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Are names of chemicals not proper nouns? - English Language & Usage ...

Product names which are derived after an inventor's name will often remain capitalized, though not always (e.g. the petroleum distillate used to power trucks and locomotives is called "diesel" rather than "Diesel" even though it's named after the inventor of the four-stroke compression-ignition engine for which that fuel was formulated).

"If it works, it works" - English Language & Usage Stack Exchange

I've always hated the phrase If it works, it works. I know it's trying to say that if something already functions as intended, then there's no reason to change it. But is that always necessarily ...

Throttle is to slow down, but full throttle is max speed?

Originally, throttle meant throat. So "full-throttle" for a motorized vehicle is like a lion's full-throated roar - the throttle/throat is opened as wide as possible (for maximum throughput of fuel or air). It's just that the verb to throttle came to have the meaning choke (fatally cut off someone's air by squeezing their throat), which led to "throttling back" meaning "reduce the fuel supply ...

Origin of the phrase, "There's more than one way to skin a cat."

There are many versions of this proverb, which suggests there are always several ways to do something. The earliest printed citation of this proverbial saying that I can find is in a short story by the American humorist Seba Smith - The Money Diggers, 1840: "There are more ways than one to skin a cat," so are there more ways than one of digging for money. Charles Kingsley used one old British ...

When did the insult “up yours” come into existence?

The movie Blazing Saddles used everything and anything to get a laugh. When the African American sheriff, newly assigned to a rural town, patrolled the main thoroughfare he happened upon an elderl...

"Particulate" vs. "particle" [closed] - English Language & Usage Stack ...

What's the difference between particulate and particle? Should it be diesel particulates or diesel particles, and why? Could you provide three or more examples where it should use particulate rat...

Same adjective for two nouns - English Language & Usage Stack Exchange

The government placed restrictions on both diesel fuel and diesel engines. Here I don't want to repeat the diesel. I cannot write: The government placed restrictions on both diesel fuel and engines.

Why is the BrE "petrol" called "gas" in AmE?

By the end of the century the gas was derived directly from crude oil and gas oil was renamed Diesel oil (up to 21 carbon atoms per molecule) because its main use was in injection engines petrol vs. gasolene/ gasoline

Adjective for engine running at high speed

Close, but there's an implication that the engine is unloaded or running at a harmfully high speed, which doesn't fit the OP's requirement of a gerund that means "working hard at top speed." race: "to go, move, or function at top speed or out of control"; "to revolve too fast under a diminished load"; "to speed (as an engine) without a working load or with the transmission disengaged" (all ...

meaning - "Flammable" versus "Combustible" - English Language & Usage ...

Gas is flammable, diesel vapour combustible. In England I was always taught that the difference between flammable and inflammable was that inflammable required a flame to permit burning.