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Dimitri Yelagin/Shutterstock Dictionary is probably your go to the source for fact-checking and spelling. But these small (or rather large!) books have an amazing history of inaccuracies. Now, there's another thing that dictionary devotees need to keep an eye on: the missing words. Take, for example, the first edition of the Oxford English Dictionary (OED). The OED build was a chaotic and disorganized process, and employees spent nearly 70 years cataloguing and defining all 414,825 words. As a result, many terms were inappropriate in shuffling. It is a kind of miracle, then, that only one word managed to slip through the cracks completely: the maid, which means slave. If you've never heard of it, we don't blame you; this word is not commonly used today. The term was the most popular in the 16th century, starting with the 1526 translation of the Bible. But when the first volume of the Oxford English Dictionary was published in 1888, this ancient word was mistakenly omitted. Check out these almost extinct words that you should use right away. It is rumoured that when OED editor James Murray found out about the error, he reddened with embarrassment. The phenomenon is completely inexplicable, and with our minute organization one could say absolutely impossible; I hope that's also absolutely unprecedented," he wrote to an anonymous contributor. It took nearly five decades to correct the bug, reports Mental Floss. Fortunately, the lost word debuted in the dictionary in 1933, when the second edition was published. At the opposite end of the spectrum, here are 9 fake words that happen to be in the dictionary. Although the Oxford English Dictionary has continued to expand since 1888, it has thankfully not forgotten to include the word after this accident. However, dictionaries still can't solve all our literary problems - these are the 20 most confusing rules of grammar in English. Oxford, Oxfordshire, is home to the oldest university in the English-speaking world. The city was founded in the 11th century, and the first mention of the university is about 100 years later - although the exact year is unknown. Touring the university, learning about its famous alumni and admiring the historical architecture of its 38 colleges is one reason visitors often include this popular city in their travel plans. But there is much more to enjoy in this city, about 60 miles northwest of London. Here's a dozen ideas for you to start. 01 of 12 Taylor McIntyre© TripSavvy Oxford is a relatively small town and one of the best ways to see it on foot, diving in and out of the back streets and alleys, exploring the foundations of colleges that are open to the public and make their own discoveries. Take a flyer at the station or download the app: Oxford City Guides has some good, downloadable audio guides. Or just follow our two Oxford guided walks on the morning and day to lay lying lying land and decide what you would like to come back later. There is really a lot to discover and a lot of delightful surprises. And that, being a university town, has plenty of cafes and pubs along the way to relax your tired tootsies. 02 of the 12 addresses of the Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology, Oxford OX1 2PH, UK When the Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology was opened in 1683 the word museum is not even used in English. The Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology is the oldest public museum in the UK. When it first opened, in 1683, the word Museum was not even used in English. The six-month extension, which opened in 2009, transformed the museum from a dark, dark series of Victorian galleries crammed with things into a light, modern exhibition space; doubled its size, and finally made their fabulous collections available to all. These collections span ten millennia of art and artifacts of Eastern and Western civilizations and include some incredible treasures, including: The Skull of Jericho: 10,000 years of representation of the human image, one of the earliest ever found. Alfred Jewel: an ancient Anglo-Saxon object of gold, enamel and stone crystal, which may have belonged to King Alfred the Great, the first king of all England. Drawings by Michelangelo and Raphael.Ceramics, made over 2000 yearsA Violin Stradivarius around 1715. And the best part is, its all free. 03 of 12 Andria Patino/Getty Images When Albert Einstein gave his second lecture at Oxford in 1931, he was already so world famous that the plaque he used to illustrate his speech was never erased. Instead it was immediately taken to this museum, where it has been preserved ever since. If the analysis of Einstein's calculations, on his own hand, does not intrigue you, there is still much to be done in this museum. It contains one of the world's best collections of medieval

European and ancient Islamic scientific instruments - beautiful sundials and astrolabes. The 11th-century Arabic astrolabe depicted here is an astronomical navigational tool, a precursor to the sextant. The collection also includes a Charles Dodgson camera. The Oxford mathematician, better known as Alice in Wonderland author Lewis Carroll, used the camera to take his famous series of photographs of Alice Liddell, which inspired his book Alice. The museum is free, although a donation is offered. If you're a keen museum gower, you won't be missing out on the sights in Oxford. Here are a few more to add to your list: Natural History Museum: Enjoy the skeletons of dinosaurs, butterflies and colorful beetles in glass cases. Collections of animals and minerals and the most famous treasure, skull and skin of the real dog Dodo, collected in the 17th century. Pitt River Museum: This is an archaeological museum or a large large collection of things, depending on your point of view. 04 of Joe Daniel's 12-year-old price/Getty Images Librarian John Rouse (1574-1652) should tremble in his boots when he had to abandon King Charles I's demand that the book be removed from the Bodleian Library and delivered to his palace. The reason why the collection of this historical library has grown and grown is that it is forbidden by law to choose any books. Instead, he brought a copy of the library's charter. Charles I was so impressed that he agreed that the charter of the pious founder would be religiously respected. Bodleian is one of the oldest libraries in Europe and the second only in the British Library in size and volume of its collection. It originated from a collection donated to the university in the 15th century by the Duke of Humphrey, the Duke of Gloucester and the brother of King Henry V. Over the years it has grown to cover about 13 million books and related items in several buildings, including the famous Radcliffe Chamber. The original medieval rooms, including the Duke Humphrey Library, are still used by scholars and open to the public on excursions and some self-sufficient audio visits. Continue to 5 of 12 below. 05 of 12 AndreA Chavez/Getty Images Oxford Botanical Garden, with 6,000 different plant species, is a year-round treatment, both outdoors and inside seven glass house displays. Always something to see and the garden website points out that in season and looks its best when you visit. Alpine plants, lilies, cloud-based forest plants and carnivorous plants can be found in glass houses. The oldest section of the garden, a garden with a wall, dates from 1621 and contains collections of medicinal plants, geographically located borders and even a forest walk. And while you're exploring many collections of the Lower Garden - including The Jean Border, with plants used in the production of gin, look for a corner bench that featured in Philip Pullman's dark materials trilogy, this is where Will and Lear can meet between their respective worlds. And if 130 acres of tree specimens, North American conifers, livestock and landscaped real estate - including some of the first sequoia trees brought to Europe - intrigue you, jump on a bus (X38 bus travels between the garden and Arboretum every 20 minutes) and head to Harcourt Arboretum about 5 miles away. 06 out of 12 Almost all Oxford University colleges are open to the public at certain times of the day or during special excursions. Of you only have time to visit one, go to the Church of Christ, the biggest and perhaps the most interesting for visitors. The foundation of the college is usually attributed to Henry VIII. In fact, though, Henry stole the thunder of his ill-fated chancellor, Cardinal Thomas Wolsley. Enter the college through the gates of Tom's Tower, a bell tower designed by Christopher Wren leading to the Tomsk quad. Old Tom, the bell in the tower, rings 101 times at 9:15 p.m..m. Every night. It is a tradition since the founding of the school when it has 101 scientists. The gates were at 9:15 p.m..m and the bell was ringing to indicate that the students were safely inside. The list of alumni and professors at Christ Church College is impressive and includes 14 British prime ministers, dozens of artists, writers and musicians and a couple of Nobel laureates. The art gallery of the Church of Christ contains paintings by the Old Master Tintoretto and Fra Lippo Lippi and drawings by Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci and Albrecht Durer. Lewis Carroll, (real name Charles Dodgson) was a mathematician don in college and his muse, 11-year-old Alice Liddell, who inspired Carroll's Alice in Wonderland and Alice through The Smoky, was the daughter of the college dean but as impressive as all this, it's probably not the reason that long queues of visitors every day to buy tickets. It is more likely that Harry Potter is the reason visitors to Oxford flock to this college. The halls, staircases and monasteries all stood in Hogwarts, and Hogwarts Infirmary in the films. And the magical Great Hall, where so many scenes are set, is modeled after the Great Hall of Christ's Own Hall. Many people believe that the scenes were filmed in this room, but in fact the replica was created at Warner Brothers' Leavesden Studios, outside London. You can visit it as part of the Warner Brothers London Studios tour, Making Harry Potter. Or look into the real, on a tour here. 07 of 12 Noppawat Tom Charoensinphon/Getty Images Oxford Indoor Market, in the city centre between colleges and the main high street retailer, is the perfect place to relax, snack and indulge in some artisan shops. The market officially opened in 1774 after local officials and university dons decided that traffic, smells and waste from market streets were becoming a public nuisance. He's been trading ever since. Today, most of the stalls have become shops (more than 40 of them), selling clothes, leather goods, flowers and dried flowers, herbs and aromas, fruits and vegetables, meat and fish, fancy cakes and great cheeses. Almost all merchants are independent. And the building itself is interesting to walk with the narrow alleys of shops under the beam ceiling. It was designed by John Gwynne, who also designed the famous Magdalene Bridge in Oxford. There are a number of sandwich shops and a pub or two, but if you want to experience a truly English cafe, try Cafe Brown. 08 of 12 Chris Mellor/Getty Images Oxford Castle began as an Anglo-Saxon fortress, before William the Conqueror, and its parts are at least 1,000 years old. Parapsychologists claim that this is one of the most visited buildings in the UK. They will, won't they, though excavations to make the building safe for visitors have revealed details of the spooky 18th century debtors tower and 900-year-old underground crypt. There's also a castle curse dating back to the Black Assize of 1577, when hundreds of people died within weeks who attended the trial of Rowland Jenks, including jurors, witnesses and the judge died of mysterious causes. Between 1071 and 1995, the castle was constantly used as a prison. Take a tour to learn about some of his most interesting and horrible stories. Continue to 9 from 12 below. 09 of 12 Jim Linwood/Flickr/CC BY 2.0 Turf Tavern, familiar to fans of Inspector Morse TV reruns, is one of Oxford's many famous pubs. It's down the alley so narrow that, piece by piece, you can't even stretch out both hands as you pass through it. It is a Grade II listed, 18th century building, although the earliest reports of it are in the tax records of King Richard II and from 1381. Inside, it's Warren levels and stairs. Although it does attract tourists, it is so hard to find that only the most determined non-locals actually get there. It is also popular with students and casual celebrities - drunken disputes between Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton in the mid-1960s became legends. 10 of 12 MelanieGermaine's 12/Getty Images Punting is a classic way of tinkering in boats in Oxford and Cambridge. In Oxford, they do it on the Cherwell River, from the Cherwell boathouse or from the Magdalen Bridge boathouse, next to Magdalena Bridge, on Oxford High Street. Punts are flat boats with a bottom that can carry up to six people - a player and five passengers. The player stands on a flat platform at one end and pushes and steers the boat with a long pole. Even if you've never heard of the term, you may have seen punting in an old English movie. On film it always seems easy, romantic and peaceful. But of course it's more complicated than that. Don't worry, if you don't think you can drive the pole, you can arrange for a punt chauffeur from Magdalene Boathouse, with an experienced player, a boat, often a student, doing the hard work. 11 of 12 Sheldon Theatre is a ceremonial gathering place for Oxford. It is a place where students are welcome at university and where they receive their diplomas after graduation. It is also a musical venue where you can listen to a concert in a building built between 1664 and 1669 as the first major design architect Sir Christopher Wren. The time of your visit is good and you can listen to music performed by the Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra and visit ensembles and soloists. There's at least one concert a month for a year and more frequent social events during the summer months. 12 of 12 Oxford Artisan Distillery Address Old Depot, South Park, Cheney Lane, Hedington, Oxford OX3 7D, UK Phone No 44 1865 767918 Spirits in question gin, vodka, absinthe and rye made at Oxford Artisan Distillery (TOAD, you see). It's a fascinating place with chained copper oches in the best Steampunk tradition. In fact the two are still called Nemo and Nautilus, with a nod toward steampunk's great inspiration, Jules Verne. We've heard that they're using Heritage grain grown from seeds grown from the thatched roofs of Oxfordshire in the 16th and 17th century. I'm not sure. believe that, but it certainly makes a great story and you never know. You can ask about this on one of their tours - 45 minutes for 90 minutes - both of which end up tasting a selection of their gins. If you're going on a 90-minute tour, costing 50 pounds in 2019, make sure you have a designated driver because he ends up having the chance to try his entire range and finish it (our self) with a big gin and tonic. Cheers. Cheers.

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