

PEOPLE'S NAME

America	(from the sailor Amerigo Vespucci) The two great continents
Ampere	(from Andre Ampere) Unit of electric current
Atlas	(from Greek demigod Atlas) A man holding the globe on his back; a collection of maps ;
Bowdlerize	(from Dr Bowdler, an art critic) To make a book readable by deleting offensive portions
Boycott	(from Captain Boycott) Ostracize, break connections with
Braille	(from Louis Braille) A system of printing for the blind
Chauvinism	(from Nicholas Chauvin) Exaggerated loyalty or patriotism
Chimerical	(from Greek monster Chimaera) Ideal but impractical
Cologne	(from German city Cologne) Famous as "Eau de cologne
Derrick	(from a hangman Derrick) A hoisting apparatus
Fahrenheit	(from D.G. Fahrenheit) Unit of temperature measurement
Frankenstein	(from the person Frankenstein) A horrible monster
Galvanize	(from Dr Galvani) To electrify; to stir into action; Galvanization = electrolytic technique
Gargantua	(from Gargantua) Anything on a large scale; massive
Gordian Knot	(from king Gordian) A very tough problem
Guy	(from Guy Fawkes, a drama character) Ridiculous name for a man
Hector	(from Greek hero Hector) To quarrel, tease, bully someone
Herculean	(from Roman Hercules) Very heavy, very difficult \
Hobson's Choice	(from Thomas Hobson) Really no choice at all
Jingoism	(from Jingo) Feeling of belligerence towards foreigners
Lilliputian	(from Lilliput) Very small, Miniature, Diminutive
Lothario	(from Lothario, a character) A flirt; seducer of women
Macadam	(from John Macadam) Roads made of broken stones
Malapropism	(from Mrs. Malaprop) A contusion of words; verbal blunder
Martinet	(from Gen. Martinet) A person very strict about discipline
Masochism	(from Leopold Masoch) Enjoyment through self torture
Maverick	(from Samuel Maverick) An unpredictable person
Nemesis	(from Greek God Nemesis) An agent of retribution
Nicotine	(from Jean Nicot) Poisonous drug in Tobacco
Ohm	(from GS. Ohm) Unit of electrical resistance
Procrustean	(from Greek robber Procrustes) To be able to mould
Quixotic	(from Don Quixote) Unrealistic visionary, Impractical idea
Robot	(from Robota) a machine or human totally mechanized (no soul)
Rodomontade	(from king Rodomonte) Very boasting, Blustering, Bragging
Solecism	(from Greek province Soloi) Blunder in speech or writing

Spoonerism	(from Rev. W.A. Spooner) Habit of using first letters of words in phrases
Thespian	(from Thespis, the father of Greek tragedy) An actor
Utopian	Ideal but impractical, Unfeasible, Impossible, Chimerical
Volt	(from A. Volta) Unit of electric potential
Yahoo	(from a tribe called Yahoos) A degraded human specimen

PLACE NAME

Bohemian	Bohemia was believed to be the home of all the gypsy tribes that roamed through Europe
Canopy	Greek word konops means mosquito; canopy, a cloth covering for protection
Donny brook	The Irish fair at Donny brook, a scene of cheerful violence , a club
Dungaree	Jeans dating back to the cotton cloth woven in Dungaree
EL Dorado	Indians in South America used to cover their king with gold dust. He was Eldorado, the Gold-covered One; a place of incredible wealth.
Hackney	Now means a horse of English breed, a poor servant who does tiring work
Laconic	Laconic was the home of the Greek city Sparta. To be laconic is to be brief and succinct of speech, to be terse.
Limerick	The tiny town of Limerick, Ireland, gave its name to a most enjoyable verse form, the five-line limerick. Modern limeriks are often suggestive
Marathon	Anything that goes on forever. The original long-distance runner fell dead at the end of his run, at Marathon, Greece.
Meander	The Asian river meanders, winds and twists its way to the sea. If a speech or movement of winds and twists it is said to meander
Sardonic	A herb from Sardinia is so bitter that if people eat it they go insane. A sardonic expression is scornful
Spartan	To live without luxuries is to follow a Spartan life. Spartans were macho men.
Utopia	Title of many books and imaginary places; unattainable
Waterloo	"To meet one's Waterloo" is to repeat Napoleon's dismal performance in his last battle and lose.