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Word Quiz

Try to match the words below with the person who introduced them into the language, either as inventions or as the names of characters in their writings.

Score yourself: 6 correct -- Good; up to 12 correct -- Very Good; up to 18 correct -- Superior; 19 or more -- Super.

Now no peeking until you've entered all your 1s. Then click the button in the upper right corner to find the disparity between your real and imagined score.

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| 1. yahoo | ___ | a. Gelett Burgess |
| 2. chortle | ___ | b. Lewis Carroll |
| 3. ecdysiast | ___ | c. Miguel de Cervantes |
| 4. pandemonium | ___ | d. Billie DeBeck |
| 5. nihilism | ___ | e. Billie DeBeck |
| 6. blurb | ___ | f. Samuel Foote |
| 7. quixotic | ___ | g. James Hilton |
| 8. malapropism | ___ | h. James Joyce |
| 9. lothario | ___ | i. Edward Kasner |
| 10. moron | ___ | j. Edward Lear |
| 11. gargantuan | ___ | k. Samuel Lover |
| 12. Shylock | ___ | l. H. L. Mencken |
| 13. blatant | ___ | m. John Milton |
| 14. ignoramus | ___ | n. Moliere (jean Baptiste Poquelin) |
| 15. utopian | ___ | o. Thomas More |
| 16. runcible | ___ | p. Francois Rabelais |
| 17. debunk | ___ | q. Nicholas Rowe |
| 18. googol | ___ | r. George Ruggle |
| 19. Shangri-la | ___ | s. William Shakespeare |
| 20. heebie-jeebies | ___ | t. Richard Sheridan |
| 21. handy-andy | ___ | u. Edmund Spenser |
| 22. panjandrum | ___ | v. Jonathan Swift |
| 23. quark | ___ | w. Ivan Sergeevich Turgenev |
| 24. hotsy-totsy | ___ | x. William Woodward |

Place the number "1" in the blank to the right of each word you are SURE you know the origin of.

Running Score:

1. v in *Gulliver's Travels*
2. b in *Through the Looking-Glass*
3. l in a letter to a stripteaser who had requested a more dignified name for her profession
4. m in *Paradise Lost*
5. w in *Fathers and Sons*
6. a coined by the American humorist Circa 1914, meaning in his words "to sound like a publisher"
7. c in *Don Quixote*
8. t in *The Rivals*
9. q in *The Fair Penitent*
10. n in *La Princesse d'Elide*
11. p in *Gargantua and Pantagruel*
12. s in *The Merchant of Venice*
13. u in *The Faerie Queene*
14. r coined, but not used in its current nonlegal sense, in *Ignoramus*, 1615
15. o in *Utopia*
16. j in 1871
17. x in the novel *Bunk*
18. i name for the figure i followed by 100 zeroes equal to 10^{100} suggested by Kasner's nephew while still a child
19. g in *Lost Horizon*
20. d. or e. DeBeck was a comic-strip artist
21. k in the novel *Handy Andy*
22. f in his plays, 1720—1777
23. h applied by a physicist to particles some scientists believe to be the basis for all matter, after he spotted the word in *Finnegans Wake*
24. d or e again