

## STYLISTIC MARKS OF LEXEMES IN EXPLANATORY DICTIONARIES OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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### ANNOTATION

The article presents data about two English explanatory dictionaries Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary and Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English 6th edition for advanced learners. According to this, their stylistic labels, features and peculiarities are given in this article. Longman English dictionary and Oxford dictionary are the best instances of logical word references in English language. The importance of dictionaries are extremely fundamental for the students while learning language and instructing dialects. Learners use dictionaries in the lesson and explanatory dictionaries give data about significance, pronunciation, any unique linguistic elements, normal collocations, model expressions or sentences to the students. Comparison between Oxford and Longman dictionaries are exactly shown in this article. Similarities and differences of two explanatory dictionaries' stylistic labels are mentioned.

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Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary and Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English sixth version for cutting edge students are the best examples of an explanatory dictionary in English language. Each dictionary has own stylistic labels, features and peculiarities. Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English sixth version for cutting edge students is the most recent release of this all around regarded dictionary for unfamiliar students of English and distributed by Pearson Education in 2014 and remembering 230 000 words for one volume.

Also, 3 kinds of complex marks are utilized in the Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English and they are gathered:

-words are used in one locale and country;

BrE British English, AmE American English, AusE Australian English

-words are utilized in a particular situation and delineate specific mentality;

Endorsing, objecting, formal, casual and funny marks are suitable to this kind.

-Words are utilized in a specific setting and sort of language;

Scriptural, regulation, scholarly, clinical, not amiable, dated, old use, expressed, no, specialized, brand name and composed labels. Totally, 20 elaborate marks are utilized in Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English sixth release.

On the other hand, Oxford Advanced Learner's dictionary is widely used in the UK and very comprehensive to compare other dictionaries. It was first published in 1948 with Oxford

University Press, the fifth edition of this dictionary published in 1995 and this dictionary involved 63 000 references, 90 000 examples, 65 000 definitions and 11 600 idioms. For example: The following labels are utilized in Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary:

- ✓ Approving-expressions illustrate that you feel admiration.
- ✓ Disapproving-expressions indicate that you feel contempt.
- ✓ Figurative- is used in metaphorical way.
- ✓ Formal- is a serious and official language.
- ✓ Humorous-is intended to be funny.
- ✓ Informal-is used unofficial situation and it is not appropriate for formal language.
- ✓ Ironic- meaning the contrary what is expected.
- ✓ Literary-the language is used in literature.
- ✓ Offensive- is used to refer people in a very insulting way.
- ✓ Slang-is used in a particular group of people and it is very informal language.
- ✓ Specialist-is utilized in particular subject areas.
- ✓ Taboo-is extremely offensive and embarrassing.

Additionally, the other restrictions:

- ❖ Dialect is used in a particular areas and regions.
- ❖ Old fashioned-is out of present use.
- ❖ Old use-is described words which are no longer in present use
- ❖ Saying-is traditional phrase, for example proverb.
- ❖ <sup>TM</sup> is used to illustrate trademark of a manufacturing company.

17 stylistic labels are utilized in Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary.

Particularly, Longman English Contemporary English dictionary is highly recommended dictionary for foreign students and at beginner level learners. Oxford is the best and helps to enrich learner's vocabulary and Longman English dictionary is more modern in approach. To compare two dictionaries 20 stylistic labels are used in Longman dictionary, 17 stylistic labels are used in Oxford dictionary.

**Conclusion**, both dictionaries Oxford and Longman dictionaries are famous explanatory dictionaries all over the world and advised especially foreign students. Particularly, Longman dictionary is more modern dictionary than Oxford dictionary. Oxford dictionary helps learners to enrich learners' vocabulary.

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