

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?