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Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
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(noun) ga-lee-MO-free

A miscellaneous jumble, hodgepodge.

The whole Gallic **gallimaufry** is here, from Jean Sablon singing 'J'attendrai' to the hero's architect chum saying: 'Oo la la!', and the result is less 'Another Year in Provence' than *Une saison en enfer*.

Philip French, *The Observer*, 29 October 2006, *Observer*
reviewing the movie *A Good Year*. Amazon DVD

Part adventure-story, part novel-of-ideas, part satire on the follies of "progress," part spiritual autobiography, part passionate plea for a return to simplicity of being and behavior, "The Songlines" is a seething **gallimaufry** of a book, a great Burtonian galimatias of anecdote and speculation and description, fascinating, moving, infuriating, incoherent, all at once.

Andrew Harvey, *The New York Times*, 2 August 1987, *New York Times*
reviewing Bruce Charwin's *The Songlines*.

This ignores the fact that she makes good jokes - she says a perfect woman for her former beau, Ben Affleck, is 'anyone who serves cold beer in a bikini'; that her conversation is punctuated by a snorting **gallimaufry** of chortles, chuckles and belly-laughs; and that she's warm, bright and very, very polite.

David Jenkins, *Telegraph*, 12 January 2004, *Telegraph*
in an interview with Gwyneth Paltrow, prior to the London premiere of her movie *Sylvia*. Amazon DVD