

The Washington Post's Mensa Invitational once again asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition. Here are this year's {2005} winners:

1. **Intaxication** - Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
2. **Bozone** (n.) - The substance surrounding stupid people that stop bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
3. **Foreploy** - Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.
4. **Cashtration** (n.) - The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.
5. **Giraffiti** - Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
6. **Sarchasm** - The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
7. **Inoculatte** - To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
8. **Hipatitis** - Terminal coolness.
9. **Osteopornosis** - A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)
10. **Decafalon** (n.) - The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
11. **Glibido** - All talk and no action.
12. **Dopeler effect** - The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.