

Subject: To Coin a Phrase

Before reading

1. What do you think?

What is the meaning of the words from the table below?

zany	frugal	butterfingers	nerd	pandemonium
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2. Now, look up the words from the table in an English-English dictionary.

3. The words presented above were all invented by famous writers. Try to match them with their inventors.

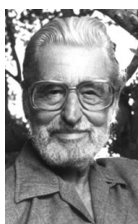
zany -

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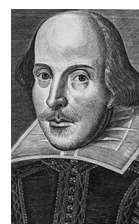
Dr Seuss



Charles Dickens



John Milton



Shakespeare x 2

Reading

4. Read the article and learn about the origins of other interesting words.

5. Fill in the gaps with the words defined in the article.

a) The comedy we watched last night was really

b) He led an extremely life.

c) All his peers consider him a

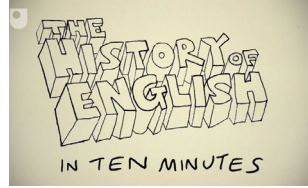
d) The building in front of us is a total

e) You name someone if they keep on dropping things.

After reading

Watch the video: *The History of English in 10 Ten Minutes.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3r9bOkYW9s>



Answer the questions.

What are the origins of the following words:

- names of four days of the week -
- to give -
- judge -
- cow -
- beef -
- alligator -
- a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush -
- acid -
- tonsil -
- yoga -
- zombie -
- snuffbumble -
- moose -
- bottom line -
- to download -
- BTW -
- FYI -

Homework

Prepare a short presentation about one of the famous writers below:

William Shakespeare, J.R.R. Tolkien, Charles Dickens, Roald Dahl, Lewis Carroll, Dr Seuss, John Milton

Answer key:

Exercise 5: a) zany; b) frugal; c) nerd; d) eyesore; e) butterfingers