

The world record for removing and replacing a car engine is 42 seconds, set on November 21, 1985.

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A heavenly chaos

The Modern Way Or The Godly Way?, Lets Hear Out The Gods

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Zeus, the Greek god of thunder, cradled his beloved lightning bolt, and mused in a displeased tone, "It seems like your holy significance is being challenged by these puny humans!". Scratching his beard, sea god Poseidon, acceded. "The new world with its gadgets and social media seems to have forgotten about the existence of our symbols. The mortals have replaced them with superfluous features and whatnot, that is beyond our comprehensibility. As the veterans whined in frustration owing to the silly advancements that humankind have made, Apollo entered the space and offered to explain some of these belittled features to them:

Kronos' scythe

Be it a social media post, or a comment, or even a really short chat, once we re-

alise its supercalifragilisticexpialidocious nature, there must be something to shut it out of existence. And that's where the 'delete' button, the weapon that can wipe it all off the face of social media once and for all, comes to the fore.

Cornucopia of memes

Meme accounts that overflow with hilarious content that make you laugh, snort or wonder how the original poster, lovingly addressed as 'OP', ever came across such accurate words to describe weird yet relatable experiences. There's no end to the number and variety of memes each account has to offer!

Pandora's box

Remember when you posted that picture that you felt really good about, and then you reached into the comments section out of curiosity, and got positive and fulfilling comments from people

you know? Me neither. Sometimes opening this jar of word worms should be proceeded with caution.

Apple of discord

You log on to twitter and see hashtags trending about one of your favourite influencers, and intrigued, you peruse the tag only to find people arguing as if in a courtroom to prove him/her guilty of

something with no definite basis. Isn't cancel culture just the best?

After Apollo was finished, though Zeus and Poseidon still couldn't understand how any of this could possibly be cooler than thunder bolts and lightning, or gigantic tidal waves beckoned at will, they decided to look at these 'memes' that human beings amused themselves with constantly, with their self-created cornucopia.

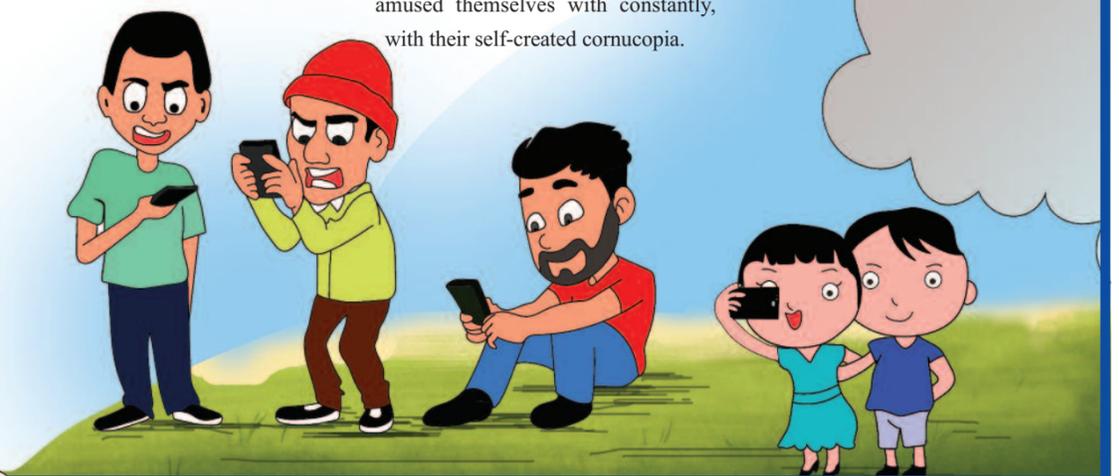


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Slang-o-rama

I Am, Therefore English Persists And Vice Versa

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I scoffed as I saw another article tarnishing my name; 'Will slang ruin the English language?' These pretentious intellectuals will never stop criticising my existence. The nerve of people these days! What? Can you deny the pizzazz I bring into speech? I provide a better glow-up than all those ads on Instagram!

A few hundred years ago, when I was but a wee young word, I was quite the rebel, I tell you, running around with the wrong crowd. Alas, even people in the 1700s didn't quite see my flair. They would call me cheap, that the people who used me were lowly and disreputable. Imagine? But I'll have you know, you Neanderthals, that I was a favourite of Shakespeare. He once used the phrase 'I'll tickle your catastrophe' as a threat! And people think I am uncultured.

And what is with these English Nazis refusing to think of me as a part of their language. The only reason an era's language is even remembered is courtesy – yours truly. If not for me, there would be no history of English language; because all history would then have are those same old words, used in that same old tone.

Okay, okay I'll admit that some slangs are really cringey and bizarre. But I blame you millennials for that! After all, your definition of me is either using an existing word or phrase incorrectly, or an entirely alien word that came from God knows where. I'll bet a hundred bucks that you just open up a dictionary and cut and paste words together to form the ULTIMATE word. Sadly, they are all my children and I love them (and before you ask, yes, I have looked at adoption agencies).

And oh, did anyone even think about my children after they came into this

world. My children either stick and everyone starts using them- including old people, which makes me cringe or they are thrown into the depths of the 'Word Underworld'.

See, it's not like you have never used words like 'LOL' or 'TTYL'. When you're running late and you have to drop a quick text to someone, you don't use Shakespearian words to write out a beautiful prose, now do you? I'm not trying to be smug, but I am totally being smug. And I'm not asking anyone to put me on a pedestal either (although, that would be nice), just give me some recognition from time to time! Think of me as a distant relative, just give me a ring once in a while, stop by for a chat, and sit down for some tea. By that I mean that you'd be the one sipping tea (Remember I'm a word; I don't have a mouth). Also, stop writing mean articles about me, don't make me vibe check you. 🇮🇳

Newton, who?

Films That Make You Forget Logic

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Jeeps whirling through the air, guns pursuing their victim, heroes leaping and sparring in mid-air defying gravity—rings a bell? Replete with such idiosyncratic events and logic-defying stunts, Telugu and Tamil films indulgently use their cinematic license to deviate from scientific rules, reason, or even facts, in order to entertain their audiences! Here take a look at how our films redefine some of these well-established scientific laws given by Newton.

First law of motion

It says that an object in motion or at rest stays the same unless an external force is applied on it. So, if a bullet is fired at you, you are pretty much dead, right? Not at all, if you are Thalaiva Rajnikant from 'Sivaji: The Boss'. Even a bullet doesn't touch him because obviously, he is Rajni Anna, irrespective of the fact that a projectile at such a high speed will require a lot of external force to stop it. But then again, why would you need the natural laws when you have Thalaiva as your lead.

Third law of motion

While it states that, "Every action has an equal and opposite reaction," Tollywood has

redefined it as, "Every action has an over-exaggerated reaction." In the movie, 'Race Gurram', we see the most cliché scene ever. The police officer enters the goon hide-out and suddenly the goons start flying everywhere. It doesn't matter where the police inspector enters from. He might be coming in through the window and the goon on the third floor, taking a leak will start flying.

Law of gravitation

Honestly, have you even seen any Indian action flick ever made that follows this law? In the hugely popular Baahubali films, Baahubali-Katappa and Co. climb onto a bent palm tree and catapult themselves onto the palace walls. Long after the tree's initial propulsion should have helped, they are kept airborne by virtue of locking their shields together, as their strategic war formation helped them... what? Defy gravity?

Now, these were just a few examples. But before we leave you with the reeling impact, just one more bonus content. In the movie 'Hrudaya Kaleyam', we see the protagonist throwing a heart made of thermocol through an open window, landing exactly into the open incision for the waiting patient undergoing heart transplant. That's it! We'll leave you with that as Newton rolls in his grave!

