

L98: Introduction to Computational Semantics

Pre-Lecture 12 Exercise: Neologisms and Mixed Metaphor

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Exercise 1: Neologisms

- **A** Beerboarding
- **B** Cellfish
- **C** Carcolepsy
- **D** Textpectation
- **E** Textrovert
- **F** Chairdrobe
- **G** Mantrum
- **H** Antistalking
- **I** Harrassenger

What might these neologisms refer to? Decompose the word, guess the definition.

Exercise 2: Mixed Metaphors

Explain the components of the mixed metaphors below:

- ① *Biting the hand that rocks the cradle*
- ② *It would somehow bring the public school system crumbling to its knees.*
- ③ *She's been burning the midnight oil at both ends.*
- ④ *He took to it like a fish out of water.*
- ⑤ *He wanted to get out from under his father's coat strings.*
- ⑥ *If we can hit that bullseye then the rest of the dominoes will fall like a house of cards... Checkmate.* Zapp Brannigan (Futurama)