



Variation and change

in the history of the English lexicon, 440i509a

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dictionary, *n.* and *adj.*

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Pronunciation: Brit. /ˈdɪkʃən(ə)rɪ/, U.S. /ˈdɪkʃəːneri/

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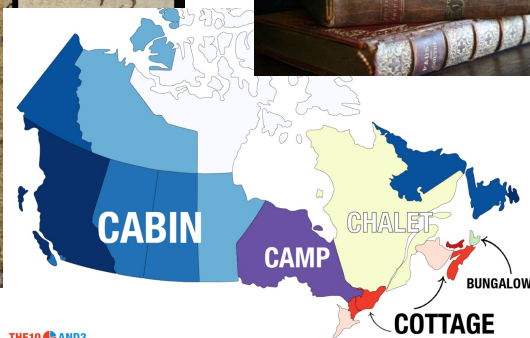
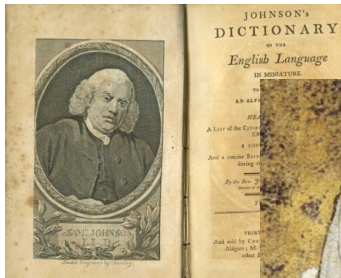
Frequency (in current use): ●●●●●●●●

Etymology: A borrowing from Latin. Etymon: Latin *dictionarius*.
< post-classical Latin *dictionarius* wordbook, collection of phrases (c... (Show More)

A. *n.*

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a. A book which explains or translates, usually in alphabetical order, the (or of a particular category of vocabulary), giving for each word its typical meaning or meanings, and often other information, such as pronunciation equivalents in other languages, and illustrative examples. Cf. *LEXICON n.*



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