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The Names of Things You Didn't Know Had Names

Adelaster: meaning 'unknown star' in Greek, this is the name given to newly discovered plants awaiting classification by botanists

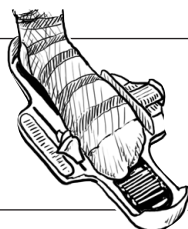
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Aglet: the plastic covering on the end of a shoelace

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Aphthongs: silent letters in words such as 'know' and 'psychology'

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Armsate: the hole in a shirt or a jumper through which you put your hand and arm

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Bonnet: the cap on a fire hydrant

Brannock device: the metal instrument used in shoe shops to measure feet



Brassard: a band worn around the upper arm

Buccula: a person's double chin



Chanking: food that's been spat out



Columella: the bottom part of the nose that separates the nostrils

Contrail: the thin line of cloud that forms behind an aircraft at high altitudes



Diastema: a gap between the front teeth



Drupelets: the bumps on raspberries



Epithalamium: a poem written to celebrate a wedding



Eyes: the holes in Swiss cheese



Ferrule: the metal band on the top of a pencil that holds the eraser in place



F-hole: the F-shaped opening in a violin

Fillip: the technical term for snapping your fingers



Gambrinous: the state of being full of beer



Griffonage: illegible handwriting



Gruntle: a pig's snout



Harp: the metal hoop a lampshade sits on



IDEO locator: the 'you are here' arrow on a map



Jiffy: 1/100th of a second



Keeper: the loop on a belt that holds the end in place after it has passed through the buckle



Lalochezia: the use of swearing to relieve stress or pain

Lemniscate: the infinity symbol



Lunt: a puff of smoke, such as that produced when someone smokes a pipe