

Campus Dictionary of Crystallography

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C:

Cubic symmetry: Extremely short and stout

Crystalline state: Compulsive obsessive disorder

D:

Direct and reciprocal lattices: The worlds of husbands and wives

Disorder: Laboratory record. Also, a convenient tool to explain away a wrongly determined structure

I:

Incommensurability: Exchanging right and left leg shoes

M:

Mosaicity: Confusion

O:

Overparametrization: Different plans to spend scholarship money

P:

Periodicity: The habit of honking while driving a new car

Phase transition: Scholarship amount at the end of 5 years

Polymorphism: multiple personality disorder

R:

Riding motion: Drink coffee with friends, but never pay for it

S:

Signal to noise ratio: Scholarship amount divided by mess bill

Stacking fault: Standing on other people's legs in a crowded bus.

T:

Temperature factor: Professor's mood.

Editor's note: Readers are invited to contribute and expand this list.