



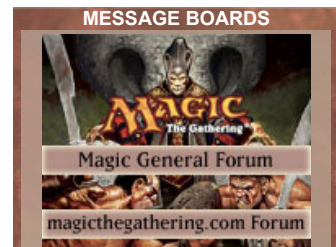
Lexicon: *Planar Chaos* Edition

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The goal of The Lexicon is to teach players the meanings of some of the more obscure words we use in card names. While many of the offbeat names (like "kusite") are simply made up, we often dig around dictionaries for real little-used and archaic words for inspiration. Check out these Lexicon entries drawn from *Planar Chaos* cards.

cau-ter-y
 noun

1. an escharotic (caustic, corrosive) substance, electric current, or hot iron used to destroy tissue.
2. the process of destroying tissue with a cautery.



dead-eye
 noun

1. Nautical. Either of a pair of disks of hardwood having holes through which a lanyard is rove: used to tighten shrouds and stays.
2. an expert marksman.



de-tri-tus
 noun

1. rock in small particles or other material worn or broken away from a mass, as by the action of water or glacial ice.
2. any disintegrated material; debris.





gos·sa·mer
noun

1. a fine, filmy cobweb seen on grass or bushes or floating in the air in calm weather, esp. in autumn.
2. a thread or a web of this substance.
3. an extremely delicate variety of gauze, used esp. for veils.



my·col·o·gy
noun

1. the branch of biology dealing with fungi.
2. the fungi found in an area.



ne·crot·ic
adjective

1. related to the death of a circumscribed portion of animal or plant tissue.





por·phy·ry
noun

1. a very hard rock, anciently quarried in Egypt, having a dark, purplish-red groundmass containing small crystals of feldspar.
2. Petrology. any igneous rock containing coarse crystals, as phenocrysts, in a finer-grained groundmass.



soph·ic
adjective

1. wise; teaching wisdom.



tab·er·nac·le
noun

1. any place or house of worship, esp. one designed for a large congregation.





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