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## **Episode #167**

New words added to the  
dictionary (part #2)

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

Last week we started to learn some words like YouTuber, to Facebook, to Skype, etc. Today, we will learn some **new English words added to the dictionary** in the last decade.

You'll also improve your English grammar in context with a point of view lesson, like that you won't have to memorize any boring rules. Before I get started, remember to get the transcript at [SpeakEnglishPodcast.com/podcast](http://SpeakEnglishPodcast.com/podcast)

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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.

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## 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.

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## 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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That would mean a lot to me. Thanks.

Let's move on to the next section.

## Point of View Story

*(learn grammar in context)*

I'll tell you a short story more than one time. Every time, I'll change a grammar point. I can change the tense or the person. This way, you'll notice the changes in context.

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Let's start!

**First, we'll listen to the story in the third person in the 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**.

**Let's listen to the story one more time in the first person in the 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**.

Ok, it's the end of this short lesson. As you can see, just by changing a point of view of the story, you can learn grammar intuitively.

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.

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