

Some Modern Office Slang and Updated Acronyms

- 1) BLAMESTORMING: sitting around in a group, discussing why a deadline was missed or a project failed, and who was responsible.
- 2) SEAGULL MANAGER: A manager, who flies in to a meeting, makes a lot of noise, craps on everything, and then leaves.
- 3) ASSMOSIS: The process by which some people seem to absorb success and advancement by kissing up to the boss rather than working hard.
- 4) CUBE FARM: An office filled with partitioned cubicles.
- 5) CROP DUSTING: Surreptitiously farting while passing through a cube farm.
- 6) PRAIRIE DOGGING: When someone yells out, or drops something loudly in a cube farm, and people's heads pop up over the walls to see what's going on.
- 7) MOUSE POTATO: The online, wired generation's answer to the couch potato.
- 8) SITCOMS: Single Income, Two Children, Oppressive Mortgage. What yuppies turn into when they have kidz, and one of them stops working to stay home with the kids.
- 9) DINKS: Double Income No Kidz.
- 10) DITKOMS: Double Income, Two Kidz, Oppressive Mortgage.
- 11) SWELL: Single Woman Earning Lots of Lolly (money).
- 12) SMELL: Single Man Earning Lots of Lolly.
- 13) YUPPY: Young Urban Professional (now old-fashioned term).
- 14) YUMPY: Young Upwardly Mobile Professional (also old-fashioned term).
- 15) STRESS PUPPY: person who seems to thrive on being stressed out and whiny.
- 16) SWIPEOUT: An ATM or credit card that has been rendered useless because the magnetic strip is worn away from extensive use.
- 17) XEROX SUBSIDY: Euphemism for swiping free photocopies from one's workplace.
- 18) IRRITAINMENT: Entertainment and media spectacles that are annoying but you find yourself unable to stop watching them.
- 19) ADMINISPHERE: The organizational layers of management beginning just above the staff workers (the rank and file). Decisions that fall from adminisphere are often profoundly inappropriate or irrelevant to the problems they were designed to solve.
- 20) 404: Someone who is clueless. Comes from the WWW error message "404 not found" meaning that the requested webpage or document could not be located.
- 21) OH NO SECOND: That miniscule fraction of a second in which you realize that you have just made a BIG mistake. (It comes from "nanosecond").
- 22) WOOFs: Well-Off Older Folks.
- 23) ASAP: As soon as possible
- 24) BBS bulletin board service [system]
- 25) C.Y.A. Cover your ass
- 26) E.G. exempla gratia [for example]
- 27) HOD Head of Department
- 28) HRD Human resource development
- 29) K.I.S.S. Keep it short and simple [stupid]
- 30) BMW Big-Mouthed Woman
- 31) N.B. Note this well
- 32) N.B.A./NBL/WFL/etc..Sports Associations and Leagues
- 33) PS Postscript [at end of letter]
- 34) RSVP Repondez s'il vous plait
- 35) SNAFU. "Situation normal, all f**ked up"
- 36) SPCA. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- 37) SPP Smarty-pants pretender
- 38) TGIF. Thank God it's Friday
- 39) UNICEF. United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
- 40) UFO Unidentified flying object
- 41) viz Namely
- 42) WWW The World Wide Web
- 43) YWCA Young Women's Christian association