

Glossary for the reading entitled: *The British Summer: raging against the rain.*

rage against

=to complain about something furiously

Usage:

(a period of) extreme or violent anger

Her sudden towering **rages** were terrifying.

I was frightened because I had never seen him in such a **rage** before.

He flew into a fit of **rage** over the smallest mistake.

Let down

to disappoint someone by failing to do what you agreed to do or were expected to do

E.g. You will be there tomorrow - you won't **let** me **down**, will you?

When I was sent to prison, I really felt I had **let** my parents **down**.

Con artists

=a person who deceives other people by making them believe something false or making them give money away

to **con**

to make someone believe something false, usually so that they will give you their money or possessions

e.g.

She felt she had been **conned** into buying the car.

Thieves **conned** him out of his life savings.

He managed to **con** £20 out of them (= get that amount from them by deceiving them).

huff

an angry and offended mood

e.g. Ted's gone into one of his **huffs** again.

in a **huff**

angry and offended

e.g.

She's **in a** real **huff** because I forgot her birthday.

Julia criticized some aspect of his work and he left/went off **in a huff**.

dry-cleaner

a shop where clothes are cleaned with chemicals

tr.v. **dry-cleaned, dry-clean·ing, dry-cleans**

To clean (clothing or fabrics) with chemical solvents that have little or no water.

dry cleaner *n.*

dry cleaning *n.*

snout in the trough

to have or get a share of a supply of money or some other advantage which people eagerly and sometimes dishonestly take.

e.g.

The council had been handing out grants indiscriminately, and people were hurrying to get their **snouts in the trough**.

the MPs' expenses **row**

=(about a public matter) disputa

misled

=to cause someone to believe something that is not true

e.g. He has admitted **misleading** the police about his movements on the night of the murder.

mislead (transitive verb) (**misled misled**) engañar;

⟨court/parliament⟩ inducir a error; He looks harmless enough, but don't be **misled**

=parece inofensivo, pero no te dejes engañar;

to mislead somebody into -ing: he misled me into agreeing me engañó para que aceptara;

She misled him into believing that she was a journalist =le hizo creer que era periodista

We really **fell for** it this time

(**fall fell fallen**) (be deceived by) ⟨trick/ruse⟩ tragarse (colloquial);

e.g.

Surely you didn't **fall** for that old ploy! =¡no te habrás tragado

semejante cuento! (colloquial); The poor girl **fell for** it =la pobre picó or se lo tragó (colloquial)

shun

(transitive verb) **shun shunned** <person/society> rechazar, rehuir;
<publicity/limelight> evitar, rehuir;

E.g. she felt **shunned** by her colleagues =se sentía rechazada por sus colegas,
sentía que sus colegas la rehuían or le hacían el vacío

to avoid something

She has **shunned** publicity since she retired from the theatre.

to ignore someone and not speak to them because you cannot accept their
behaviour, beliefs, etc.

After the trial he was **shunned** by friends and family alike.

staycations

a holiday that someone spends in their own country or at home, rather than travelling
somewhere else:

e.g. Lack of cash meant more Britons chose the **staycation** this summer

knee-deep

If you are **knee-deep** in a substance, it reaches up to your knees

We walked through the field, **knee-deep** in mud.

(informal) very involved in a difficult situation or large task

I'm **knee-deep** in paperwork.

soggy

(of things which can absorb water, especially food) unpleasantly wet and soft

soggy ground

I hate it when cereal goes soggy.

soggy *adjetivo* -gier, -giest <ground/grass> empapado, saturado;

<vegetables> pasado

soggy ['sɒɡɪ] *adj* (**soggier, soggiest**) (el suelo, etc) empapado,-a

(verduras) pasado,-a

soggy summer

eg

<http://www.thesun.co.uk>

BRITAIN'S **soggy** summer has so far been the coolest
for 20 years — with warnings of more unsettled
weather to come.

Temperatures in June averaged 13.8°, the Met Office said yesterday. with July averaging 15.8C.
Forecasters warn that if the rest of the month and August do not improve, the average for the
whole summer from June to August will be just 15.1°C.

in a row

one after another without a break

She's been voted Best Actress three years in a row.

a line of things, people, animals, etc. arranged next to each other

a row of houses/books/plants/people/horses

*We had seats **in** the front/back row **of** the theatre.*

Row is also used in the names of some roads

Prospect Row

pootle

to move somewhere slowly and with no real purpose

They were pootling along country roads in a very old car.

Tom pootled off into the house.

Brit. informal move or travel in a leisurely manner.

– ORIGIN 1970s: blend of the verbs **poodle** and **tootle**.

fortnight

a period of two weeks

a fortnight's holiday

once a fortnight

a fortnight ago

fortnightly (adjective adverb)

happening every two weeks

We make a **fortnightly** check on supplies.

The group meets **fortnightly** on Tuesdays.

Damp

slightly wet, especially in a way that is not pleasant or comfortable

The grass is still **damp**.

This shirt still feels a bit **damp**.

It was a **damp**, misty morning.

dampness noun

(UK also **damp**)

It's the **dampness** in the air that is bad for your lung

damp 1 /dæmp/ adjetivo -er, -est húmedo;

there are ~ patches on the ceiling hay manchas de humedad en el techo;

to smell ~ oler([conj.⇒](#)) a humedad

damp 2 n uncountable

humedad f

damp 3 verbo transitivo ~ (down) <fire> sofocar([conj.⇒](#)) ;
<enthusiasm/excitement> apagar([conj.⇒](#)) , enfriar([conj.⇒](#))

damp-proof verbo transitivo

proteger([conj.⇒](#)) contra la humedad;

damp-proof course sustantivo See Also→ damp course

Damp

Diccionario Espasa Concise © 2000 Espasa Calpe: **damp** [dæmp]

I	<i>adj (ambiente, etc)</i> húmedo,-a: the walls were damp to the touch , las paredes estaban húmedas al tacto (<i>suelo, trapo</i>) mojado,-a
II	<i>nombre</i> humedad
III	<i>verbo transitivo</i> 1 (<i>para planchar</i>) humedecer 2 to damp (down) , (<i>fuego</i>) sofocar (<i>emoción</i>) she tried to damp down the rising panic , intentó que no cundiera el pánico <i>fig (alegría)</i> aguar

parched

parched /pɑ:rtʃt / || /pɑ:tʃt/ adjetivo

1. (very dry) reseco, agostado

1. (very thirsty) (colloq) (pred) to be ~ estar([conj.⇒](#)) muerto de sed (fam)

(especially of earth or crops) dried out because of too much heat and not enough rain

parched earth/fields/corn

It was the height of summer and the land was parched and brown.

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1 (*boca*) seco,-a

fam (persona) sediento,-a, loco,-a o muerto,-a de sed

2 (*tierra*) reseco,-a

barren

unable to produce plants or fruit

We drove through a barren, rocky **landscape**.

•literary unable to have babies

•not productive

She became very depressed during the barren years when she was unable to paint.

Compare: [fertile](#) **barrenness** noun

lush

lush 1 /lʌʃ/ adjetivo -er, -est

1. <vegetation> exuberante, lozano
1. <surroundings/upholstery> suntuoso

lush 2 sustantivo (sl) borrachín, -china m,f (fam)

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I	<i>adjetivo</i> 1 (<i>planta</i>) exuberante lush foliage , vegetación exuberante 2 (<i>decorado</i>) suntuoso,-a
II	<i>n argot</i> alcohólico,-a

A lush area has a lot of green, healthy plants, grass and trees

lush green valleys. lushly adverb /'lʌʃ.li/ lushness noun

Gleeful

gleeful /'gli:fəl/ adjetivo <laugh/shout> lleno de alegría or (liter) júbilo

gleeful ['gli:fəl] *adjetivo* alegre

happiness, excitement or pleasure

She opened her presents with **glee**.

a **gleeful** smile/shout

bracing

bracing /'breɪsɪŋ/ adjetivo

vigorizante

Diccionario Espasa Concise © 2000 Espasa Calpe: **bracing** ['breɪsɪŋ] *adjetivo*

1 (*viento*) fresco,-a

2 (*ejercicio*) tonificante: **we went for a bracing walk along the beach**, dimos un tonificante paseo a lo largo de la playa

(especially of air or an activity) healthy and fresh

We enjoyed a **bracing** walk on the beach.

Glossary for the text entitled: *Organic food: grub for the gullible?*

grub

grub 1 /grʌb/ sustantivo

1. countable (Zool) larva f

1. uncountable (food) (colloq) comida f, papeo m (Esp arg), morfe m (CS arg)

grub 2 verbo intransitivo -bb- escarbar;

to ~ FOR sth escarbar en busca de algo

grub [grʌb] *nombre*

1 Zool/ larva

2 *argot* comida

[I usually + adverb or preposition] to search for something by digging or turning over earth

The dog was **grubbing** around/about in the mud for a bone.

gullible

gullible [ˈɡʌləbəl] *adjetivo* crédulo,-a:

She was so gullible that people could sell her anything, era tan ingenua que se tragaba cualquier cosa

easily deceived or tricked, and too willing to believe everything that other people say

There are any number of miracle cures on the market for people gullible enough to buy them.

bog-standard /bɔːgˈstændərd/ || /bɒgˈstændəd/ *adjetivo* (BrE, colloq) común y corriente or (AmL tb colloq) y silvestre

completely ordinary, without anything special added

My last car was just a bog standard model.

drenched

pesticide-drenched

A place that is **sun-drenched** often receives a lot of sun

sun-drenched beaches

drench /drentʃ/

►verb

- 1 wet thoroughly; soak.
- ■ (often as *adj.* **drenched**) cover liberally with something: *a sun-drenched clearing*.
- 2 forcibly administer a liquid medicine to (an animal).

►noun a dose of medicine administered to an animal.

■ archaic a draught of medicine or poison.

— ORIGIN OE *drencan* 'force to drink', *drenc* 'a drink or draught', of Gmc origin; rel. to [drink](#).

drench /drentʃ/ verbo transitivo (usu pass) empapar;

to get ~ed empaparse

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drench [drentʃ] *verbo transitivo* empapar: **the rain drenched my dog when we went for a walk**, la lluvia empapó a mi perro cuando salimos a pasear

'drench' also found in these Oxford entries:

English:

[bathe](#) - [saturate](#) - [soak](#)

Spanish:

[calar](#) - [empapar](#) - [enchumbar](#) - [ensopar](#)

fare

(Cookery) a range of food and drink; diet, comida

a range of food: *traditional Scottish fare*.

slightly old-fashioned the type of food that is served in a restaurant

a pub serving traditional British **fare**

woebegone

/ 'wəʊbɪɡɔːn / ||/ 'wəʊbɪɡɒn/ adjetivo

angustiado, cariacontecido

1. Affected with or marked by deep sorrow, grief, or wretchedness. See Synonyms at [sad](#).

2. Of an inferior or deplorable condition: a rundown, woebegone old shack.

sad or miserable in appearance.

looking very sad

When he wants to go for a walk, the dog sits by the door with a woebegone **expression**.

There's no need to **look** so woebegone - we can get it fixed.

As nutritious as a stubbed toe =tan nutritivo como un dedo del pie aplastado

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craze

/kreɪz/ sustantivo (fashion) moda f; (fad) manía f

craze [kreɪz] *n* (*tendencia*) moda, locura

'craze' also found in these Oxford entries:

English:[cult](#)

Spanish:[manía](#) - [moda](#) - [neura](#)

craze/kreɪz/

►noun a widespread but short-lived enthusiasm for something. ►verb

- 1 (usu. as *adj.* **crazed**) make or become wildly insane: *a crazed killer*.
- 2 produce a network of fine cracks on (a surface).

— DERIVATIVES

crazing noun.

— ORIGIN ME (in the sense 'break, shatter, produce cracks'): perh. of Scand. origin.

'craze' also found in these Oxford entries:

[crash](#) - [fad](#) - [furore](#)

an activity, object or idea that is extremely popular, usually for a short time

Cycling shorts were the latest **craze**/(all) the craze that year.
The **craze** for health foods has become big business.

In my neck of the woods = where I come from
neck of the woods (n) = *figurative* (area, locale) (por estos) lares nmpl
my/ this neck of the woods =(colloquial) mis/estos pagos (colloquial)
=this/our, etc. part of a particular area
e.g We don't often see you in this **neck of the woods**.

flogging

/ 'flɔːɡɪŋ / || / 'flogɪŋ/ n countable or uncountable : to give sb a ~ azotar a algn
flog/flog/

►verb (**flogs, flogging, flogged**)

- 1 beat with a whip or stick as a punishment.
- 2 informal work at or promote repetitively or at excessive length.
- 3 Brit. informal sell or offer for sale.
- 4 Brit. informal make one's way with strenuous effort.

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flog a dead horse Brit. waste energy on a lost cause or unalterable situation.

— DERIVATIVES

flogger noun.

— ORIGIN C17 (orig. sl.): perh. imitative, or from L. *flagellare* 'to whip'.

UK informal to **sell**, especially quickly or cheaply

He tried to **flog** his old car, but no one would buy it.

twaddle

/ 'twaːdl̩ / || / 'twɒdl̩/ n uncountable (colloq) estupideces fpl, bobadas fpl (fam)

'**twaddle**' also found in these Oxford entries:

Spanish:

[chorrada](#)

►noun trivial or foolish speech or writing. ►verb archaic talk or write in a trivial or foolish way.

— DERIVATIVES

twaddler noun.

— ORIGIN C18: alt. of earlier *twattle*, of unknown origin.

speech or writing which is silly or not true; nonsense

She dismissed the findings as utter **twaddle**/a load of old **twaddle**.

=rubbish

rubbish

- **Sense: Trash**
 - litter, debris, waste, trash, bilge, dregs, dross, flotsam, flotsam and jetsam, garbage, jetsam, leavings, lees, detritus, odd and ends, refuse, rejects, residue,

rubble, sweepings

- **Sense: Nonsense**

- drivel, **twaddle**, rot, nonsense, balderdash, baloney, bibble-babble, bilge, bull, bullshit, bunk, bunkum, claptrap, crap, fiddle-faddle, flapdoodle, hokum, humbug, malarkey, moonshine, mumbo jumbo, pack of nonsense, poppycock, stuff and nonsense, tommyrot, bombast

spare us the mock outrage

=ahórrenos el ultraje fingido

compelling

1 irresistible

2 convincente: **the police found compelling proof of his guilt**, la policía halló pruebas concluyentes de su culpabilidad

3 de peso: **do you have a compelling reason to leave today?**, ¿hay alguna razón por la que irremediamente tengas que marcharte hoy?

If a reason, argument, etc. is **compelling**, it makes you believe it or accept it because it is so strong

compelling evidence

It's a fairly compelling argument for going.

stewardship

=admisnistration. Someone's stewardship of something is the way in which that person controls or organizes it

e.g. The company has been very successful while it has been under the **stewardship** of Mr White.

blitz

=cargar contra

►noun

- 1 an intensive or sudden military attack.
- ■ **(the Blitz)** the German air raids on Britain in 1940–1.
- 2 informal a sudden and concerted effort.
- 3 American Football a play in which one or more defensive backs charge the quarterback of the opposing team.

►verb

- 1 attack or seriously damage in a blitz.
- 2 succeed in overwhelming or defeating utterly.
- 3 American Football charge in a blitz.

— ORIGIN abbrev. of [blitzkrieg](#).

1. (Aviat, Mil) bombardeo m aéreo;

2. the B~ el bombardeo alemán de Londres en 1940-41
1. (intense attack) ~ ON sth: this weekend we're going to have a ~ on the garden (colloq)
este fin de semana vamos a atacar el jardín
1. (in US football) carga f (defensiva)

blitz 2 verbo transitivo

1. <area> bombardear (desde el aire)
1. (AmE Sport) <quarterback> hacerle([conj.⇒](#)) una carga (defensiva) a

nombre

1 bombardeo aéreo

2 *figurado* un ataque intenso: **the police are having a blitz on speeding**, la policía está en plena operación contra el exceso de velocidad

verbo transitivo bombardear

a lot of energetic activity

e.g. The car was launched with a massive media/advertising **blitz**, involving newspapers, magazines, television and radio.

crush

- a. (squash) <box/car/person/fingers> aplastar;
- b. <garlic> machacar([conj.⇒](#));
- c. <grapes> prensar, pisar;
- d. <dress/suit> arrugar([conj.⇒](#))
- e. ~ (up) (pound, pulverize) triturar;
- f. ~ed ice hielo m picado or (Méx) frappé

1. (subdue) <resistance/enemy> aplastar

verbo intransitivo [fabric] arrugarse([conj.⇒](#))

crush 2 sustantivo

1. (crowd) (no pl) aglomeración f;
2. three people were injured in the ~ tres personas resultaron heridas en el tumulto
1. countable (infatuation) (colloq) enamoramiento m;
2. to have a ~ on sb estar([conj.⇒](#)) chiflado por algn (fam)
1. uncountable or countable (drink) (BrE): orange ~ naranjada f;
2. lemon ~ limonada f

verbo transitivo

1 aplastar

(*el ajo*) machacar

(*el hielo*) picar: **crushed ice is good in drinks**, el hielo picado es bueno para las

bebidas. (*la ropa*) arrugar

(*uvas*) prensar

II

nombre

1 (*mucha gente*) aglomeración

2 enamoramiento

to have a crush on sb, perder la cabeza por alguien

3 (de fruta) jugo

►verb

- 1 deform, pulverize, or push inwards by compressing forcefully.
- 2 violently subdue (opposition or a rebellion).
- 3 make (someone) feel great disappointment or embarrassment.

►noun

- 1 a crowd of people pressed closely together.
- 2 informal an intense infatuation.
- ■ a person that one is infatuated with.
- 3 a drink made from the juice of pressed fruit.
- 4 (also **crush pen**) a fenced passage with one narrow end used for handling cattle or sheep.

tickety-boo

adjective Brit. informal, dated in good / perfect order.

— ORIGIN 1930s: perh. from Hindi *thīk hai* 'all right'.

1. Going smoothly, doing all right. [Copacetic](#).
2. Proceeding quickly.

This expression may have originated in Scotland, where it's the title of a popular children's song. A song called "Everything Is Tickety-Boo" was recorded by Danny Kaye as part of the film "Merry Andrew".

This expression is heard more often in Canada nowadays. May have originated in the British military. Possibly related to the Hindi expression "tickee babu", meaning "everything's alright, sir". Some people spell it "diggity boo" or "tiggity boo".

Everything is tickety-boo, tickety-boo, tickety-boo...

ticketyboo

A word Tom Graves uses to positively indicate an item has been checked off a list.

Tom Graves: Do you have a costume for the relay?

Me: Yes, I have a full-on, adult cow costume with udders and everything that I'll be running in.

Tom Graves: Well then you're all ticketyboo.

Me: What?

engañar

deceive

trick

gullible (adj.)

con

mislead

fraud (noun)

cheat

scam (noun) =estafa, timo

fool you can't **fool** me =tú a mí no me engañas

stave off to **stave off** hunger =engañar el hambre or el estómago; to keep the wolf from the door (colloq)

tainted

['teɪntɪd] *adjetivo*

1 (agua, etc) contaminado,-a

2 (una reputación) manchado,-a

noun a trace of a bad or undesirable quality or substance.

■ a contaminating influence or effect.

►verb

- 1 contaminate or pollute.
- ■ affect with a bad or undesirable quality.
- 2 archaic (of food or water) become contaminated or polluted.

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taintless adjective (literary).

— ORIGIN ME (as a verb in the sense 'convict, prove guilty'): partly from OFr. *teint* 'tinged', based on L. *tingere* 'to dye, tinge'; partly a shortening of [attaint](#).

to spoil something, especially food or blood, by adding a harmful substance, or to spoil people's opinion of someone

His reputation was permanently **tainted** by the financial scandal.

The enquiry cleared him of any **taint** of suspicion/dishonesty.

thrive

θraɪv/ verbo intransitivo (past thrived or (liter) thrive;

past p thrived) [business/town] prosperar;

[plant] crecer([conj.⇒](#)) con fuerza;

how is she? — she's thriving! ¿cómo está? — estupendamente or cada día mejor;

to ~ ON sth: he ~s on hard work cuando está mejor es cuando tiene mucho trabajo

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thrive [θraɪv] *verbo intransitivo*

1 (económicamente) prosperar

2 (planta) crecer con fuerza

3 **gustar**: **she thrives on hard work**, el trabajo duro le da alas
verb (**thrives**, **thriving**, *past* **throve** or **thrived**; *past part.* **thriven** or **thrived**) (of a child, animal, or plant) grow or develop well or vigorously.

■ prosper; flourish.

– ORIGIN ME: from ON *thrifask*, reflexive of *thrifa* ‘grasp, get hold of’; cf. [thrift](#).

to grow, develop or be successful

His business thrived in the years before the war.

She seems to **thrive** on stress.

a **thriving** economy

breed bred bred

►verb (*past* and *past part.* **bred**)

- 1 (of animals) mate and then produce offspring.
- ■ cause (an animal) to produce offspring.
- ■ develop (a variety of plant or animal).
- 2 bring up to behave in a particular way.
- 3 produce or lead to: *success had bred a certain arrogance*.
- 4 Physics create (fissile material) by nuclear reaction.

►noun

- 1 a distinctive stock of animals or plants within a species, typically one deliberately developed.
- 2 a sort or kind.

– ORIGIN OE *brēdan*, of Gmc origin; rel. to [brood](#).

to cause something to happen, usually something bad

Favouritism **breeds** resentment.

spurn

/spɜːrn / || /spɜːn/ verbo transitivo

desdeñar, rechazar([conj.⇒](#))

spurn [spɜːn] *vtr frm* desdeñar, rechazar

'**spurn**' also found in these Oxford entries:

Spanish:

[despreciar](#) - [desdeñar](#)

verb

- 1 reject with disdain or contempt.
- 2 archaic strike or push away with the foot.

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spurner noun.

– ORIGIN OE *spurnan*, *spornan*; rel. to L. *spernere* ‘to scorn’; cf. [spur](#).

to refuse to accept something or someone because you feel that they are not worth having

She **spurned** my offers of help.

Ellis plays the part of the young lover **spurned** by his mistress.

gutters

1. (on roof) canaleta f, canalón m (Esp)
1. (in street) alcantarilla f
1. (lowest section of society) the ~ el arroyo;
2. he picked her up out of the ~ la sacó del arroyo;
3. (before n) the ~ press la prensa sensacionalista or amarilla or amarillista

gutter 2 verbo intransitivo [candle] arder con luz parpadeante

gutter ['gʌtə] *nombre*

- 1 (de una casa) canalón
- 2 (en la calle) alcantarilla, cuneta: **someone was lying in the gutter**, alguien estaba tendido en la cuneta
- 3 (los) barrios bajos

hoax /həʊks/

noun (deception) engaño masculine; (joke) broma feminine; there was no bomb, the call was a hoax no había tal bomba, fue todo un engaño; it's not a hoax, there really is a fire! ¡no es ninguna broma, de verdad hay un incendio!; the story turned out to be a hoax la historia resultó ser una patraña

hoax transitive verb engañar; we've been hoaxed nos han engañado; we hoaxed them into believing that it was a Picasso los embaucamos haciéndoles creer que era un Picasso

GMOs

abbr(genetically modified organism) organismo modificado genéticamente nm

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