

Word	Meaning	Author	Original Publication
Catch-22	A paradoxical problem whose only solution is impossible due to the nature of the problem	Joseph Heller	<i>Catch-22</i> (1961)
Grok	Understand	Robert Heinlein	<i>Stranger in a Strange Land</i> (1961)
Nerd	An overly intellectual person with poor social skills	Dr. Seuss	<i>If I Ran the Zoo</i> (1950)
Yahoo	A rude, noisy, or violent person	Jonathan Swift	<i>Gulliver's Travels</i> (1726)
Chortle	A breathy, gleeful laugh.	Lewis Carroll	"Jabberwocky" (1871)
Iffy	Uncertain	Franklin D. Roosevelt	N/A. Used frequently by Roosevelt during his term.
Robot	A machine (especially one resembling a person) that performs specific tasks	Karel Capek	<i>Rossum's Universal Robots</i> (play), (1920)
Swagger	To walk in a self-important way (strut).	William Shakespeare	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> (c. 1590)
Utopia	A perfect place	Thomas More	<i>Utopia</i> (1516)
Cyberspace	The Internet	William Gibson	<i>Neuromancer</i> (1984)
Cromulent	Fine or acceptable	David S. Cohen	<i>The Simpsons</i> episode 144, "Lisa the Iconoclast" (1996)
Big Brother	A controlling, intrusive government	George Orwell	<i>Nineteen Eighty-Four</i> (1949)
Serendipity	Accidental good fortune	Horace Walpole	A personal letter (1754)
Scrooge	A stingy person	Charles Dickens	<i>A Christmas Carol</i> (1843)