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But this is not a problem - the workstation has PS / 2 ports, so everything works well. An unused USB keyboard and mouse have also been left at the desk of the previous workstation. Again, nothing - the fish just puts them aside. There are some initial problems because the network slot on the wall is not actually hooked up to the network switch, but soon the computer is up and running, and local IT support launches to build over the network. Now the fish just has to wait an hour and a half for the custom build to complete. And in about 85 minutes, the build closes in the final stages. The fish is amazed. The computer worked well, and nothing should have failed it. And even though he's tied his brain, he's not going to make any progress with the problem until his conversation with a local IT support guy starts drifting. Speaking of IT support, I mention your surprise that the company would be demeaning the workstation USB PS/2, fish says. IT tech stops his diagnosis of a faulty build and says: You used PS/2 themes? Of course, they were sent with a new job. It seems that the custom build assume that the workstation will use USB. I switched PS/2 units with the rest of the USB and an hour and a half later the workstation was installed correctly. Sharky banking on your broadcast story. Send me your real story about IT life sharky@computerworld.com. You're going to knock on a Snazzy Shark shirt when I use it. Add your comments below, and read some great old stories about Sharkives. Get your daily dose of withdrawals from IT Theatre Absurd delivered directly to your inbox. Subscribe now to the Daily Shark newsletter. Copyright © 2013 IDG Communications, Inc. It's the '80s, and the pilot fish works for an independent software vendor. It's a small ISV, and because it competes with much larger vendors, it has to be sleazy - like a pilot fish among the sharks, says the pilot of the fish who should know. A central part of that nimbleness is excellent customer support. The atmosphere of the Development Bureau is collegiate, even reaching the support staff who are in the same office and share the same network. Or it does until one customer support rep takes excellent customer support too far. It decides that it can improve customer support and avoid many driving client sites by creating a file server with a workstation dial-up modem that customers can use to connect to the company. And one client really connects. What isv does not understand until the customer suddenly branches out to sell computer software, along with a product that looks very similar to isv's flagship offering. And that's the end of the shared network. Customers roaming lan and stealing your source code call for serious actions. Sharky's not a thief, but I'll take what I can. Send your true stories of IT life to me sharky@computerworld.com. You can also subscribe to the Daily Shark newsletter and read some great old tales of Sharkives. Copyright © 2019 IDG Communications, Inc. RD.COM Arts & Entertainment BooksEvery's editorial product is independently selected, although we can compensate or receive an affiliate commission when you buy something through our links. Associated Newspapers/ShutterstockThe thief's single-language dictionary in English was known as Table Alphabetical. Produced by a man named Robert Cawdrey in 1604, it contained about 3,000 words. It didn't give definitions as much as synonyms; the author's goal, he wrote, was to introduce more complex words to ladies, gentle women, or other unskilled individuals so that they could better understand the scriptures and sermons. This will add new words to the dictionary. Dmitri Elagin / ShutterstockSa you may be surprised to learn what the most complex word in English is-it is, the word with the largest number of separate concepts. And actually, there are a couple of answers. The current winner is technically set, and it has held the title since 1989. There was a word in this Edition of the Oxford English Dictionary... Wait for this... 430 separate definitions. But the next (print) edition of the OED, due out in 2037, will create the new most complex word in English and a new champ. According to the editors, the word run has now accumulated 645 separate meanings ... only for the verb form! It's amazing to think that a three-letter word can carry so much meaning. Berna Namoglu / ShutterstockMove above, antisestablishmentarianism! The longest English word that generally appears in dictionaries is pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis, the name of the lung disease. It's got 45 stars. According to Lexico, the word was actually Poke fun at long, overly technical medical terms. But the main man behind the word hadn't seen anything yet. Another, much longer word is considered the longest in English with 189,819 letters-and that's another scientific term. It's a protein called titin. It would take a full 12 pages to write each letter out, so that understandably the dictionaries choose to leave. GlebSStock/ShutterstockY, the 28-letter antisestablishmentarianism does not get the title of their own. It is considered the longest non-coin, non-technical word in most dictionaries. Admittedly, it is not common today because it was created to refer to the Church of England in the 19th century. But one more word deserves to be shouted at. According to grammar, misunderstandings, at 21 letters, are referred to as the longest word in common use. Turn your curious brain to learn these facts about each letter in the alphabet-although you may not have room in your memory for all the antisestablishmentarianism. kuzmaphoto / ShutterstockThis is one of the quirkier stories about the creation of a dictionary! William Chester Minor was a Civil War veteran who suffered from severe paranoid schizophrenia after experiencing the horrors of war. Specifically, he had recurring nightmares that there was an intruder in his room. One night in 1872, a minor shot what he was certain was an intruder-turned-innocent passerby, and Minor had killed him. Minor admitted murder, explained what made him do it, and was committed to Broadmoor Hull Asylum.While imprisoned in asylum, Minor began contributing to the Oxford English Dictionary mail-in volunteer system, sending the words of the dictionary editor. James Murray found that Minor (whom he did not know was in the sanctuary!) was one of the most prolific and by far one of the most valuable supporters. The two men finally meet almost 20 years after the exchange began. I wonder what these early supporters would have thought of as the funniest words added to the dictionary this decade! Casimiro PT/Shutterstock At the end of each year, you'll probably see some of the lists of the funniest, most slang-y words that were added to the dictionary this year. But such lists contain only hand-picked little upwards of 1,000 added to the dictionary each year! For example, by 2020, the European Commission will be very friendly and Of course, such additions are compensated by dictionary words that go extinct, for better or for worse. Stephen Orsillo/ShutterstockDictionary editors are only human, so they make mistakes! Perhaps the most famous dictionary error of all time is a dord, rogue word. Although the editors were In the case of Webster's new international dictionary in 1934, a map of the abbreviation accidentally fell into a pile of word cards. (The plan was to keep abbreviations and words separate.) The abbreviation was D or d, the upper or lowercase D abbreviation density. But since it ended the word pile, it was printed in a dictionary as a Dord, which means density. But no harm was done; no one noticed the error for five years! Sony Herdiana / ShutterstockIf it seems that it would be virtually impossible for dictionary editors to remember every single word, you are right. When the first edition of the Oxford English Dictionary debuted, in 1888, it was missing the word bondmaid-and forgot to add it for 50 years! The old-fashioned (even then) term for an enslaved girl, bondmaid was shared in the 16th century and was derived from a Biblical translation. You may find it remarkable that it took until the 1933 edition of the word bondmaid to finally appear until you learn that it actually took 50 years for another edition to come out. Bodnar Taras / ShutterstockAdd the famous dord, there are quite a few other fake words that have reached the dictionary. Some of them are from poems. One such word, which appeared in Richard Paul Jodrell's philology in English in 1820, was a phantom. While it sounds like a loyal fan base for some kind of ghost creature, it's actually a word that comes from the epic poem Odyssey. Odysseus travels to the underworld and offers to the phantom peoples of the dead. Another word, redripening, came from a poem by Richard Savage. (It was actually a red baking, describing strawberries.) Jodrell added that one of his compilations too. These rotten poets: how dare they be creative with their language use! Oleg Krugliak/ShutterstockChildren's poet Shel Silverstein wrote a poem called Memorizin' Mo about a man who remembers the dictionary. (We don't know anyone who has accomplished this feat in real life.) It appeared in his 1981 poem collection Light in the Attic. Unlike the dictionary, the poem is very short. The full poem is as follows: Mo memorized the dictionary, but just doesn't seem to find a job or someone who wants to marry someone who reminds the dictionary. Yup, that's a little upset! Married as you leave, here RD.com we'll find someone who would have put a dictionary in his head to be a dream job candidate! Meanwhile, perhaps one of those funny mistakes in famous literature will cheer you up. IMG_191/ShutterstockAll the words that are mixed with other words and had their meanings diluted over time, dictionary.com declared one of the most abused of all. Any assumptions? It's ironic. Their argument is that almost never used correctly – it is most often used for something funny, random or unexpected. And while it may describe something that is in any of these adjectives, it must be funny, unexpected, etc. because it is the exact opposite of what you expected. So it's a much more nuanced word than its popularity suggests-yet there are still many funny true examples of irony that give you a good idea of what it really means. Historia / ShutterstockColor and color. Program and program. Directory and directory. Why do british spellings have these extra letters? Soon after the Revolutionary War, the very pro-independence Noah Webster was adamant that America, officially in its homeland, should have a clear way of britishness. This is why Britons and Americans spell color differently. He thought many British spellings were too pedalled and filled with superfluous letters. So he wrote an essay in 1789 arguing that Americans were downright treacherous when they weren't completely on board to spell reform. Years later, in 1806, he published a complicated dictionary in English that featured many americanized spellings we still use today. But not all of the changes proposed by Webster became a reality. According to Vox, he wanted Americans to spell language like an urge! anmbph / ShutterstockWhy do dictionary editors sometimes intentionally add errors? To trap copyright violators! Although copyright infringers are not the only ones they are with - there is a clever way for predictive editors to share each other. In addition to dictionaries, other resource publications such as encyclopedias and maps throw in a fake word (or fact or place), very much on purpose. If the dictionary (or encyclopedia, or map) of another company, produced later, contains that fake, planted trap, bingo! The scammers know that the tricksters stole their jobs instead of making and researching their own words. The most famous example of this, the New Oxford American Dictionary slipped into the non-true word of esquivallence in its 2005 edition. Lo and behold, esquivallence appeared in its fake definition, dictionary.com. (It's gone now.) maradon 333/ShutterstockKiri, which starts with the least words in English is not particularly surprising: It's an X! It still starts with a good 400 words in the current Oxford English Dictionary. But when the good old Noah Webster first produced his complicated dictionary in English, the number of words listed starting with X was a grand total... One! (It was of all things rebec, describing the Mediterranean three-masted ship.) Sources: British Library, Robert Cawdrey's Table pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosisGrammatika, 14 longest words in EnglishAtlas Obscura, How the Oxford English Dictionary went from the murderer's pet project to the Internet Lexiconmerriam-Webster, We added new words in the dictionary April 2020Philology in English, FanfnationWattpad.com Light on pöönigulDictionary.com, Is Ironically the Most Abused Word in English? Vox.com Why Americans and Britons spell words erinevaltDictionary.com, Esquivalence Originally published: October 03, 2020 2020

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