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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This report outlines changes to the Schools Online Thesaurus in version 5.1. Most changes arise from outstanding issues that followed implementation of version 5.0. Substantial structural changes characterised version.5.0

1.2 Audience

ScOT Consultative Group (ScOTCG).

2 Summary of changes

2.1 Version 5.1

The following table summarises changes made in this release of ScOT version 5.1.

| | Version 5.0 | Version 5.1 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| No of subject terms | 8,964 | 8,993 |
| Preferred subject terms | 7,083 | 7,071 |
| Non preferred subject terms | 1,881 (21%) | 1,922 (21%) |
| Top terms | 8 | 8 |

3 Issues arising

Feedback from the ScOT Consultative Group on issues arising in version 5.0 is summarised here. Some feedback items have been incorporated into 5.1 and others will be carried over for further research and consultation.

3.1 Outstanding issues from version 5.0 resolved in this report

Outstanding issues from release of version 5.0 are outlined below.

3.1.1 Text types/ Texts

The ScOT Management Group considered modification to the reference structure of “Texts” and “Text types” based on advice provided from within the ScOT Consultative Group, which produced varied solutions. After considering further advice given by literacy project staff within the TLF, the ScOTMG have decided that the current reference structure in version 5.0 is more suitable than proposed changes.

One minor change has been made: “Text types” is no longer an NT of “Texts” and has been promoted from the fourth level to the third. “Text types” is, then, a sibling term with “Texts” rather than a narrower term. The new reference structure is shown below:

Language
 NT1: Composing (Texts)
 NT1: Comprehension
 NT1: Grammar
 NT1: Languages
 NT1: Literacy
 NT1: Literature
 NT2: Text types
 NT3: Factual texts
 NT3: Literary texts
 NT2: Texts
 NT3: Imaginative texts
 NT3: Interactive texts
 NT3: Lists
 NT3: Media texts
 NT3: Multimodal texts
 NT3: Picture books
 NT3: Quotations
 NT3: Scripts
 NT3: Spoken texts
 NT3: Visual texts
 NT3: Written texts
 NT1: Metalinguistics
 NT1: Morphology
 NT1: Phonetics
 NT1: Reading
 NT1: Responding
 NT1: Semantics
 NT1: Sign language

3.1.2 Student portfolios/ Student assessment

“Student portfolios” will remain a descriptor, rather than modified to be a non preferred term of “Assessment portfolios”.

Student assessment
 NT1 Assessment portfolios
 NT2 Student portfolios
 NT2 Visual arts portfolios

Farm animals
USE Livestock

Fleece
USE Wool

Footwear
BT Clothes

Formulae
SN Use a more specific term
USE Chemical formulas
Mathematical formulas

Formulas
SN Use a more specific term
USE Chemical formulas
Mathematical formulas

Highway construction
USE Road construction

Interpretive dance
USE Artistic dance

IVF
USE In vitro fertilisation

Labour unions
USE Unions

Mathematical literacy
BT Literacy
RT Numeracy

Mutualism
USE Symbiosis

Observatories
USE Astronomical observatories

Production lines
USE Assembly lines

Pupal cases
USE Cocoons

Rescue
USE Search and rescue

Reserve banks
USE Central banks

Returned soldiers
SN Use more general terms
USE Repatriation
Soldiers

Shoes
BT Footwear

Software
USE Computer programs

Trade unions
USE Unions

White ants
USE Termites

4.2 Revised subject terms

4.2.1 Preferred terms changed to non preferred terms

Equivalence relationships have been made between the following ScOT terms to address term ambiguity issues.

Animal care
USE Animal husbandry

Beef cattle production
USE Cattle industry.

Closed captions
USE Captions

Cross media ownership
USE Media ownership

Disease control
USE Disease transmission

Extinct birds
USE Birds
Extinction

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| <p><i>Food preservatives</i> USE Food preservation</p> <p><i>Laundries</i> USE Laundry</p> <p><i>Lunar probes</i> USE Moon exploration</p> <p><i>Mars probes</i> USE Mars exploration</p> <p><i>Media monopolies</i> SN Use more general terms USE Media ownership</p> | <p>Monopolies</p> <p><i>Plant production</i> USE Horticulture</p> <p><i>Shadow puppets</i> USE Shadow puppetry</p> <p><i>Staff development</i> USE Professional development</p> <p><i>Vacuum cleaners</i> USE Vacuum cleaning</p> <p><i>Wounds</i> USE Injuries</p> |
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4.2.2 Term form changes

The following terms have been changed to improve clarity and brevity of form.

~~Elasticity~~

Elasticity of demand

~~Income elasticity of demand~~

Income elasticity

~~Price elasticity of demand~~

Price elasticity

4.2.3 New scope notes

The following terms have changes made to either scope notes or parenthetical qualifiers.

Cultural imperialism

SN Use for resources on cultural standards imposed upon colonies or dependent territories. For resources about the unforced absorption into any group of certain features of a different culture use Acculturation

UF Cultural domination

BT Cultural interaction

RT Acculturation

Globalisation

Imperialism

Acculturation

SN Use for resources on the unforced absorption into any group of certain features of a different culture. For resources about cultural standards imposed upon colonies or dependent territories use Cultural imperialism

UF Enculturation

BT Culture
 NT Assimilation
 RT Cultural imperialism
 Culture contact
 Immigrants
 Multiculturalism
 Refugees

4.2.4 Spelling changes

Recent feedback has indicated that a number of ScOT terms do not conform to relevant spelling authorities. The ScOT terms below in the left hand side are all single words in the Macquarie dictionary. Changes are made accordingly in version 5.1.

| Version 5.1 | Version 5.2 |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Counter culture | Counterculture |
| Anti masques | Antimasques |
| Semi detached houses | Semidetached houses |
| Post nata depression | Postnatal depression |
| Cross breeding | Crossbreeding |
| Radio astronomy | Radioastronomy |
| Race horses | Racehorses |
| Horse racing | Horseracing |
| Sand storms | Sandstorms |
| <i>Sand hills</i> | <i>Sandhills</i> |
| Fresh water ecology | Freshwater ecology |
| Fresh water plants | Freshwater plants |

One suggestion was to change “Tele evangelists” to “Teleevangelists”. This would have produced a run of vowels that look awkward. The most common form of this term is “Tele-evangelists”; however, ScOT specifications do not currently permit use of hyphens.

ScOT specifications are currently under review by the Management Group, including specifications on hyphens. The draft specifications changes will be circulated to the ScOT Consultative Group for comment and may include a proposal for limited use of hyphens.

4.2.5 Relocated terms

The following are terms that have been relocated within the thesaurus structure. Most of these terms have been assigned new parent terms. Some have poly-hierarchy relationships and have single parent term relationships proposed –removed BT relationships are indicated with ~~strike through~~ font. Qualifiers have been altered accordingly, and former forms of terms shown in <angle brackets>.

Scope notes and RT relationships are shown only where they are additions or deletions (again with ~~strikethrough~~ font).

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Abortion | Film editing |
| BT Birth control | BT Editing |
| Pregnancy | Film making |
| Bites | Freedom of the press |
| BT Injuries | BT Censorship |
| Wounds | Civil rights |
| Blindness | RT Censorship |
| BT Disabilities | German history |
| Vision defects | RT National socialism |
| Cabinetmaking | Human movement |
| BT Furniture | BT Humans |
| Industrial arts | Movement (Physiology) |
| Captions | Human nature |
| BT Editing | BT Humans |
| Dialogue | Metaphysics |
| Central business districts | Kiwis |
| BT Cities | BT Birds |
| Town planning | Flightless birds |
| Cropping systems | Land custodianship |
| BT Farming systems | BT Land management |
| Agricultural production | Landforms |
| Dodos | Responsibility |
| BT Extinct birds | Law |
| Flightless birds | BT Social sciences |
| Eating disorders | Standards |
| BT Disorders | Moa |
| Psychology | BT Extinct birds |
| Economic depressions | Flightless birds |
| BT Business cycles | Moon exploration |
| Economics | BT Moon |
| Elasticity of demand | Space exploration |
| BT Economic theory | Nests |
| Economics | BT Habitats |
| Emus | RT Birds |
| BT Birds | Ophthalmologists |
| Flightless birds | BT Medical practitioners |
| Endangered species | Occupations (Work) |
| BT Biology | Ostriches |
| Conservation | BT Birds |
| Threatened species | Flightless birds |
| | Penguins |

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|----|--|--|--|
| BT | Birds Flightless birds | | |
| | Physical education | | |
| BT | Education Exercise | | |
| | Plant propagation | | |
| BT | Horticulture Plant production | | |
| | Priests | | |
| BT | Occupations (Work) Religious leaders | | |
| | Rabbis | | |
| BT | Occupations (Work) Religious leaders | | |
| | Rheas | | |
| BT | Birds Flightless birds | | |
| | Squatters | | |
| BT | Australian history Settlement patterns | | |
| | Stings | | |
| BT | Injuries Wounds | | |
| | | | Revues |
| | | | BT Dance (Performing arts) Drama Musical theatre Theatre (Performing arts) |
| | | | Road vehicles |
| | | | BT Land transport Vehicles |
| | | | Text types |
| | | | BT Texts Literature |
| | | | Threatened species |
| | | | BT Endangered species Biology Conservation |
| | | | Note: Endangered species and Threatened species were 'upside down'. http://www.redlist.org/info/categories_criteria2001.html |
| | | | Weddings |
| | | | BT Ceremonies Marriage |
| | | | RT Marriage |

4.2.6 Deleted terms

| | | |
|------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Big | | Mainstream culture |
| Contemporary culture | | One child policy |
| Convict life | | Protestant militia groups |
| Eastern blue tongued lizards | | Small |
| <i>Large</i> | | <i>Women convicts</i> |