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Linguists know a lot about how languages work, such as why words come in certain orders or what makes accents sound the way they do. After over a century of productive research, however, there's still one word the meaning of which escapes us entirely, strange to admit for the most common word in English. What is this word? What does the famous logician-linguist Bertrand Russell have to say about it, and why does even his ingenious solution not cut it?