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Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
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(adjective and noun) RING-kee-dingk

Out-of-date, old-fashioned, insignificant, trite, cheap; an inferior person or thing.

The Commonwealth is not a **rinky-dink** little outfit that does not have much in the way of resources.

C J Zahra, *Australian Hansard*, 14 March 2002. ACT (Representatives) Hansard

Respondent replied that the Montgomery County jail was "**rinky-dink**," and that they could "break out."

US Supreme Court, *Illinois v. Perkins*, 496 U.S. 292 (1990), decided 4 June 1990. US Supreme Court

Their famous Martinis are a civilised, **rinky-dink** little size, coiled with lemon peel or a bobbing olive.

Jan Moir, *The Observer*, 18 November 2007. The Observer

Yet ever since Fawltly Towers, this matchless town has been a byword for **rinky-dink** naffness.

Julie Burchill, *Guardian Unlimited*, 29 July 2000. Guardian Unlimited

Mr. Burgert, a 38-year-old who last made a living renting out snowmobiles here in this spectacularly beautiful nook of northwestern Montana, had a terror plan that made Osama bin Laden's look **rinky-dink**.

Nicholas Kristof, *The New York Times*, 7 June 2002. New York Times