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Oxford English Dictionary

Consider yourself a Scrabble expert or a serious wordsmith? Do you occasionally stumble over an unfamiliar word and wish you had a really good dictionary available? In September the UCF Libraries acquired web-based access to the OED, the Oxford English Dictionary. (http://library.ucf.edu/Databases/)

The web version also includes new words on a quarterly basis. Among the newest words added are bippy, celebutante, bada-bing, Islamophobia, looky-loo, and wonky. The purpose of the OED, other than spelling, definitions, and pronunciation for words in the English language, is to give the context in which the word was first used and continues to be used.

**bippy, n.** you bet your (sweet) bippy and variants: be assured, certainly; cf. bet v. c. Hence: the buttocks, the backside.

1968 N.Y. Times Mag, 6 Oct. 146/1 [On Rowan and Martin’s Laugh-in] we say things like, ‘You bet your bippy!’ or ‘You bet your butt!’ I’m sure some people attach a dirty connotation to those words. We don’t even know what they mean; they’re just funny. 1999 Los Angeles Times (Electronic ed.) 4 Dec. 1 If the victims had been children of the established residents, you bet you’re [sic] sweet bippy you would have heard some outcry.

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