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Summary: *granola* *adj:* Term Gen Xers and Elder Millennials use to connote an eco-conscious, peace-lovin', homemade, slightly unwashed vibe. **Mennonite** *noun:* Oh dear, where to start? Not with bonnets and buggies, certainly, or the denominational conferences and non-conference conferences. Not with Yoders in my family tree. Once upon a time in the sixteenth century. . . .

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