

Keeping Up-to-Date

English is used by people in many parts of the world. Like other languages, new words are often added to English. These come from technological, social, or other developments. At the same time, other words stop being used because they no longer help people express their ideas. The people who create dictionaries need to constantly check which words are being used and how they are being used to make dictionaries that reflect the current state of the English language.

For a new word to be considered by dictionary editors, it must first be used widely. Dictionary editors and their assistants read books, news articles, and other sources of English to look for new words. These days, dictionary editors use computers to help them check sources more quickly and more accurately. The next step is to check the meaning of the new word. If the new word is being used by a lot of people to mean the same thing, there is a good chance that it will be added to dictionaries.

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(30)	What is one thing that the creators of English dictionaries must do? (問題文)
	1 Keep an eye on how words are used in the English language.
	2 Decide how to spell the new words that are added to English.
	3 Check for technological developments that could help their work.
	4 Make changes to words that people have difficulty expressing.
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(31)	A new word may be added to a dictionary if (問題文)
	1 sources in which the word is used are found to be accurate.
	2 the word is also being used in languages other than English.
	3 a large number of people are using the word in the same way.
	4 dictionary editors and their assistants think the word will be useful.