

The Seven Levels of Unique

as defined by the atypically unique John T. O'Connor

1. 'No two snowflakes are alike' Unique

Everything in the world may be considered '*unique*'. No two snowflakes, tree leaves, grains of sand, drops of water or plumbing fittings are alike. No two people are alike. You are unique! Everyone is unique. As a matter of fact, try to find anything or anyone in the natural world that cannot, using some enigmatic or arcane criteria, be described as '*unique*'.

2. More Uniquer

Recognizing that virtually everything can be designated '*unique*', it has become fashionable and, often, imperative to refer to someone or something that is even odder than '*unusual*' as '*more unique*'. For example, for decorating the finger, the *Kappa Maki Cucumber Sushi Rolls Food Ring*, or, for the wrist, a *bass guitar string bracelet*.

3. Marketplace Unique

Go shopping! Almost any prepared, packaged, processed or blended food product being sold is touted, as '*unique*' by its sellers. Marketers desperately try to differentiate their products from their competitor's *less unique* offerings. For example, that '*all-juice*' blend of mango/strawberry/kiwifruit/okra is clearly '*unique*' if there is no similar blend in view. However, making that aforementioned blend a little '*less unique*' may be its undermentioned *principal* ingredient, notably, apple juice. '*Unique blend*' failing, marketers may fall back on standardized advertising additives such as '*natural*', '*organic*', '*probiotic*', '*pesticide-free*', *farm fresh*' or '*healthy*' to undergird their '*uniqueness*' bona fides. Your yogurt may be '*Greek*' while your imported packaged natural Artesian spring water provides energy plus hydration, while, happily, harboring '*no calories*'.

4. 'New' nique

Short of gaining *uniquity* by earning mention in the "**Officially Amazing**" - **Guinness Book of World Records**, one can pursue personal '*uniqueness*' by chasing a variety of dark, mysterious, curious, bizarre, queer, odd, weird new '*things*' (funny hat, spiked red hair, tongue stapled to left ear, - or simply, by carving the body in unusual places to create anatomical openings in which costume jewelry may be embedded.)

5. Urbanique

Any person may be 'uniquified' on being anointed with one of the following descriptors: *amazing, awesome, beautiful, bad, cool, crazy, cute, different, fun, gorgeous, hot, nice, sexy, sweet, weird, ...* Some people may be simply (or, sometimes, sadly) 'special'. All are 'unique'.

6. Mathematically Unique

Wikipedia; *"In mathematics and logic, the phrase "there is one and only one" is used to indicate that exactly one object with a certain property exists. In mathematical logic, this sort of quantification is known as uniqueness quantification or unique existential quantification".*

Uniqueness quantification is often denoted with the symbols "∃!" or $\exists_{=1}$ ". For example, the formal statement

$$\exists!n \in \mathbb{N} (n - 2 = 4)$$

may be read aloud as "there is exactly one natural number n such that n - 2 = 4".

7. Uniquely Obsolescent

or what dictionary.com defines as 'Unique'

1. *existing as the only one or as the sole example; single; solitary in type or characteristics.*
2. *having no like or equal; unparalleled; incomparable.*
3. *limited in occurrence to a given class, situation, or area.*
4. *limited to a single outcome or result; without alternative possibilities.*