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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

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

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).

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

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>