

**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.

**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?