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lanugo

Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
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lanugo

(noun) lan-OO-go

A covering of soft, downy hair.

I'd never seen such a gloriously feral-looking baby, still covered in the monkey fur they call **lanugo** all down his back.

Unattributed, *The Guardian*, 27 May 2006. Guardian

The central of the three buildings, the Tilakari Madrasah, has an azure cupola that would be indistinguishable from the sky were it not for a fringe of weeds like the fine **lanugo** on a newborn baby's head.

Michael Mewshaw, *The New York Times*, 3 March 1996. New York Times

The fine wool-like hair, or so-called **lanugo**, with which the human foetus during the sixth month is thickly covered, offers a more curious case.

Charles Darwin, *The Descent of Man*.