Evaluation of Language source (Oxford English Dictionary 2ⁿᵈ ed.1989) : A Reference Source

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1. A. Introduction

➤ Library is the place where reader used to search of their unknown knowledge. Library provide its service with the help of Document containing knowledge in it.

➤ Document contains information and are known as Books, Encyclopedia, Almanac, Dictionary, year Book, Biography, Hand Books/ Manuals Atlases etc.
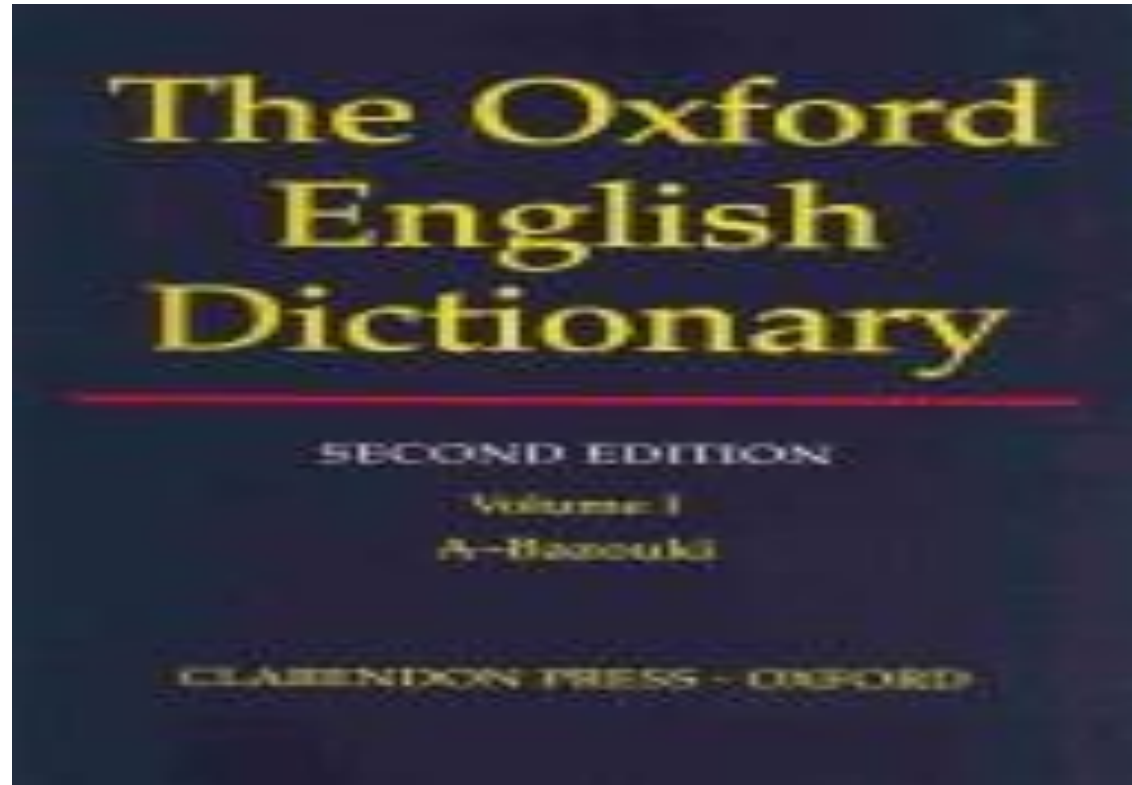
1.B. Introduction

➢ Some documents are known as Reference sources.

➢ Reference services is related with Library services that refers a user to reference sources for his specialized types of information query.

2. Reference sources

▶ A Reference book is a source that provide facts and/or finite piece of information

▶ This can be general (Encyclopedia Britannica) or more subject focused (Encyclopedia of Library Science).

3. A. Evaluation of Language Sources (Oxford English Dictionary 2nd ed.1989)

3.B.Evaluation of Oxford English Dictionary 2nd ed.1989

❑ The oxford English Dictionary Published by Clarendon Press, London.

❑ The present edition published in the year 1989.

❑ This edition contains 20 Volumes.

3.1.A. AUTHORITY :

❖ In the History of compilation of Lexicography The year 1987 has a landmark imprint.

❖ For the first time the concept of compilation of English Dictionary was proposed by Dean Trenches.

3.1.B. AUTHORITY:

❖ To draw on the actual ground a no of 1300 learned scholars gathered to compile 50,00,000 words collected from day to day dialects and English language, which was collected with the co-operation of 500 Authors.

❖ After continuous 70 years of day and night efforts the fruitful First edition of the Dictionary published in 1933 Named as " OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY"

3.2.A.SCOPE

It covers English as well as regional languages words by adopting in it. Words arrangement are in alphabetical form.

From time to time new vocabulary added and new word from regional languages added with pronunciation, its origin, local variations etc.

3.2.B.SCOPE

The current edition has total no of 291500 entries which is more than 15% and above of previous edition.

Oxford English dictionary contains 60,400 cross reference entry, 350 million printed characters, define word/ illustrated 615,100, number of punctuation 1,39900, number of entomologies 219,800 etc.

3.3.TREATMENT

In treatment look into account spelling of words,

 - pronunciation,

 - parts of speech,

 - definition,

 - quotations,

 - synonyms and antonyms,

 - phrase entomology etc.

 In English language, American and British spellings are prevalent.

Dictionaries published in UK and Commonwealth countries use British spelling, and those produced from USA use American spelling.

3.4. ARRANGEMENT

Entries are alphabetically arranged.

Arrangement are in letter by letter order.

Abbreviation are used ex. , the alphabets a. n. and v. are used to indicate adjective, noun and verb respectively.

Definitions and quotations are simply expressed in the dictionary to make the word clear and simple.

3.5.FORMAT

The Oxford dictionary is in Hard bound consisting of 20 volumes.

With 21730 pages, published in 1989 consisting of 59 million words and 350 million printed characters.

Paper used in printing is thin but good in quality, printing is clear and readable.

How to use Dictionary and List of Abbreviations are given.

3.6.REVISION

New words are springing up.

 Hence, keeping a printed dictionary updated is a difficult task.

Usually new editions of dictionaries are issued after long intervals.

 The first edition of **OED** Published in1933 and its second edition in 1989.

Online availability of OED in 2000 and completely new revised third edition of the dictionary (*OED3*), expected to be completed in 2037 with the projected cost of about £34 million. Source : Wikipedia

4. CONCLUSION

The oxford English Dictionary is a landmark English Dictionary in the field of English language and literature.

Hope the newly published edition will be more and more user friendly.

Thank you