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slipshod

Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere  
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# slipshod

(adjective) SLIP-shod

Careless, untidy, sloppy.

Fundamentalism in grammar is not extremism: it is the true path, never turning aside to become lost in the tangled undergrowth of **slipshod** heresy.

Extract from a competition entry, *The New Statesman*, 12 January 2004. New Statesman

Not two sentences into his introduction, Paxman says MPs attend school speech days because 'they know that today's sixth-formers are tomorrow's voters', an irritatingly unperceptive remark and **slipshod** because it runs counter (as the truth would not) to his later conclusion that MPs crave audience-approval for its own sake.

Matthew Parris, *Spectator*, 9 November 2002, *Spectator* reviewing Jeremy Paxman's *The Political Animal: An Anatomy*.

We spend billions of dollars a year on makeup and skin-care products, yet weâ€™™**reslipshod** about the one measure that dermatologists emphasize is essential for the long-term health, strength and bounce of our skin: guarding it against ultraviolet radiation.

Natalie Angier, *The New York Times*, 4 September 2007. New York Times

Besides chivvying Mr Cheney, the new Congress has investigated **slipshod** planning for the occupation of Iraq and the woeful treatment of injured veterans.

Unattributed, *The Economist*, 28 June 2007. Economist

However, my experience was similar to his when he says he was lucky to survive "filthy" wards and "**slipshod** and lazy" nurses, some of whom regarded patients as "a nuisance".

Edward Priestley, *The Guardian*, 13 March 2008, *Guardian* referring to and quoting from comments by Lord Mancroft in the House of

Lords.