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Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
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(verb) OSS-kyu-layt

Kiss, make contact.

The Caribbean and the Atlantic **osculate** in the Windward Passage twixt Cabo Maisi, Cuba, and Mole-St.-Nicholas at Cape-a-Foux, Haiti, on the island of Hispaniola.

Letter from Alden Barres in the *New York Times*, 1 March 1987. New York Times

I don't know how you feel about these stories of bird flu from China, and the question of whether it can be passed from chicken to human being. As far as I can tell the only victims are the poor Thai fighting-cock enthusiasts who have engaged in direct **osculation** with their birds, in an effort to revive them for the fight.

Boris Johnson, *Telegraph*, 20 October 2005. Telegraph

To **osculate** or not to **osculate** â€” that was the question.

David Rhys Jones, *The Times*, 12 November 2003. Times

All animals copulate but only humans **osculate**.

Tom Robbins, *Wild Ducks Flying Backwards*.