EPISODE 167

# New English Words — Part 2

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Let's get started!

As I said today, we will continue learning some more of the English **words added** to the **dictionary** in the last decade.

## Let's start with the first word:

## 1. Crowdfunding

Introduced in June 2015.

According to the Oxford **Dictionary**, crowdfunding is the practice of financing a project or venture by raising money from many people who contribute a relatively small amount, usually through the Internet.

For example, a music band can use crowdfunding to produce their next album. They can ask fans to contribute $10 to the project. And in return, they will receive a copy of the album when it's ready.

## 2. E-bike

Introduced in June 2019.

According to the Oxford **Dictionary**, an e-bike is an electric bicycle.

E-bikes are a great idea because it allows people to commute without getting to work sweaty, and you can take longer rides.

## 3. Router

Introduced in March 2011.

What's a **router**?

A router is a device that allows communication between the local home network - like the computers, smartphones, tablets, printers, etc.- and the Internet.

Every time we have internet problems, we reboot the router. It is also advisable to place the router as high up as possible and make sure no objects are too close to the device.

## 4. Kombucha (kuhm-boo-chuh)

Introduced in June 2013.

According to the Oxford Dictionary, **kombucha** is a beverage produced by fermenting sweet tea with a culture of yeast and bacteria.

I must confess that I haven't tried this beverage yet. But I've been told it's great for digestion so, maybe I'll give it a try in the near future.

## 5. Cyber-

Introduced in December 2010.

"Cyber" is a word we use to describe a person, thing or idea that is part of the computer and information age. Here are some examples: cyberculture, cyberpunk, cyberspace, cyber sales, cyber economy, cyberattack.

## 6. CD

Introduced in March 2012.

CD means several things, but one of the international use is a Compact Disc.

I realized that CDs were no longer relevant ten years ago when I bought a MAC computer. At that time, Apple stopped making computers with a CD player.

So, I had to buy a separate CD player from Amazon.

That's it for now. Let's continue with a fun point of view lesson.

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Let's move on to the next section.

**Now, let's practice.**

# Point of View

## Grammar in Context

### First version

## Past Tense

Tom started an online business on a **low budget**. He had an old laptop and was experiencing constant Internet cuts. His router was practically **obsolete**, so he needed a new one, yet he couldn't afford it.

Additionally, Tom was afraid of losing some of his most important documents, so he stored them on a CD.

Certainly, the **cyber world** was becoming frustrating, so Tom had to **disconnect** for a few hours.

So, he took his e-bike and rode around the city. After a while, he spotted a mysterious café.

He went inside and ordered a new drink called kombucha. After drinking this beverage, Tom wanted to move to a tropical island and drink kombucha all day and every day.

Since he had no money, he initiated a **crowdfunding campaign** explaining how he wanted to move to an island.

Surprisingly, he raised $1 million in one day.

So, Tom now lives on a tropical island, and all he does is drink kombucha.

### Second version

## Future Tense

I'm Tom, and I'm thinking of starting an online business on a low budget. I imagine that I will have an old laptop and will experience constant Internet cuts. My router will be practically obsolete, so I'll need a new one, but I won't be able to afford it.

I will be afraid of losing some of my most important documents so that I will save them on a CD.

Surely, the cyber world will become frustrating, and I will have to disconnect for a few hours.

I'll take my e-bike and go for a ride around the city. After a while, I'll spot a mysterious coffee shop.

I will walk in and order a new drink called kombucha. After drinking this beverage, I will want to move to a tropical island and drink kombucha all day and every day.

But first, I will need some money. So, I will start a crowdfunding campaign explaining how I want to move to an island.

Surprisingly, I will raise a million dollars in one day.

So, I will live on a tropical island, and all I will do is drink kombucha.

*Thanks for listening, and I'll see you in the next episode.*

## Review

# Vocabulary from This Episode

Review the most useful words and expressions before listening again.

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| 01 **low budget**<br>a small amount of money available to spend. | 05 **kombucha**<br>a fermented tea drink. |
| 02 **router**<br>a device that connects networks or devices to the Internet. | 06 **crowdfunding campaign**<br>an online effort to raise money from many people. |
| 03 **obsolete**<br>no longer current or useful. | 07 **raise money**<br>collect money for a purpose. |
| 04 **cyber world**<br>activities and communication on the Internet. | 08 **disconnect**<br>stop using technology or the Internet for a while. |

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