

**Coach** (university and public school), the private tutor by whose aid a student is "driven" through his examination at the university. It is now no longer peculiar to the university.

He was a student at Christ Church and a Fellow of Merton, and in early life was a very successful *coach* at Oxford.—*The World*.

A tutor not connected with a college is sometimes termed a "rural *coach*."

(General and sport), to *coach*, to instruct, to "drive," to prepare a man for an examination; a word which has now almost attained to a recognised place in the language.

I *coached* him before he got his scholarship; he ought to have taken honours before Easter, but he was ill.—*G. Eliot: Deronda*.

Also to instruct in physical acquirements, such as boating, &c.

He had already been down several times in pair-oar and four-oar boats, with an old oar to pull stroke, and another to steer and *coach* the young idea.—*T. Hughes: Tom Brown at Oxford*.

**Coaching** (common), instructing. An almost recognised word.

There is no sport which is healthier . . . than rowing under proper *coaching* and supervision.—*Standard*.

(Rugby), a flogging.

**Coach-wheel** (popular and thieves), a crown piece; French slang *roue de derrière*.

**Coal, cole** (common), money; "post the *cole*," put down the money.

**Coaling** (theatrical), a *coaling* part, a part which is popular with the audience—one which elicits great applause; *coaling* lines, telling speeches.

It was customary some years ago, when a young actor achieved a success in a part of this character, for some ancient idiot to put a piece of coal in the youngster's dressing-place. One fails to see the fun of this.

Hotten says *coaling*, profitable, very good, is derived from *coal*, money.

**Coals** (common), to "pull over the *coals*," to scold. (Nautical), to "take one's *coals* in," to catch a venereal disease.

**Coal-scuttle** (American), a nickname for the peculiar bonnet worn by Quakeresses, which was exactly the shape of an old-fashioned coal-scuttle. Some years ago coal-scuttle bonnets were worn in England. *Vide* Lecch's sketches.

There was Miss Snevellici . . . glancing from the depths of her *coal-scuttle* bonnet at Nicholas.—*Dickens: Nicholas Nickleby*.

**Cob** (popular), a piece of bread baked in a round form for dinner.

(English prisons), a dark punishment cell.

**Cob, to** (schoolboys), to catch or detect. *Cob* is probably a corruption of the cant word "cop," from the gypsy *kap*.

(Popular), to deceive, humbug.