

Top 10 Ghastly Print & Design Terms That Don't Mean What You Think They Mean

#10 booger

Ewww! Also known as fugitive glue, the material is used to seal mailers and folded pieces in order for them to make their way through the postage process securely.

#4 widow

So sad, and alone. A single word or two left at the end of a paragraph, or a part of a sentence ending a paragraph, which loops over to the next page and stands alone. Also, the last sentence of a paragraph, which contains only one or two short words.

#9 guts

No guts, no glory. All the text pages, everything inside a book's cover.

#3 creep

Let the eerie creepiness begin. The phenomenon of middle pages of a folded signature extending slightly beyond outside pages. Also called feathering, outpush, push out, and thrust.

#8 bleed

Not for the faint at heart. Graphics that extend beyond the edge of a page to avoid a white gap along the edge when trimmed.

#2 mask

What's hidden underneath? Opaque material used to protect selected areas of a printing plate from receiving image. Also called knock out.

#7 ghosting

Strange apparitions may appear. The phenomenon of a faint image appearing on a printed sheet where it was not intended to appear.

#1 guillotine

No executions here! It's only a machine that precisely cuts and trims larger quantities of paper at one time.

#6 die

This is not a death threat. It's a metal or wooden block in which steel rule is positioned in the shape of the desired pattern needed to cut the paper.

#5 scum

How grossly uncalled for. Unwanted deposits of ink in the non-image area of a printed piece.

And the #1 ghastly print & design term that doesn't mean what you think it means...

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- Receive valuable tools and takeaways, such as "Creating a Dynamic Marketing Piece."
- And, because we're always up for it as well, we feed our distinguished guests, too.

What Would My Halloween Costume Be & Why?

Striking fear in the minds of copy writers and English teachers everywhere, I would plan to dress up in a scary Halloween costume as a – Dangling Participle!

Oh, yeah! Frightening for sure.

*"Please check the proof we emailed with your client."
(Did the email of your client come through okay?)*

*"Going through the heat lamp, the pressman watched the ink dry."
(That had to be hot for the poor guy!)*

*"While sorting the mail, the trays got strapped."
(I didn't know that trays could sort mail!)*

Those Dangling Particles can get you every time, so watch out if one shows up at your front door announcing "Trick or Treat!" Was that the Participle or the door doing the announcing?

One thing is for sure. When you call Spectrum for your printing, mailing, and marketing needs, we won't keep YOU dangling!

What is YOUR costume for Halloween this year?

Tell me at George.Stewart@SpectrumPrintingCompany.com.

George E. B. Stewart



Customer Service Representative Candy Denman celebrates Spectrum's 4th Annual "Bobtoberfest" with Bob Schuster, lead bindery operator.

Fourth Annual "Bobtoberfest" 2014

Rather than our usual team appreciation cookout, we celebrated this quarter a bit early with an Oktoberfest-theme to honor the birthday of Lead Bindery Operator, Bob Schuster. Bob, who happens to be of German descent, brought the bratwurst and Mail Division Manager (and In-house Baker), Lee Oliverio, made the German chocolate cake. "I like celebrating 'Bobtoberfest' because Bob tells us to!" said Michele Matyjasik, scheduler.



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