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Popular words added to the
dictionary (in the last decade.)

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Hi, everyone! I am Georgiana, your English teacher and founder of [SpeakEnglishPodcast.com](https://speakenglishpodcast.com). My mission is to help you speak English fluently.

Today we are going to look at some trendy words. These words have been added to the dictionary in the last decade.

And with a mini-story, you are going to improve your fluency. I'll tell you a story while asking you many questions that you have to answer right away. It's like talking to another person in English.

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Let's get started!

As I said today, we will look at some words added to the dictionary in the last decade. These are trendy words, and I'm sure most of them sound familiar to you.

Let's start with the first word:

1. Jeggings

The word was introduced into the dictionary in 2015.

Jeggings are a blend of jeans and leggings. When they first came out, I was fascinated by these pants. They are the most comfortable thing ever in my opinion, and yet they look so much like jeans.

2. YouTuber

The term was introduced into the dictionary in 2016.

YouTube appeared in 2005 and since then, millions of people have been uploading videos on the platform on a regular basis.

I started creating weekly videos in 2012, but it wasn't until 2016 that the word was added to

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the dictionary.

According to the Oxford Dictionary, a YouTuber is a person who uploads, produces, or appears in videos on YouTube.

3. LOL

The word was introduced into the dictionary in 2011.

Though this word is still popular, we have actually been using it for many years.

So, what's LOL? It's an abbreviation of laughing out loud or laugh out loud.

The word abbreviation means a shortened form of a word or phrase.

4. Facebook

The term was introduced into the dictionary in 2018.

Did you know that we have used Facebook so many times that the verb **to facebook** has emerged?

So "**to facebook**" means to spend time using the social media website or app Facebook.

5. Skype

The word was introduced into the dictionary in 2014.

Before other apps like Zoom or FaceTime existed, Skype was the most popular app on the Internet for video calls.

According to the Oxford Dictionary, **to skype** means to have a spoken conversation with (someone) over the Internet using Skype, typically also viewing by webcam.

6. Webinar

The word was introduced into the dictionary in 2008.

Basically, a **webinar** is a seminar conducted over the Internet.

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One of the most popular platforms is GoToWebinar or Zoom Video Webinars.

7. Podcast

The word was introduced to the dictionary in 2008.

Now this word should be very familiar to you. I say this because you are listening to a **podcast** episode every week.

The term podcast originates from the fusion of the words iPod and broadcast.

According to the Oxford Dictionary, a podcast is a digital audio available on the Internet for download to a computer or mobile device, whose new episodes can be automatically received by subscribers.

The last word for today is:

8. SMS

This word was introduced to the dictionary in 2009.

Back before we had Internet on cell phones, we used to send many SMS text messages. But nowadays, most people use WhatsApp, Telegram, Messages, etc.

So, **SMS** is a short message service that enables mobile phone users to send and receive text messages.

Ok, that's it for today; in the next episode, I will continue talking about the most popular English words added to the dictionary in the last decade.

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Great! Let's continue with a mini-story.

Mini-Story

(practice your speaking)

A mini-story is very simple but really powerful. I ask easy questions on purpose so that you can simulate a conversation. It's like talking with another person in English.

Let's start!

Mia invented some pants very similar to jeans but more comfortable.

Did Mia invent jeans?

No. No. Mia didn't invent jeans.

Who invented something?

Mia. She invented some pants.

Were the pants she invented uncomfortable?

No. No. They were not uncomfortable. The pants she invented were comfortable.

Were they more comfortable than jeans?

Yes. The pants Mia invented were more comfortable than jeans.

To promote her pants on the Internet, she became a YouTuber.

Did Mia keep her pants a secret?

No. No. She didn't keep her pants a secret.

How did Mia promote her pants?

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On the Internet. She promoted her pants on the Internet.

Did Mia become a saleswoman?

No. No. Mia became a YouTuber. She promoted her pants on Youtube.

She also recorded a podcast episode each week and shared it on Facebook.

Did Mia start a radio show?

No. No. Not a radio show. She started a podcast.

Did she record a video?

No. No. She recorded a podcast episode.

How often did she record an episode?

Every week. She recorded an episode every week.

Did Mia share her podcast on social media?

Yes. Mia shared her podcast on Facebook.

She sent an SMS to her audience every time she organized a webinar.

Did Mia send a letter to her audience?

No. No. Mia sent an SMS. Not a letter.

To whom did Mia send an SMS?

To her audience. Mia sent an SMS to her audience.

Eventually, she realized this kind of pants already existed, and they were called jeggings. LOL.

Was Mia's invention original?

No. No. It wasn't original.

Did Mia realize this kind of pants already existed?

Yes. Mia realized that.

How were these pants called?

Jeggings. They were called jeggings and were a blend of jeans and leggings.

Perfect! It's the end of this mini-story. And as you can see, through questions and answers, you can practice and improve your speech just

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like in a **real conversation**.

It is one of the techniques that I use in my [premium courses](#). I recommend you to take a look at:

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Ok, we have reached the end of this episode. Remember to listen to it several times. It will help with your English.

See you soon! Bye! Bye!



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