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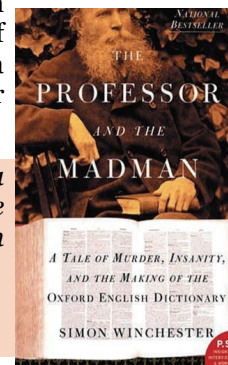


Oxford English Dictionary

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.

You won't have time to read all the *Oxford English Dictionary* (OED), but you might like to read this account of how the first edition was compiled during the late 19th century. Dr. W.C. Minor, an American Civil War veteran living in England, provided thousands of entries to the editors. He was actually a certified lunatic living in the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.



The Professor and the Madman, a Tale of Murder, Insanity and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary.

Main Library, Gen. Collection
PE1617.O94 W56 1998

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 nurdle!' 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 bippie you would have heard some outcry.

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American Housing Survey for the United States: 2005

[U.S. Documents C3.215:H-150 - online]

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/housing/ahs/ahs.html>



551,000 housing units in the United States **DO NOT** have a flush toilet.

TV Basics 2005-06: A Report on the Growth & Scope of Television. Television Bureau of Advertising. [Government Documents microfiche 2006 SRI A9055-1]



2,060,000 households in the United States **DO NOT** have a television set.

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