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# Phenomenal: The Small Book of Big Words

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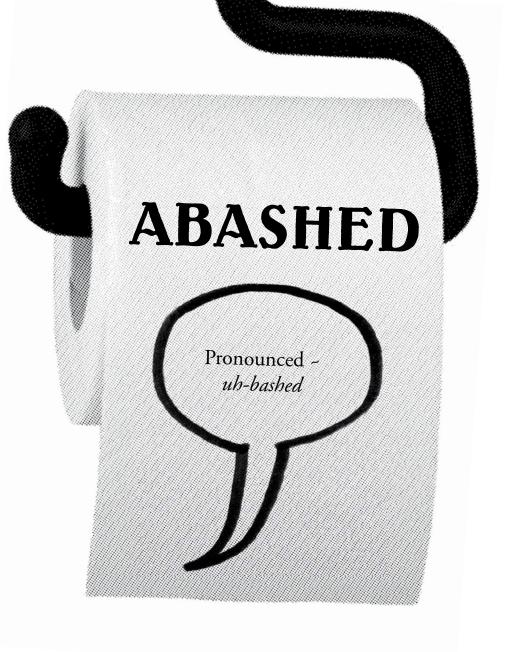
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Means ~ embarrassed, uncomfortable.

As in ~
He was abashed to find himself naked in the middle of assembly, but euphoric\* to discover that it was all just a dream.

A bit like ~ ashamed, mortified.



Nothing to do with ~ being bashed.\*\*\*

The opposite of ~ unabashed.

If you like this word, try ~ abated.



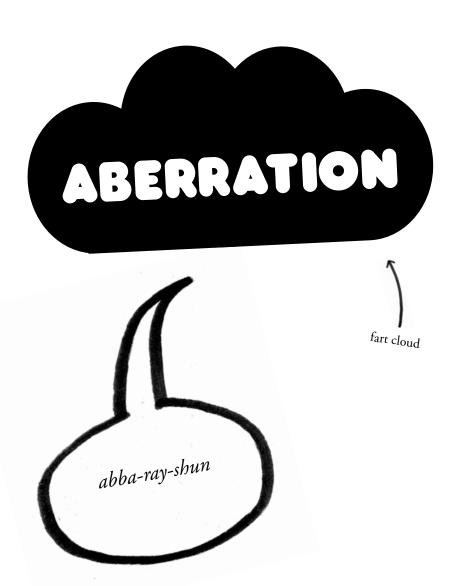
And ~ I'm abashed when my mum complains that there's no toilet paper in the restaurant.\*\*

<sup>\*</sup>Thrilled, ecstatic.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Toilet paper in the *toilets* – not the actual restaurant.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Battered.\*\*\*\*

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Battered as in hit – not as in fish.



### Means ~

a departure from what is considered normal or acceptable.

### As in ~

In a moment of aberration Grandpa got up from the table and set fire to a fart.\*

#### And ~

Tidying his room the first time he was asked was a one-off aberration.

## A bit like ~ deviation, anomaly.

Nothing like ~ an Abba tribute act.\*\*



Don't confuse with ~
Aberystwyth.\*\*\*

<sup>\*</sup>One of his own farts - not someone else's.\*\*\*\*

<sup>\*\*</sup>Swedish pop group. Big in the 1970s. Ask your gran.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>A small town in Wales.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Don't try this at home kids\*\*\*\*\*

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup>Wait till you're out.\*\*\*\*\*

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*\*</sup>I'm kidding. Don't try it anywhere. Trust me!