



## Certificate of Achievement

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This online course from Coventry University explored English dictionaries, from how they are compiled and the different types to the latest lexicographic research.

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#### LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Compare the content and wording of definitions.
- Develop your understanding of the lexicographical choices and computational methods surrounding the selection and ordering of word meanings.
- Reflect on the range of possible dictionary entry components.
- Assess the roles of language technology, corpora and crowdsourcing in the dictionary compilation process.
- Explore some of the latest trends in lexicographic research.

#### SYLLABUS

Over the six weeks of the course, learners explore the key areas of the curriculum below through readings, articles, videos and multimedia resources, quizzes, social engagement with fellow learners and active learning resources:

- The reasons why we use dictionaries.
- The differences between 'landmark' dictionaries such as the Oxford English Dictionary and less conventional products such as collaborative and crowdsourced dictionaries.
- What goes into a dictionary – who decides, and how?

- Dictionaries and dictionary information for different users.
- The stages in corpus-based lexicography.
- How meanings are created, why some words have more than one meaning, how lexicographers identify meanings and how meanings are explained in a dictionary.