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Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
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burgeon

(verb) BUR-jun

Grow, swell, develop rapidly, flourish.

The hedgerows had begun to **burgeon** with violets, primroses, wild garlic and early pink campion.

Patricia Holton, *Mother Without a Mask*.

We have teachers who are doing more and more with less and less - less support in speech therapists, school psychologists, and in the sense that they have more children in their classrooms as classroom sizes **burgeon**.

K Deveaux, *Nova Scotia Hansard*, 29 April 2002. Nova Scotia Hansard

I can also see the warts, wens and keratoses that **burgeon** on the elderly mug like mushrooms, and these I can't eliminate.

Germaine Greer, *The Guardian*, 18 November 2006. Guardian

Ever since the Web began to **burgeon**, barely under human control, people have been straining to relate it to something familiar -- an ecosystem, the weather, an unruly crowd at a rock concert.

George Johnson, *The New York Times*, 11 April 1999. New York Times

Myth surrounds Faulkner because he refused to confirm or deny stories, allowing rumour to **burgeon** where it would.

Clare Messud, *The Observer*, 20 September 1997. The Observer