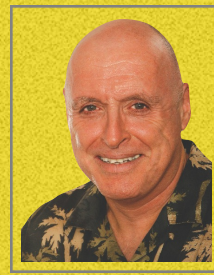


# THE EXTRA POINT

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## # 1475 2024 List of Words to Never Use Again

Each year at this time, Lake Superior State University releases their list of words and terms that have been overused, or otherwise need to be gone from our vocabulary. I'm Jerry Roberts, and the 10 words that have been voted out — and which you may consider no longer using — are coming next on The Extra Point.

For the past 48 years, Lake Superior State University, situated in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, has presented a list of words and terms that have made it into pop culture, and sooner or later the workplace. Then, they solicit votes from around the world on the words that should be dropped from everyday use.

This year, 2,000 such nominations were received from all corners of the planet, including Guam.

Here are the 10 words that received the most votes, along with the reason each word must no longer escape your lips.

### 1. Hack

The term "hack" has increasingly become a popular buzzword, frequently utilized to impart an aura of innovation. What's the problem? Everybody used it, and everything became a hack. Hack this and hack that, and hack now needs to be sacked.

### 2. Impact

This world had power and, er, impact. Now, not so much. It's sort of like awesome, which used to be awesome and no longer is.

### 3. At the end of the day

People who use this are really saying, "When all is said and done," which probably should be banned, too. At the end of the day really has nothing to do with the end of the day, and shouldn't be used in the place where America's day begins.

### 4. Rizz

Rizz, short for "charisma," is a social media

creation. So, if somebody says, "Hey, you got rizz, it means you're cool, not that you have something growing out of your ears. If you've never heard of rizz, much less used it, it's too late now. Forget it!" even mentioned it.

### 5. Slay

This used to be a term for sending somebody to an unhappy demise. Or, perhaps wearing an outfit that would turn heads and draw a ton of attention your way. You showed up and slayed the crowd, etc. Now, slay is a common term for almost any achievement and is totally watered down.

### 6. Iconic

This one appeared on the list in 2009, but people refused to stop using it, and using it, and using it. Not everything is iconic, which is to say symbolic. In Guam, if I asked you to give me a certain element of architecture that is iconic, would you say latte stone?

### 7. Cringe-worthy

You've probably never used this term. Thus, out it goes for underuse.

### 8. Obsessed

What are you obsessed about, or is it obsessed over? Some people think having this word used to describe you makes you seem creepy. If somebody says "Ray is obsessed," we tend to listen closely, don't we. We want to know about Ray's obsessions. It's a serious word, I think, and I'm not sure we should get rid of it.

### 9. Side hustle

I protest on this one. I like side hustle. What's better — sideline? Side gig? Side hustle has flair. I suggest we keep it.

### 10. Wait for it

Wait for it. No, I'm not asking you to wait for it... "wait for it" is the term they say needs to go. Use of this term adds suspense and drama, and has us riveted to our device, waiting for some kind of payoff in the next breath.

(Con't.)

One more time through the list that Lake Superior State University says we should no longer use.

Hack, impact, at the end of the day, rizz, slay, iconic, cringe-worthy, obsessed, side hustle, and wait for it.

Keep using these terms at your own peril.

That's the Extra Point. Be responsible and make something good happen today. For 93.3FM, the Ray Gibson Show, and First Hawaiian Bank, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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