

It's time to GET YOUR YA-YAS OUT and celebrate the 2,500 new words in the Shorter Oxford English Dictionary Sixth Edition

If you don't have a **SCOOPY** about all the latest words in the **ANGLOSPHERE**, then reach for the dictionary with **HEAVIOSITY**. The brand-new sixth edition of the *Shorter Oxford English Dictionary*, the most comprehensive coverage of today's English and its history from AD 1000 to 2007, publishes on 20 September 2007.

GREEN is THE NEW BLACK ...

At the start of the 21st century climate change is the issue of the day, with politicians, celebrities, and the person in the street trying to go **CARBON-NEUTRAL**. We are told to give up our **CHELSEA TRACTORS**, reduce our **CARBON FOOTPRINT**, and monitor our nation's level of **EMISSIONS TRADING**. Businesses are encouraged to carry out **GREEN AUDITS** to assess their impact on the environment, and to hold their **CHARETTE** (a meeting or conference devoted to solving a problem or planning something) via a **WEBINAR** instead. 'For the last few years technology has probably been the most significant generator of new words, but now we're seeing concern about climate change being reflected in the language', explains the editor, Angus Stevenson. Oxford's lexicographers are able to monitor the state of English with the Oxford English Corpus, a collection of more than two billion words of real English from around the world.

THE DICTIONARY WITH THE X-FACTOR ...

In less serious moments everyone has become obsessed with celebrities and the media, a fact reflected by the addition of terms such as **GALACTICO**, **WAGs**, and **HOLLYWOOD ENDING**. We love to read about a **SIZE ZERO YUMMY MUMMY** or **SCENE-MAKER** being **PAPPED** (photographed by the paparazzi) while flexing their **FLEXIBLE FRIEND**.

The new dictionary also shows that colourful coinages from around the world are continuing to enrich the language. From the US we have **BIFFY** (a toilet), **SMOOSH** (squash, crush, or flatten), **BRAG BOOK** (an album of photographs), **FRUIT LOOP** (a mad person), and **FOGGY BOTTOM** (Washington DC). From the West Indies come **COTCH** and **MASH UP**, from Canada **GARBURATOR** and **POUTINE**, from India **SHUTTLE**, **SANGEET**, and **KHEER**, from the Maoris in New Zealand **WAIKUA**, and from Arabic **DARBUKA** – to name but a few.

For music lovers, the *Shorter Oxford English Dictionary* is sure to be playing your tune, whether it's **AFROBEAT**, **POWER POP**, **POST-PUNK**, **BAILE FUNK**, **SHOEGAZING**, **SOFT ROCK**, or **LOVER'S ROCK**. And, for the gourmet palate, we've included an expanded **TASTING MENU** of food terms, such as **SEMIFREDDO**, **DIGESTIVO**, **AÇAI**, **PASTILLA**, and **PIQUILLO** – while closer to home the **JAFFA CAKE** enters the dictionary.

Finally, for *Doctor Who* fans, there's another cause for cheer. Since the last edition of the *Shorter Oxford English Dictionary* was published in 2002, not only has the Timelord returned to our screens, but his followers have also gained recognition in one of the most famous and timeless dictionaries on earth, with the entry **WHOVIAN!**

Deservedly acclaimed as 'a masterpiece' and described as 'the Matterhorn to the great OED's Everest', the *Shorter Oxford English Dictionary* has undergone a major programme of updating and improvement since its last edition in 2002, ensuring that it remains the best of its kind.

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