

SPEAKING INTERNET

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Always a media hound, the Internet is my ideal invention. It provides audio, video, words and graphics and you can change directions faster than flipping TV channels with the remote. The communication capabilities it supports are endless and along with them comes the voice of the public....except, that instead of a New England accent or a Southern drawl, we get misspellings and very bad grammar.

Teachers of the King's English must be terrorized by the abuse of the language. Linguistic experts are certainly fascinated by the displaced words and removal of vowels from texted words. As for me, I casually search for words and phrases on chat rooms and comment posts which are part of something I call "Speaking Internet". A few examples I've found and my interpretations:

PRE-MADONNA (prima donna): I say this is a female pop star of the 70's. For example, Olivia Newton-John would be a pre-madonna.

INSINNUENDO (innuendo) - I say this is: The act of committing uendo outside of marriage. For example, it's likely Tiger Woods had insinnuendo.

MOROON (moron) – I say this is an abbreviation for a dessert made with coconut or some kind of other "nut" as in "May I have another moroon?"

ESCAPE GOAT (scapegoat): I believe this a method of rapid departure using a farm animal.

"Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day; teach that person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks."

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