, Twitter: “No because y’all…….. miss rona is really stopping everything 😪友情

2020 Mar. 13, @Here4TheP, Twitter (responding to @Variety, Twitter: ‘Production on #Euphoria has stopped because of coronavirus’): Miss Rona just crossed the line wtf

2020 Mar. 26, @sopdet, “Miss Rona,” Urban Dictionary: coronavirus; COVID-19 / Miss Rona will not lay a finger on me because I will stay at home.

2020 Mar. 30, @josiahmycousin, Twitter (responding to @LoopNewsTT, Twitter: “Seven to nine hurricanes predicted for above-normal 2020 season”): Mother earth when she saw miss rona wasnt killing us fast enough

2020 Apr. 6, @SaintHoax, Twitter (see accompanying video): Me trying to reason with Miss Rona

2020 Apr. 8, Dominic-Madori Davis, “7 slang words Gen Zers coined in the coronavirus era, and what they actually mean,” Business Insider: In late March, the United States became the most affected country in the world. To date, there are nearly 400,000 reported cases of “the rona” (coronavirus) in America, with over 70,000 confirmed cases in New York City alone. [1] At first, people thought Miss Rona (yet another slang term for the coronavirus) was only a threat to older people, so some young people started calling it the “Boomer Remover.”

2020 Apr. 11, Jasmin Small, “Covid comedy; Miss Rona ain’t here to play, but the internet is,” The Spectator (Valdosta State Univ.): It is understood that we are all under some sort of stress due to the coronavirus aka Miss Rona. Due to this pandemic, almost everyone is homebound with nothing to do: no dates, no hand sanitizer, no sports to air, no toilet paper and no going to Olive Garden for the salads and breadsticks.

2020 Apr. 27, Resilience Williamson and Tyler Kopp, “An open letter to Miss Rona,” The Chronicle (Duke Univ.): Dear Miss Rona, / You got some explaining to do. They closed the bars, diners and movie theatres too. Before you came around, I was out there in the streets, doing just as I please. […] Miss Rona, it’s been real, but this quarantine ain’t no joke. I will stay at home though and sacrifice my City Girl summer. Because we are all in this—alone, but together.

2020 Aug. 20, David Shariatmadari, “Pando, Miss Rona and Covid Toe: how the language of a disease develops—shaped by fear and prejudice,” The Guardian: We have crunched Covid-19 to Covid; the specific coronavirus Sars-CoV-2 is mostly now “coronavirus”, and has been joined by “the pandemic” (for some in Australia, the “pando”), “rona” and even “miss Rona”.

superspreader  noun  [“an individual infected with a (pathogenic) microorganism who transmits it to an unusually large number of other individuals” (OED3 1973–)]

1: Brand name of fruit spread by J. M. Smucker (1993–97)

1993. J. M. Smuckers, television ad (peetoons, “1993 Commercials Part 1,” 10:24 (You-Tube) (see video): [Mason Adams:] Look what’s come to Smucker’s, a really grapy grape. Introducing Smucker’s Super Spreaders, so good tasting, so easy to spread. No wonder kids love it. More fruit and 25% less sugar than regular jelly, fortified with vitamin C. And Smucker’s Super Spreaders comes in a glass you can keep. With a name like Smucker’s, it has to be good. [animated orange and cherry:] Hey, don’t forget us. We’re Smucker’s Super Spreaders too.

1994 May 1, Martin Friedman, “Attracting kids’ smiles in more supermarket aisles,” Prepared Foods (Nexis Uni): Super Spreaders, from J. M. Smucker, are described as “Fun Fruit Spreads.” (“Fun” usually means a product for kids, since adults, presumably, never have “fun” anymore.) Super Spreaders are more spreadable, contain less sugar and more fruit, and are enriched with vitamin C, according to the company. Cherry, orange and grape flavors are offered in test markets.

1997 Aug. 21, The Canned Food Store ad, Lakeside Review (Layton, Utah), 5 (Newspapers.com) (see image)
2: Person or organization that spreads misinformation to an unusually large number of people

May 21, 2020
Susan B. Glasser, “Trump Is a Superspreader—of Distraction,” *New Yorker*: Trump right now is mass-proliferating diversions, from last week’s spurious “Obamagate” to this week’s threat to withhold federal funds from Democratic-led states that make it easier for voters to cast ballots by mail this fall. If it seems as though Trump is generating more controversies than usual these days, that’s because he is. He is a superspreader of distraction. It’s an excellent way to make one forget, at least for a while, about the death and economic destruction currently rampaging across the country.

June 28, 2020
Editorial Board, “Miami’s Sheryl Sandberg can lean in: Tell Facebook’s Zuckerberg to keep his word, ban hate speech,” *Miami Herald*: Right now, authoritarians are a real and possibly irredeemable threat to the American experiment, thanks in no small measure to their success at turning vast swaths of Facebook into a superspreader of disinformation and distrust. Nobody questions Facebook’s right to make a buck, or a few billion bucks. But people of conscience could no longer pretend not to notice that Facebook is leading supplier of safe houses for all manner of enemies foreign and domestic, where individuals who traffic in hatred, fear mongering and falsehoods can always find soulmates and kindred spirits.

3: usu. attributive (Of an event or place) at which a large number of people contract the same communicable disease

Jan. 29, 2004
Amanda Gardner, “Scientists Map Evolution of SARS Virus,” *HealthDay*: The second or middle phase began with the first “super-spreader” event, an outbreak at a hospital in Guangzhou beginning Jan. 31, 2003, that resulted in 190 cases, 106 of them acquired in the hospital.

Mar. 12, 2004
Jian-Feng He et al., “Molecular Evolution of the SARS Coronavirus During the Course of the SARS Epidemic in China,” *Science*: On the basis of epidemiological investigations (14), we divided the course of the epidemic into early, middle, and late phases (Fig. 1). The early phase is defined as the period from the first emergence of SARS to the first documented super-spreader event (SSE) (13). The middle phase refers to the ensuing events up to the first cluster of SARS cases in a hotel (Hotel M) in Hong Kong (15). Cases following this cluster fall into the late phase. […] The first major SARS outbreak occurred in a hospital, HZS-2, in the city of Guangzhou, beginning on 31 January 2003 where an SSE was identified to be associated with more than 130 primary and secondary infections, of which 106 were hospital-acquired cases. Doctor A, a nephrologist who worked in this hospital, visited Hong Kong and stayed in Hotel M on 21 February 2003. Other visitors to the hotel later became infected with SARS-CoV (13, 15). This led to the transmission of SARS to Vietnam, Canada, Singapore, and the United States (17) with two further SSEs in Hong Kong, each resulting in the virus being transmitted to >100 contacts (16, 16).
verb  [from video-sharing social media platform TikTok, launched in Sept. 2017]

intransitive  Create content for TikTok

TikTok  [from video-sharing social media platform TikTok, launched in Sept. 2017]

1a: intransitive  Create content for TikTok

2019 Jan. 23, Ryley Isaac (ryley), TikTok (video caption): Work boss caught me tiktoking and said if he catches me again I’m fired 😘

2019 Nov. 22, @ElisaRockDoc, Twitter: Mother, I’ve done TikTok’d again 🙁

2019 Dec. 23, @Alesch19191, Twitter: part 2 of DRUNK & SO …….. WE TIKTOK’d 😂

2020 Jan. 26, Mariah Kay, “Here’s Everything You Need To Know About TikTok’s Hype House,” Elite Daily: In late 2019, a group of young TikTok stars formed a group called Hype House, and it’s all anyone on the app can talk about. […]

TikTok  [verb usually meaning suspect, acting in a nervous, acting different, out of place / […] hold the fuck on cuz yall niggas are acting mad fuckin sus, and why the fuck it smell like sex in this bitch!

2009 July 25, munchieeee, “sus,” Urban Dictionary: usually meaning suspect, acting in a nervous, acting different, out of place / […] hold the fuck on cuz yall niggas are acting mad fuckin sus, and why the fuck it smell like sex in this bitch!

1b: transitive  Create content about (something) for TikTok, often to the point of overexposure, to promote, parody, or criticize

2019 June 23, Elon Musk (@elonmusk), Twitter: “What are the most SUS Lyrics in hip-hop?” (forum), Kanyetothe Song,”

2020 Oct. 3, @iamBrandonTV, Twitter: Not gonna lie, growing up with the word “sus” having the negative connotation of what people would call someone who they thought was gay, now being a common gaming term, seems off.

2020 Dec. 26, Music Cruncher, “Sus (Among Us) Song,” YouTube (video caption): It is a song for all imposters who make other people sus to win the game.

2021 Mar. 9, gauxapen, “sus,” Urban Dictionary: when you cant spell suspishos
2020 Dec. 30, Rea McNamara, “Reflecting on a Year of Vulnerability, Discontent, Hiatus, and Refusal,” *Hyperallergic*: As public engagement surrounding racial justice and the dismantling of cultural institutions continues to be livestreamed or TikToked into 2021, collective actions such as this—deliberately reframing the conversation—will circulate and redistribute.

2021 Jan. 3, @MoreForYou_CLE, Twitter: HE TIKTOKED US / CUT OUT MY EYES

2021 Jan. 13, @chrispatrickfan, Twitter: In the last year, @Xchrispatrick:: • dropped a classic project / • got a feature from Deante’ Hitchcock / • got co-signed by T-Pain & Adamz22 / • got a song on NBA 2K21 soundtrack / • got his song TikTok’d by Quavo & Anthony Davis / • dropped many videos / • gained a lot of fans

2021 Mar. 7, Jack Posobiec (@JackPosobiec), Twitter (responding to true.living.adventure, TikTok): I have been TikTok’d

2021 Mar. 10, Albert Howell (@AlbertWHowell), Twitter: After watching several TikTok videos, I predict TikTok will become a new verb for doing something you’ll regret over and over for the rest of your life, ex: “I totally TikToked that speech yesterday.” or “I tikitoked my date last night.” #TikTok

2: intransitive View content on TikTok

2020 Apr. 26, Anna Rourke, “Seven handy ways to make money while you’re stuck at home,” her: You’ve baked, Netflixed, decluttered, crafted and TikToked and can’t face another Joe Wicks workout, board game or Zoom quiz—so why not try to make some money while you’re in lockdown?

2020 Dec. 11, Jessica Alba, Instagram: 2020 has been a crazy year to say the least (👋 out, hello 2021)! However, I’m so grateful for the quality time I’ve spent with the fam. We binged our new fave TV shows, snuggled, TikTok’d, masked, road tripped - you name it.

2021 June 3, Medea Giordano, “Review: Google Nest Hub (2nd Gen),” Wired: If you usually spend some time reading, watching TV, or TikToking on your phone before shutting your eyes, you might want to turn the screen away until you’re ready.

3: transitive Use TikTok to sabotage (an event or personal appearance)

2020 June 20, @bentruscelle, Twitter: Trump got TikTok’d in Tulsa

2020 June 21, @EllisLauraLee, Twitter: He [Brad Parscale] is busy trying to mansplain how a million teenagers TikToked him. LOL / The kids are alright!

2020 June 21, Filing the Poo, “Tweety gets K-popped, TikTok’d,” *Mad Dog Media*: Tweety gets K-popped, TikTok’d / Adolf Twitler was light on adoring brown-shirts last night in Tulsa, and some tech-savvy K-pop fans and TikTok users say they’re at least part of the reason why.

2020 June 21, anonymous comment, responding to “Trump ‘furious’ about ‘underwhelming’ crowd at Tulsa rally,” Head Topics: Fuck him. ‘...multiple sources...’ yea? Which ones? Pray tell. Fake news! ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE! Excellent! Failing President Trump got TikToked. 😏 Sure you have sources, are they the same people you pole Drinking a glass of water with one hand by a traitor, doesn’t pack them in like it used to. We bought tickets and didn’t go!! Woot

2020 June 22, Mark Thompson (@Soccerdancer_), Twitter: #TikToked, the new #RickRolled #ParscaleFail punked by the zoomers!


2020 adjective Characteristic or typical of the year 2020; often used to sum up chaotic and despondent feelings inspired by the year’s events

2019 June 29, John Taylor (@McRightMeWrong), Twitter: I would say OJ getting on Twitter “is so 2019” but I have a feeling it’s a precedent for something much darker that we will all say “is so 2020”

2020 Mar. 12, Nihar Patel (@niharpatel), Twitter: Corona virus is very 2020. Few took it seriously, then it spread everywhere, and now it’ll take all of us to stop it. All it needs now is a TikTok account and a duet with Billy Ray Cyrus.

2020 Aug. 10, Barry Schwartz (@rustybrick), Twitter (see accompanying video): This Google update today is so #2020

2020 Aug. 14, John, comment, responding to Damon Root, “What to Expect From a Joe Biden Supreme Court Pick,” Reason: White kids extolling the virtues of a woman who made her reputation throwing enormous numbers of black people in prison with little regard to their actual guilt in name of racial justice is very 2020. It is right up there with the mob of white people who tried to burn down the black woman Seattle police chief’s home.

2020 Sept. 14, Tom Purdy (@TomPurdyWI), Twitter: What an absolutely amazing, yet scary satellite loop from the @UW_AOS GOES-16 satellite. Wildfire smoke screaming across the country and 2 tropical systems spinning in the Gulf and Atlantic. This is so 2020.

2020 Oct. 1, James Grainger, “Four of the best new horror books to scare you through October,” *Toronto Star*: The idea of a demonic entity haunting the White House is so 2020 that readers of Andrew Pyper’s “The Residence” can be forgiven for anticipating a COVID-19 outbreak somewhere in the novel’s twisting plot.
2020 Nov. 19, “Studio 10 Trending Topics: November 19, 2020,” Studio 10, WJAR (see video still)

2020 Nov. 25, Madeleine Marr, “Spending the holidays with The Grinch at Aventura Mall is so 2020—and we love it,” Miami Herald: The Grinch is practically the poster child for Christmas 2020. [¶] Yes, the holidays are bound to be a bit different this year. But you can still un-celebrate the pandemic era with everyone’s favorite Dr. Seuss meanie, starting Friday, Nov. 27, at Aventura Mall.

2020 Nov. 25, Deanna Weniger, “Her quest to re-create WBL in miniature nearly stalled, but 2 new pieces now available,” TwinCities.com: Even the tiny people in line at the miniature post office had a 2020 kind of year.

2020 Dec. 14, @avvisavv, Twitter: washing machine flooding my kitchen is very 2020, but also i fished 77 pence in coins from the filter so who can say if this year is net good or net bad

2020 Dec. 25, “Presents for some, coal for others—our annual naughty-or-nice list,” Los Angeles Times: Naughty [...] Virtually every other Republican in Congress, for lacking the courage to call out Trump’s falsehoods, including his claim that he lost the election because of widespread fraud. And One America News Network, Newsmax and Fox News’ prime-time hosts, for irresponsibly amplifying that claim. A fraudulent claim about fraud—that is so 2020.

—abso-2020-lutely adverb [2020 inserted as an intensive, modeled on expletive infixation such as abso-bloody-lutely or abso-fucking-lutely] Absolutely

2020 June 5, Gustavo Ramirez Perez (@GusRPSC), Twitter: Here’s a proposal to substitute the word “fuck” with “2020” and also maybe any other bad word so we can say things like / Abso-2020-lutely / That’s 2020ed up / 2020 you! / You 2020ing son of a 2020 / I’ll 2020 the living 2020 out of your 2020 / ... Accurate, isn’t it?

2020 Nov. 18, Smiley Anders, “Ways to cuss this cursed year,” The Advocate (Baton Rouge, La.): Carroll [Trosclair] says his friend Bernie came up with this idea for describing the current disaster-filled year: “At what point can we just start using ‘2020’ as profanity? As in: ‘That’s a load of 2020!’ or ‘What in the 2020?’ or ‘Abso-2020-lutely.’”[¶] Great idea, guys!

2021 Feb. 8, “Abso-2020-lutely,” After Modern Lab (retail site) (see image)

WAP /ˈwɒp/ noun [acronym for wet-ass pussy] Naturally lubricated vagina

2020 Aug. 7, Cardi B and Megan Thee Stallion, “WAP” (single), Atlantic Records (see video): 'Now from the top, make it drop, that’s some wet-ass pussy / Now get a bucket and a mop, that’s some wet-ass pussy / I’m talkin’ wap, wap, wap, that’s some wet-ass pussy / Macaroni in a pot, that’s some wet-ass pussy, huh.

2020 Aug. 9, Jennifer Gunter (@DrJenGunter), Twitter (see accompanying image): I see so many women who have been mansplained by their partner that they are too wet. It’s medically incorrect, infuriating, heartbreaking, and harmful. Thank you @iamcardib and @thestallion for that vagina celebration! Wish I could hand out these #WAP prescriptions.

2020 Aug. 10, “What Does WAP Mean?” Dictionary.com: WAP is a slang acronym that stands for wet-ass pussy. The acronym was created and popularized by hip-hop artist Cardi B in her hit August 2020 single “WAP.”

2020 Aug. 10, Timothy Burke (@bubbaprog), Twitter (see accompanying version of music video with Ben Shapiro reading the lyrics on The Ben Shapiro Show, Daily Wire): Cardi B. - WAP feat. Ben Shapiro [transcript of video] Whores in this house / There’s some whores in this house / There’s some whores in this house / There’s some whores in this house / I said certified freak, seven days a week / Wet-ass P-word, make that pullout game weak / Yeah, you effin’ with some wet-ass P-word—P-word is female genitalia—for this wet-ass P-word.

2020 Aug. 10, Daniel Grossman (@DrDGrossman), Twitter (responding to Ben Shapiro [@BenShapiro], Twitter: “As I also discussed on the show, my only real concern is that the women involved -- who apparently require a “bucket and a mop” -- get the medical care they require. My doctor wife’s differential diagnosis: bacterial vaginosis, yeast infection, or trichomonis”): In my medical opinion, it’s normal—important even—for women to have a WAP. Vaginal lubrication is common & orgasm experience depends on the individual. We
should not shame women who have WAP. / If you have questions about your WAP please call a gynecologist, not a radio show host.

2020 Aug. 12, Katherine Singh, “Can Men Please Stop Mansplaining How Vaginas Work?” Fashion: Which is why songs like Megan Thee Stallion and Cardi B’s “WAP” are so important and needed. They normalize and celebrate the bodies, sexuality and experiences of people with vaginas. So friends, celebrate your WAP. And don’t be ashamed about having your partner safely and consensually park their big mac truck (or whatever the non-heterosexual equivalent is!) in your little garage!!

2020 Aug. 17, Ashley Cleland, “Doctors Are Really Having to Explain that a ‘WAP’ is Normal,” Medium: Today, I’d like to remind all the people who have or love vaginas (or both) that there is a wide variety of normal. Some vaginas are wetter than others but generally speaking, it is normal and necessary to have some wetness. [...] On Twitter and beyond, doctors expressed that a ‘WAP’ is not a sign in and of itself of a vaginal infection. Vaginal discharge can be a sign of vaginal infections but all vaginas have discharge.

2020 Aug. 17, Candela Orobitg-Baena, “What Does ‘WAP’ Mean In Texting? And ‘WAP’ Meaning on Tiktok Explained!” HITZ: 1. The term WAP has various meanings within popular culture and the texting world, and we want you to be up to date to avoid any disastrous misunderstandings through text. [¶] First and foremost, within the content of the new world-wide hit by Cardi B featuring Megan Thee Stallion, ‘WAP’ is the slang term used by the rappers to denote the phrase “Wet Ass* P***y”. / 2. ‘WAP’ is also used when texting as an acronym for ‘With A Passion’. For example, “I love mac ‘n’ cheese WAP” or “I hate Trump WAP for trying to ban TikTok” / 3. ‘WAP’ is also a “street-synonym” for a firearm / 4. In digital technology, WAP stands for Wireless Access Points / 5. Funnily enough, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the US Representative, took her own interpretation of the now-famous term: “Women Against Patriarchy (WAP) 2020 😂”

2020 Sept. 18, Margaux Anbouba, “Gwyneth Paltrow Doesn’t Think About The Haters Much,” Elle: So you have a candle smells like your vagina, and you have candle that smells like your orgasm. What is your next candle going to smell like? / [Paltrow:] I really want a candle that’s “This smells like my W.A.P.” but.. nobody seems to think it’s a good idea but me.

2020 Sept. 23, “how to have a WAP (feminine care tips),” YouTube (video caption): just sharing some tips and tricks on personal health and what i do on a regular basis to maintain a WAP lol.

2021 July 8, Zachary Zane, “Here’s What ‘WAP’ Means, in Case You Were Too Afraid to Ask,” Men’s Health: Wetter is better when it comes to vaginal intercourse. If it’s too dry down there, sex can be painful for the receiver and the giver. Lube is an excellent way to eliminate friction during sex...but of course, some vulva-owners get dripping wet on their own when they’re feeling turned on. These people have a WAP, which stands for Wet-Ass Pussy.

Zoom- combining form  Relating to the video teleconferencing software program Zoom

—Zombie noun [Zoom + zombie] One whose behavior has become zombie-like by spending too much screen time on Zoom

2020 Mar. 18, @Harley_Dalson, Twitter: I have become...a ZOOMbie #Zoom

2020 May 1, Anthony Silard, “Don’t become a ‘Zombie’ during quarantine,” Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel: Here are a few strategies you can try out to get the best from Zoom without becoming a fast-moving Zombie. [¶] Suggest a conference call rather than Zoom for smaller meetings. Your colleagues may be apprehensive about making this suggestion themselves. However, they will appreciate you being the first to share this idea and preventing them also from becoming Zoombies.

2020 July 30, see quot. s.v. Zoomed out

2020 Oct., Ricardo Levins Morales, “Zombie Apocalypse” (poster), RLM Art Studio (retail site)(see image)

2021 Feb. 2, Scott Toney, Jenn Light, and Andrew Urbaczewski, “Fight Zoom Fatigue: Keeping the Zoombies at Bay,” Communications of the Association for Information Systems 48, article 10: 41: Although we smoothly transitioned the class to the online modality, we used video conferencing for the first time, so we always faced the Zoombies threat. It took planning and diligence to keep students’ eyes from glazing over and losing the class to Zoom fatigue.

—Zoombomb verb [cf. photobomb ’to spoil (a photograph) by appearing unexpectedly in the camera’s field of view as the picture is taken, typically as a prank or practical joke’, OED3 2008—]

1: Make an unexpected appearance in a Zoom session, as in the background of a user’s video window

2020 Mar. 12, Luke Parraton (@Luke Perraton), Twitter: Kids and pets doing cameos in zoom meetings - zoom bombing. Everybody pretends it didn’t happen, but secretly hopes they’ll come back

2020 Mar. 28, Lucía Díaz (@LuciaMargDiaz), Twitter: Yesterday Butterscotch kept zoombombing my lab meeting. He just had to introduce himself to everyone. #mynewcoworker #soannoyingandcute

2020 Apr. 29, Sam McManis, “A Flagstaff trainer’s advice on what to do when your dog becomes that annoying coworker,” Arizona Daily Sun: COVID canine memes abound on social media in this age of isolation—a favorite: that
 lugubrious mutt lamenting, not another walk!—and our dogs are a-bounding all over the house, too. They are Zoom-bombing that crucial client meeting, wedging snouts under your forearm when you have that report to finish, and barking and acting out in desperate pleas for attention.

2020 Dec. 30, CGTN America, “2020’s Most Embarrassing Zoom Moments,” YouTube (video caption): From remembering to hit mute or turn off camera mode, to “Zoom bombing” pets, children and boyfriends, to a general forgetfulness to put on pants, take a look at our favorite embarrassing Zoom moments of 2020.

2: Enter a Zoom session for the purpose of causing an unwanted, disruptive intrusion

2020 Mar. 17, Josh Constine (@JoshConstine), Twitter (responding to himself, Twitter: “Savage. Someone just bombed @CaseyNewton’s WFH Happy Hour Zoom call with screenshares of the Internet’s most disgusting videos, and the only fix was to kill the call”): I’m calling this ZoomBombing. Beware of people sharing filth to public video calls

2020 Apr. 1, Jane Wakefield, “Coronavirus: Racist ‘zoom bombing’ at virtual synagogue,” BBC News: A synagogue service being held online has been hijacked by racist accounts which posted anti-Semitic abuse to congregants, the BBC has learned. […] “Zoom-bombing”—where uninvited guests enter meetings—is on the rise as more people use the app to stay in touch during the coronavirus restrictions.

2020 May 7, Bobby Allyn, “Zoom To Crack Down on Zoombombing, In Deal With NY Attorney General,” NPR: As more people logged on, Zoom’s security and privacy flaws became evident. [¶] Hackers began disrupting online school classes, government meetings, cocktail hours and other events in a trend that became known as Zoom-bombing. [¶] Federal law enforcement and state investigators across the country started paying attention.

2020 Oct. 15, CNN Tonight with Don Lemon, CNN (🔗): [Lemon:] On Monday, Connecticut congresswoman Jahana Hayes held a virtual town hall on Zoom. Hayes is a Democrat up for reelection in November, and she is Connecticut’s first Black congresswoman. A few minutes into the town hall, it was interrupted repeatedly by people shouting racist slurs. Here’s part of it: [unidentified voice:] Why is Jahana Hayes a n—[beep]? [Hayes:] Whoever just Zoom-bombed us, it’s the reason why it’s so important that I win this election and that we continue to work hard.

—Zoomed out  participial adjective  Exhausted or disoriented by spending too much time in Zoom sessions

2020 Jan 28, @TheLadyIman, Twitter: I am properly Zoomed OUT. two back to back zoom meetings of very cool substance but now, I am done.

2020 Mar. 29, Travis Freeman (@twf), Twitter (responding to Mattie Zito (@mattiebabb), Twitter: “Are the introverts doing zoom parties, too?”): negative. we are not. we’re zoomed out from days of meetings on zoom and are drinking wine solo on the couch watching Tiger King for the second time.

2020 July 30, Martin Keady (@mrtnkeady), Twitter: If you’re not already all Zoomed out (i.e. a “Zoombie”), Zoom in if you can!

2020 Nov. 11, Elaine Varelas, “Help, I’m all Zoomed out! Elaine Varelas advises,” Boston.com: Q: I’m all Zoomed out! I miss just plain old group calls and phone meetings. Is it okay to take a break from scheduling them and just putting phone calls on the schedule? Will that make me look old fashioned? / A: Many people who have had positive benefits of working remotely have felt the negative impact of hours of Zoom or any other brand video meetings.

—Zoom fatigue  noun phrase  Loss of energy resulting from spending too much time in Zoom meetings

2019 Dec. 20, Apetsy Amaphl (@The_Spar), Twitter (responding to @javascriptual, Twitter: “Just a list of things I learned working in the industry”): Zoom fatigue 😒

2020 Feb. 2, see quot. s.v. zoomies

2020 Apr. 24, Julia Sklar, “Zoom fatigue is taxing the brain. Here’s why that happens,” National Geographic: “It’s almost like you’re emoting more because you’re just a little box on a screen,” [Jodi] Eichler-Levine says. “I’m just so tired.” [¶] So many people are reporting similar experiences that it’s earned its own slang term, Zoom fatigue, though this exhaustion also applies if you’re using Google Hangouts, Skype, FaceTime, or any other video-calling interface. The unprecedented explosion of their use in response to the pandemic has launched an unofficial social experiment, showing at a population scale what’s always been true: virtual interactions can be extremely hard on the brain.

2021 Feb. 23, Jeremy N. Bailenson, “Nonverbal Overload: A Theoretical Argument for the Causes of Zoom Fatigue,” Technology, Mind, and Behavior 2, no. 1: I focus on four possible explanations for Zoom Fatigue: Excessive amounts of close-up eye gaze, cognitive load, increased self-evaluation from staring at video of oneself, and constraints on physical mobility.

2021 May 4, Chip Cutter, “Even the CEO of Zoom Says He Has Zoom Fatigue,” Wall Street Journal (from accompanying video,🔗): [Darren Everson:] Do you get Zoom fatigue yourself, Eric? [Eric Yuan:] I do. I can tell you, last April, you know, on a big day, I had a total of 19 Zoom meetings. I’m so tired of that. So I do have meetings fatigue. So I don’t have any back-to-back meetings anymore.

—Zoomitzvah  noun  Virtual bar mitzvah or bat mitzvah held over Zoom

on steroids, but with better music. […] A couple days after our Zoomitzvah, I got an early morning phone call from my mom—aka Bubby—telling me that her cousin had just died rather suddenly. We talked about how impossible it must be to grieve—to truly heal—in a world where six feet apart is the new six feet under. We wondered whether the traditional shiva, where throngs of friends and family cram into the home of the bereft for days on end, could somehow be replicated remotely. A period of Zoomourning, if you will. And what about Zoomarriages?

2020 Mar. 28, Lisa Joseph (@Lisa_Joseph13), Twitter: I attended my first ZOOMitzvah this morning. It was so wonderful to be with my extended family to participate in this ritual.

2020 Apr. 30, Daniel Finkelstein, “My son Isaac’s Zoomitzvah was loving and moving,” Jewish Chronicle (see accompanying image): So we decided to do something different. The party could wait. The service would go ahead. Isaac would have a Zoomitzvah. […] We kept it simple. We had a lot of discussion about walking around the table with the Torah and cutting back and forward, but in the end we decided on a very straightforward approach. [¶] The Shabbat service would be streamed on Facebook and YouTube, as it is each week. At the beginning of the Torah service, the rabbis would pass over to Isaac, appearing on Skype (it was actually a Skypemitzvah but I decided that Zoomitzvah sounded better).

2020 Sept. 4, Beth Lion, Facebook (video caption): Those of you who joined us last night for Jordan and Jaimee’s zoomitzvah, know we had a technical hitch with the slide show. Thought I’d post it here for anyone interested in watching it

—Zoom mullet noun phrase

1: Clothing ensemble worn for virtual meetings that combines business dress above the waist and casual dress below (after the description of the mullet hairstyle as “business in the front, party in the back”)

2020 Mar. 12, Daniel Klasik (@DanielKlasik), Twitter: Do the Zoom mullet—tie on top, sweatpants on the bottom. (and go with the black/white plaid)

2020 Apr. 6, Lydia Savage (@DocSavage42), Twitter (responding to photo of Senator Sherrod Brown posted by Connie Schultz [@ConnieSchultz], Twitter): The Zoom mullet…business on the top, party on the bottom.

2020 May 9, Kristine Sostar, “Pregnant in a pandemic: How to support new moms through coronavirus,” Daily Hive: Throw a virtual baby shower […] We may all rock the Zoom mullet for work (business on top, pyjamas down below) but taking the time to get dressed up will bring a different energy to the event.

2020 Oct. 20, see quot. s.v. ZOOM SHIRT

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2: Hairstyle for virtual meetings in which the front and sides are made presentable while the back of the hair is disheveled

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