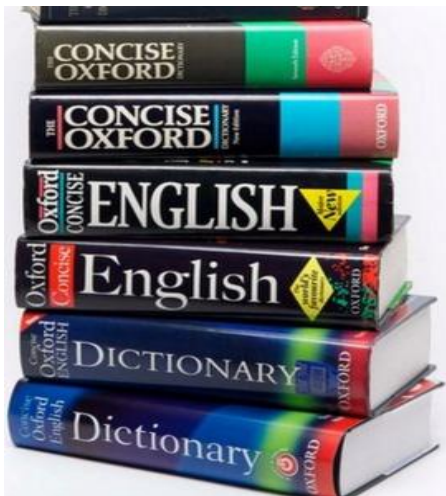


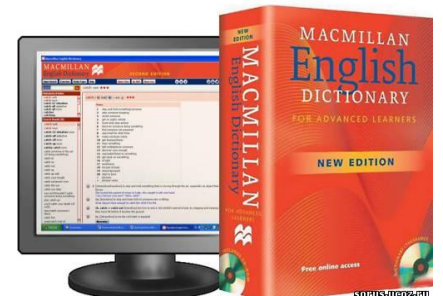
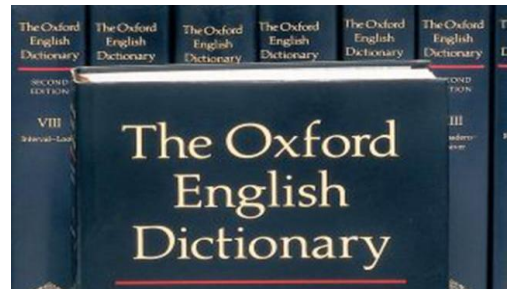
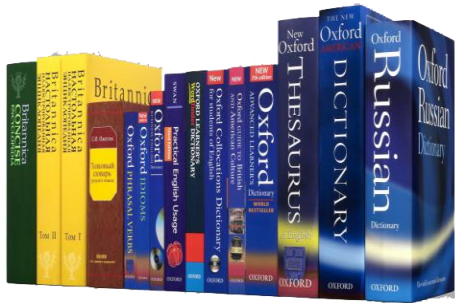
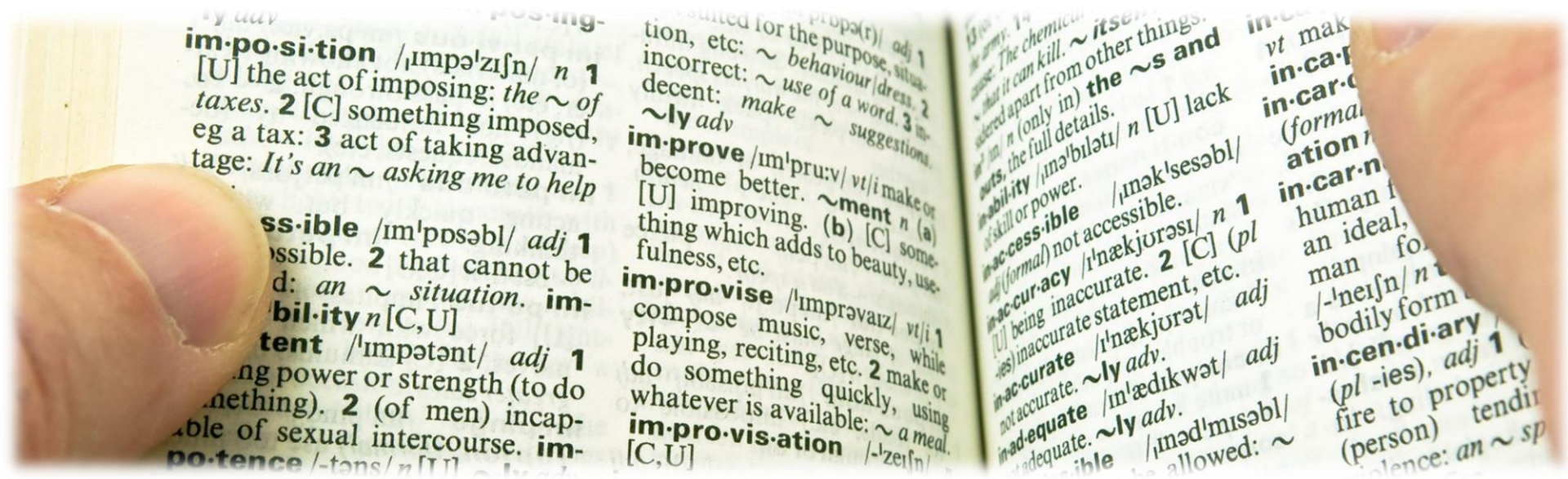
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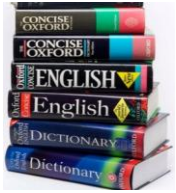


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16th October, 2018 was... Dictionary Day

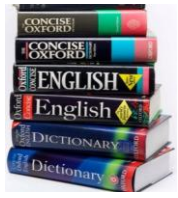


History of Dictionary Day



October the 16th is **National Dictionary Day**. It falls on this day because that is the birthday of America's most famous dictionary maker, **Noah Webster**, who was born in 1758.

It is a day for us all to get out our dictionaries and start using them more often. We all need dictionaries. Many people have *paper dictionaries* and others use *online* ones on their computers or mobile phones.



Some people have dictionaries in many languages. We also have dictionaries for specific areas.

There are **pronunciation dictionaries**, **medical dictionaries** and even a **Harry Potter dictionary**.

Most of the celebrations for this day take place in schools. It is a good day for teachers to improve the dictionary-using skills of their students.



My dictionary says a **dictionary** is “*a book that lists the words of a language in alphabetical order and gives their meaning, or that gives the meaning in a different language*”. It also says a dictionary is “*a reference book on any subject, the items of which are arranged in alphabetical order*”. An example of this is a **dictionary of quotations**.

We start using dictionaries when we are very young.



There are special versions for children and there are even **picture dictionaries**. Some people might say you have *swallowed a dictionary*. This means you use lots of long and difficult words when you speak. Another interesting expression is to say someone is a *walking dictionary*. This means a person knows the definition of every word.

Task 1

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. America's most famous | <i>a.</i> their dictionaries |
| 2. get out | <i>b.</i> more often |
| 3. start using them | <i>c.</i> place in schools |
| 4. others use online | <i>d.</i> dictionary maker |
| 5. celebrations for this day take | <i>e.</i> skills |
| 6. dictionary-using | <i>f.</i> ones |

Paragraph 2

1. in alphabetical
 2. a reference
 3. a dictionary of
 4. special versions for
 5. you have swallowed
 6. a person knows the definition
- a.* quotations
 - b.* a dictionary
 - c.* book
 - d.* Order
 - e.* of every
word
 - f.* Children

Put the words into the gaps in the text

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Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly

Paragraph 1

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Paragraph 2

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order

- 1.famous most America's maker dictionary.
- 2.us all to get out our dictionaries A day for.
- 3.have also We areas specific for dictionaries.
- 4.place for in this schools day take Celebrations.
- 5.day to It good teachers a for improve is.
- 6.that words language book the a A lists of.
- 7.different a in meaning the Gives language.
- 8.dictionary of a quotations example is of An this.
- 9.for are versions children There special.
- 10.the definition A of person every knows word.