

PORTRANTEAU WORDS

A portmanteau word /pɔ:t'mæn.təʊ̯, w3:d/ is a word formed by combining two other words.

Work out the original two words that formed the portmanteau words in the table.

brother	stay	angry	documentary	relax	calf	hungry
idiots	male	costume	sex	vacation	comedy	ankles
landscaping	Britain	chill	enemy	man	exit	boobs
friend	texting	role-play	Covid	mock	romance	romantic

to chillax		
sexting		
a mockumentary		
Brexit		
a staycation		
a covidiot		
to manscape		
a bromance		
cosplay		
a frenemy		
hangry		
romcom		
moobs		
cankles		

becoming angry because you are feeling hungry:

a person with whom one is friendly despite a fundamental dislike or rivalry:

to remove or cut a man's body hair in order to improve his appearance:

a film or television show made in the style of a documentary to make invented events seem real:

the activity of sending text messages that are about sex or intended to sexually excite someone:

a woman's fat or swollen ankle whose flesh merges unattractively with that of the calf:

a close, friendly, but not sexual relationship between two men:

the practice of dressing up as a character from a film, book, or video game:

the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union:

to become calm and relax:

someone who behaves in a stupid way that risks spreading the infectious disease Covid-19:

fat on a man's chest that makes it look as if he has a woman's breasts:

a holiday spent in one's home country rather than abroad, or one spent at home and involving day trips to local attractions:

a romantic comedy:

Complete the sentences with the portmanteau words from the previous exercises.

1. I find most _____ intolerable, as they tend to be too heavy on the romance, which is a distinct turnoff, but this had an admirable lack of sentiment.
2. I appreciate the efforts of my partner to _____.
3. People often get _____ when their blood sugar level is low.
4. The two men apparently struck up a _____ while working on the movie set together.
5. Her only friends are a trio of catty _____ she hasn't seen in months.
6. The most popular of _____ themes are the Anime character and Gothic Lolita look.
7. Just _____, Dan, they'll be here soon.
8. Boozing, overeating and more female hormones in the environment have been blamed for blokes sprouting _____.
9. Older teens are more likely to engage in _____ than their younger counterparts.
10. _____ were still holding parties as the region recorded its highest ever death toll this week.
11. Kim Kardashian says she feels fat and her '_____ are out of control'.
12. More Britons are holidaying at home, opting for a _____ in places such as Bournemouth.

a cockapoo (cocker spaniel + poodle)

