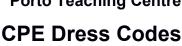
Vocabulary





cast aside discard or reject: they cast aside the principles of their youth.

chutzpah | 'xʊtspə, 'hʊ-| (also chutzpa or hutzpah or hutzpa)

noun informal

shameless audacity; impudence.

ORIGIN late 19th cent.: Yiddish, from Aramaic hu spā.

heck of a lot (hell) a great deal, very much/many

on its last legs about to die, end its useful life

chino | tsinəu|

noun (<u>pl.</u> **-nos**)

a cotton twill fabric, typically khaki-colored.

• (**chinos**) casual pants made from such fabric.

ORIGIN 1940s: from Latin American Spanish, literally 'toasted' (referring to the typical color).

brogue | brəʊg|

noun

a strong outdoor shoe with ornamental perforated patterns in the leather.

• historical a rough shoe of untanned leather, formerly worn in parts of Ireland and the Scottish Highlands.

ORIGIN late 16th cent.: from Scottish Gaelic and Irish **bróg**, from Old Norse **brók** (related to **breech**).

gaining currency:

the fact or quality of being generally accepted or in use: since the Gulf War, the term has gained new currency.

sawn-off

adjective & noun chiefly Brit.

(of a gun) having a specially shortened barrel to make handling easier and to give a wider field of fire.

- informal (of an item of clothing) having been cut short.
- informal (of a person) short. noun

flying off the shelves selling extremely quickly

sacred • regarded with great respect and reverence by a particular religion, group, or individual.

cognoscenti | kvgnə fenti, kvnjə fenti

plural noun

people who are considered to be especially well informed about a particular subject: it was hailed by **the cognoscenti** as one of the best golf courses in Europe. ORIGIN late 18th cent.: from Italian **conoscenti**, literally 'people who know.' The g was added under the influence of Latin **cognoscent-** 'getting to know,' from the verb **cognoscere** (Italian **conoscere**).

working its way down to gradually becoming common/recognized in

bloke colloq. man, guy, fellow.

constitutional walk to help digest food.

squares (boringly) conventional people.

thorny issue • figurative causing distress, difficulty, or trouble : a thorny problem/issue for our team to solve.