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Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
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(noun) klowd-KOOK-oo-land

An imaginary, problem-free place, the product of wishful thinking.

(The word is a translation of the Greek *Nephelokokkugia*, an imaginary city in the air in Aristophanes' *The Birds*.)

It scarcely needs saying that he had no idea of what China had been like, was like then, and might be like in the future. He just wanted a **cloud-cuckoo land** to console him from the stress of living in his actual surroundings.

Clive James, *The Question of Karl Kraus*, Australian Literary Review, March 2007. (Web Version)

The funding that exists will hopefully increase, although we do not live in **cloud cuckoo land**.

John Whittingdale, House of Commons Culture, Media and Sport Committee - *Caring for our collections*, Sixth report, vol.2. Committee Report

Why, she's even embarked on a new relationship, though it's nothing for you to worry about, since you seem to be living in **cloud-cuckoo-land** anyway.

Mariella Frostrup, *The Observer*, 20 May 2007. The Observer

Such is Miss Churchill's great gift for making the illogical both human and plausible that we quickly forget that we're in a timewarped **cloud-cuckoo land**.

Frank Rich, *The New York Times*, 29 December 1982. New York Times