A ▶ **9.10** Watch Part 1 of the TED Talk. Answer questions 1 to 3.

1 Why do you think Anne Curzan's dinner companion questioned whether *defriend* is a real word?

a He had never heard the word before.

b He didn't know the meaning of the word.

c It's a new word that he doesn't like.

2 According to Anne Curzan, what do most people mean when they say a word isn't real?

a It isn't in a standard dictionary.

b It's only used in certain places.

c Only a few people use it.

3 What does Anne Curzan suggest when she says that even the most critical people don't usually question dictionaries?

a People have become less interested in using dictionaries.

b People tend to think that dictionaries are always accurate or all the same.

c People need to learn how to use dictionaries in the correct way.

B ▶ **9.11** Watch Part 2 of the TED Talk. Circle the correct words.

1 Dictionary editors (**study historical language records** / **watch how we use language**) in order to identify trends.

2 Curzan gives *LOL* as an example of a phrase that will probably (**remain popular** / **be used less frequently in the future**).

3 Dictionary editors are (**sure that** / **unsure if**) the phrase *YOLO* is a fad.

4 People who observe language usually (**predict** / **notice**) the same things, but have different attitudes toward them.

C ▶ **9.12** Watch Part 3 of the TED Talk. Check (✓) the sentences that Anne Curzan would probably agree with.

☐ There's no problem with using *impact* as a verb and *invite* as a noun.

☐ Language change helps to keep a language alive and strong.

☐ Dictionary editors need greater authority in order to create accurate language guides for people.

☐ If a slang word is used and understood by a group of people, it's a real word.

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A 9.14 Watch the beginning of Anne Curzan's TED Talk. Check (✓) the questions that she asks.

- ☐ What makes a word real?
- ☐ How accurate are dictionaries?
- ☐ When do new words become real?
- ☐ Who makes decisions about words?

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