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Nice Twist

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775

Summary:

Times change, and with them, so do the words and phrases people use. As if the English language

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Article Body:

The legendary George Carlin made a career out of calling attention to the difference between h

He would ask wonderfully rhetorical questions, my favorite of which was this:

- Would you really get on a non-stop flight?

And yet, that term is not only used on a daily basis, but with a straight face every time. How

There are two schools of thought when it comes to the use of the English language. The conserv

My case could be started by citing the classic instance where it can be argued that 'ghoti' is

- 'gh' sounds like 'f' in words like 'enough' and 'cough;'

- 'o' sounds like 'i' in 'women;'

- 'ti' sounds like 'sh' in words like 'sanction' and 'action.'

This is a ridiculous extreme, of course. The evolution of letter combinations and the sounds t

Another development of English is that, not only do sounds change over time, so do definitions

With that in mind, let's take a 'nice' change of direction. 'Nice' has its origin in the Latin

How 'sick' is that for a turn of events?

I'm not sure what 'dudes' did in the 1400s to do the deed on 'nice,' but their modern-day prog

One of the more interesting of these today is the Urban Dictionary. It's the brainchild of Aar

The Urban Dictionary has become so popular, it's now available in book form. It contains a mod

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Peckham's labor of love attracts millions of hits per year. He now utilizes the services of vo

It is an interesting surf. As he promises, it can even be quite useful. In fact, I'd even go s

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