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More to Pig Latin than just an oink

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Remember those days in elementary, middle, or, for you late bloomers, high school when you discovered the zany language of the swine? Remember how you'd giggle

when your friend walked up to you and said, "Eyhay!"? (If you don't, just play along.) It was a fun language to speak, right? But, for those of you who haven't experienced this wacky way of conversing, here's how to "eakspay igpay atinlay".

*For words that start with a consonant, move the first letter of the word to the end and add "ay." (Ex. Rockets = Öcketsray)

*For words that begin with a vowel (a, e, i, o, u), simply add "way" to the end of the word. (Ex. are = areway)

*Exceptions: Some words sound better when sets of letters are moved to the end. This is common when words begin with such clusters as "ch", "br", "gr", etc. (Ex. Great = Eatgray) There is no set rule for such cases; just use your good judgement and say whatever you think sounds best.

*information from www.dinette.org/curiosity/igpay.html



*A few variations of the language are used, especially for the vowel rule. Some just put words beginning with vowels as they are, with no change. (Ex. are = are) Still others do it differently by adding "yay" to the end of words that start with vowels. (Ex. are = areyay) (So, decide which you like and use it daily as you speak pig latin.)

Now you know how to talk the talk of the latin pigs. Use your new language to impress, confuse, or amuse your friends. And, if you already knew how to speak it, revive this age old language and recall how much fun it is to "eakspay igpay atinlay!"

Detumescence

Devon Bussell, freshman: "Some kind of medicine."

Zach Gentry, senior: "The opposite of tumescence."

Becky Alsip, freshman: "A flavor of coffee."

Brad Bussell, junior: "A big shoe."

Shena McKinney, junior: "A fast paced spin on the floor."

Picaroon

"Really small macaroni."
Kristie Whitter, senior

"An Italian musical instrument."
Heath Payne, senior

"Pickled flavored macaroon."
Josh Taylor, junior

"Elbow macaroni."
John Hankins, senior

"Cartoon about pies."
Travis Ingram, senior

Vibrissa

"Vibrating."
Kandis Jamison, senior

"A fungus found on pigs."
Courtney Alexander, junior

"Something to do with music."
Katy Powell, senior

"Something in your back."
Jessica Denny

"An imported car."
Laura Bell, junior

What's the meaning of this?

Students sound off about what they think is the meaning of some odd English

The real meanings:

Detumescence—reduction or lessening of swelling

Picaroon—to act as a pirate

Vibrissa—any of the long, stiff hairs that project from the snout or brow of most mammals (ex. cat's whiskers)

Say what?

Coller un élève (to glue a pupil)

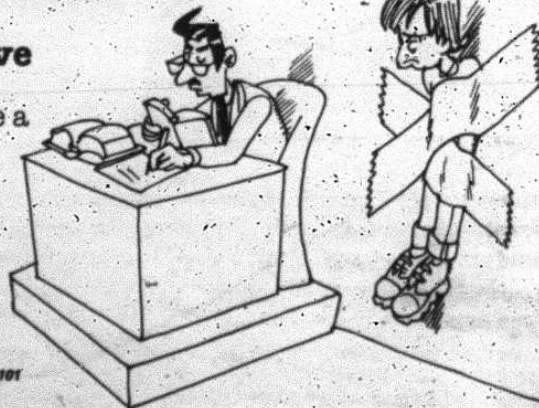
to keep a pupil after school, to give a pupil a detention

translation in English. No wonder there's a n, others make for a good laugh! Here are

really: To skip a scheduled meeting without

something that's no big deal.)

or condition.)



Phrases and Illustrations from 101 French Idioms