

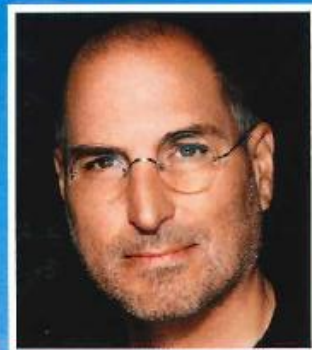
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WORDS of the YEAR!

Occupy

To take over a park, neighborhood or even Sesame Street with group protests.

Winning

See also: Losing. Charlie Sheen's ironic catchphrase during his tiger-blood-infused meltdown.

9-9-9

The catchy shorthand for ex-presidential contender Herman Cain's flat-tax plan.

Tiger Mom

An overbearing, überstrict and demanding parent—popularized by author Amy Chua.

Fracking

Short for "hydraulic fracturing," the controversial natural-gas drilling technique made headlines for tainting drinking water.

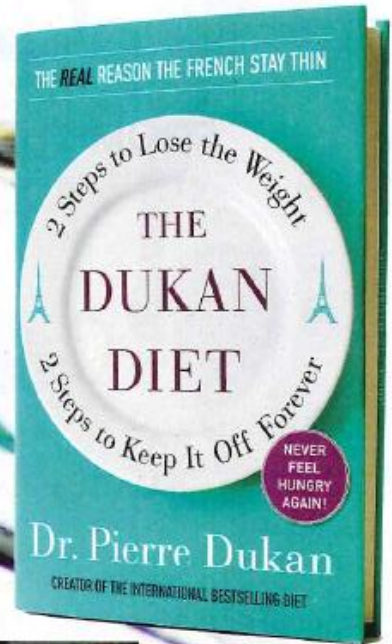
Fauxdashian

The term used to describe a Kardashian wannabe, as in "that tight dress is so fauxdashian."



The Dukan Diet

After royal mom-in-law Carole Middleton told reporters she'd lost weight on the four-phase high-protein, low-carb diet, the nutrition plan went viral. Fellow converts reportedly include Gisele Bündchen and Jennifer Lopez.



Feather Hair Clips

The year's big hair accessory was totally for the birds, as X-Factor judge Nicole Scherzinger demonstrated in May.

Animal Sweaters

After fauna-themed tops appeared in Marc Jacobs's and Balenciaga's fall shows, the trend became a ready-to-wear fave, even for the likes of Taylor Swift (wearing Topshop, right).



Nail Stickers

With devotees like Katy Perry and Rihanna leading the way, stick-on nail art in everything from pink-leopard print (below) to snakeskin took salons by storm.



Zumba

The sexy Latin dance-inspired fitness craze became a hit at gyms around the country, drawing famous fans like Kirstie Alley, Jennifer Lopez, Jordin Sparks and Vivica A. Fox, a Zumba pitchwoman.