

Miscellaneous

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Five Dollar Word of the Week

Nudnik-Noun

: A person who is a bore or nuisance.

The suffix “-nik” came to English through Yiddish (and ultimately from Polish and Ukrainian). It means “one connected with or characterized by being.” You might be familiar with “beatnik,” “computernik,” or “neatnik,” but what about “no-goodnik” or “allrightnik”? The suffix “-nik” is frequently used in English to create nonce words that are often jocular or slightly derogatory. Some theorize that the popularity of the suffix was enhanced by Russian “Sputnik,” as well as Al Capp’s frequent use of “-nik” words in his “L’il Abner” cartoons. The “nud-” of the Yiddish borrowing “nudnik” ultimately comes from the Polish word “nuda,” meaning “boredom.”

Source: Merriam Webster Online

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