

## THE PROBLEM OF NORMATIVITY IN EXPLANATORY ENGLISH DICTIONARIES

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### Annotation:

Due to the existence of the humanbeing's need, it is natural phenomenon to set up normativity of explanatory dictionaries. The main reason for that is not only learner may encounter the problem in the interpretation of words, but also the words various usage. The article is devoted to assist the readers to find out the normativity and systems of dictionaries.

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### Introduction

It is natural for human being to learn new foreign language without the help of teachers, mankind is capable of learning autonomous, though they need the reference books or dictionary. On the basis of human needs, most of the amenities have been done; even on dictionary has been worked which plays an extremely important role for learning language. Without doubt, dictionaries act as gathering places and are true founts of information, helps people learn and gains new knowledge, understand and interpret, develop and learn, translate and find synonyms, learn the origin.

The common used explanatory words - a type of dictionary with a description. The explanatory dictionary explains the lexical meaning of words. The word is interpreted only once, and the combination of words is given in the explanatory dictionary as many times as the number of words included in this phrase - once with an interpretation, the rest with a reference.

Dictionaries help us to write and pronounce words correctly, broaden our horizons, and introduce us to culture. Indeed, a person professionally connected with the word cannot do without reading dictionaries, without systematic, regular work with them: a writer, journalist, linguist, language teacher, modern student.

The words in the Dictionary are in alphabetical order. A dictionary entry is built as follows: an etymological note (information about the origin of the word) is placed behind the heading word, then an interpretation, examples of the use of the word. Without an explanatory dictionary of the English language, it is impossible to learn the language and learn how to use the acquired knowledge in practice; dictionaries enrich our speech. In most situations, it is not as important to know the translation of a word as it is to understand its meaning. In this case, you can explain it in other words or

give the text the desired color - add positive or negative emotions, qualities. With all the variety of existing online English dictionaries, it is necessary to choose the right sources. It is noteworthy to pay attention to those resources that are clear and easy to use, will help you remember the word using the example of use in phrases, sentences. When choosing a platform, searcher needs to take into account their level of language proficiency, for what purposes the dictionary is used (for learning a foreign language, communicating with foreign partners, reading international publications, and so on). A big plus will be the opportunity to hear the pronunciation, view the transcription and translation into native language.

As for the background, something is said by philosophers to have 'normativity' when it entails that some action, attitude or mental state of some other kind is justified, an action one ought to do or a state one ought to be in. The philosophical area most distinctively concerned with normativity, almost by definition, is ethics

When comes to the normative," however, refers to what we perceive as normal, or what we think should be normal, regardless of whether it actually is.

Anything that makes something more clear can be described as explanatory, like a footnote in a term paper or your apologetic list of reasons for being late to your best friend's party. Definitions of explanatory. adjective. serving or intended to explain or make clear. "explanatory notes". To illustrate this, there is no doubt that the learner may encounter a wide range of online dictionaries such as Oxford, Macmillan, Urban and so on dictionaries. In order to facilitate the use of the Dictionaries, these explanatory notes present the principles that have guided the elaboration of the entries and the various elements that compose the structure of the articles. However, the purpose is explicit, though it can be challenging to find suitable one since dictionaries offer a great number of words as followings:

**\*self-explanatory adjective**

/ˌself ɪkˈsplænətri/     /ˌself ɪkˈsplænətɔːri/

**easy to understand and not needing any more explanation**

***I think the title is self-explanatory.*<sup>1</sup>**

**The nearby words:**

self-evidently adverb	self-expression noun
self-examination noun	self-fulfilling adjective

According to the normativity of Marriam-webster online dictionary offers a wide range of resources such as the first of all as other dictionaries gives pronunciation, illustrating the voice or articulation of the word, the second offers meaning along with

<sup>1</sup> Oxford online dictionary

the sign of which parts of speech is9 adjective, adverb, noun...); the next one is the facts of the words along with illustrating the synonyms. The peculiarity of the dictionary, the example sentence from the written works, or the recent examples on the web. In addition to that, the word history is mentioned. For example the mandatory is illustrated with the followings:

Something mandatory is the result of a mandate or order, which usually comes in the form of a law, rule, or regulation. Today there seem to be a lot of these mandates, so mandatory seat belts, mandatory inspections for industries, and mandatory prison sentences for violent crimes are regularly in the news. But mandatory retirement at age 65, which used to be common, is now illegal in most cases

Mandatory ( adjective) man·da·to·ry 'man-də-ˌtôr-ē

1: required by a law or rule : OBLIGATORY the mandatory retirement age

2: of, by, relating to, or holding a League of Nations mandate

mandatorily 'man-də-ˌtôr-ə-lē

mandatory (adverb) noun/plural: mandatories-one given a mandate

especially : a nation holding a mandate from the League of Nations

### Adjective- Synonyms

compulsory required	incumbent	nonelective
forced	involuntary	obligatory
imperative	necessary	peremptory

### Example Sentences:

Parents object to the mandatory nature of the shots—and the fact that their child's access to education hinges on compliance with the immunization regulations.

—Alice Park, Time, 2 June 2008

Recent examples on the Web

Ferguson faces a mandatory minimum of five years in prison, though prosecutors have said federal sentencing guidelines call for more than 10 years behind bars.

—Jason Meisner, Chicago Tribune, 3 Jan. 2023

You'd be sentenced the same for 5 grams of crack as for 500 grams of powder cocaine and that had an incredible impact because 5 grams isn't very much and the mandatory minimum for just possessing 5 grams was five years in prison.

(—San Diego Union-Tribune, 25 Dec. 2022)

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### First Known Use

Adjective \* 15th century, in the meaning defined at sense

Noun\*1661, in the meaning defined above

Time Traveler

The first known use of mandatory was in the 15th century

See more words from the same century<sup>2</sup>

The majority of reference dictionaries (orthoepic, spelling), the bulk of explanatory dictionaries are normative. Non-normative ones include historical, etymological, etc. dictionaries.

As for the orthoepic norm of a language is the standard pronunciation adopted by native speakers as the right along with the proper way of speaking. It is used by the most educated part of the population. For example: combinations aa, ao, oa, oo are pronounced like [aa]: n [a-a] bazhur, s [a-a] ocean, p [a-a] buzu, d [a-a] line.

Most learners encounter the confusion the omonyms and homographs which are common problems:

Bat. "Bat" as in the animal.

Desert. "Desert" as in a barren land, lie- to lie down, minute- means 60 seconds, project.-Shadow puppets are projected on a wall. fine-A parking fine, clip. Clip is another word for cut.

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