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Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
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(adjective) hyoo-MUN-gus

Enormous. Used as an intensifier in the same way as words such as awfully and terribly.

There should be a **humungous** great sign which says, "There is a red light camera at this intersection."

Mr Hargreaves, Australian Hansard, 7 August 2001. Australian Hansard

The whole thing created a lot of stress and tension, moving this **humongous** thing around the country.

David Bowie, In Other Words.

But the Office's main assignment is, basically, to turn everything in cyberspace about everybody - tax records, driver's-license applications, travel records, bank records, raw F.B.I. files, telephone records, credit-card records, shopping-mall security-camera videotapes, medical records, every e-mail anybody ever sent - into a single, **humongous**, multi-googolplexibyte database that electronic robots will mine for patterns of information suggestive of terrorist activity.

Hendrik Hertzberg, *The New Yorker*, 9 December 2002. The New Yorker

I heedlessly scarf down **humongous** slabs of fish, doused in my grandmother's weapons-grade marinade, and we head back to the nursing home.

Mark Leyner, *The New Yorker*, 17 June 2002. The New Yorker

In France, of course, she has **humongous** cachet, but elsewhere she's just a French-fried waif with a celestial twinkle in her eye.

Michael Atkinson, *The Guardian*, 21 January 2000.
Guardian