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Meat Plow wrote:

Eeyore wrote:

Franc Zabkar wrote:

Why do Chinese English speakers (for example in Singapore) say "spoiled" when they mean "damaged" or "faulty"?

<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/spoiled>

13. an imperfectly made object, damaged during the manufacturing process.

Graham

Funny I suppose that you Brits refer to a CRT as a tube yet insist on calling a tube a valve.

The reason for calling your tube a valve is because it has a current controlling effect. As in a water valve also controls the flow of water.

In the case of a CRT the control aspect no longer applies to some load part of the circuit so I can understand why it wouldn't be called a valve. Also we'd have to have a different acronym which would be a bit silly.

Graham

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