

# 2 LEXICOGRAPHY AND ENGLISH DICTIONARIES

## NATHANIEL BAILEY

- pioneer lexicographer
- Universal Etymological English Dictionary
- popular, large, comprehensive, sold well

## SAMUEL JOHNSON (1709 – 1784)

- added his own ideas, sophisticated definitions
- not to form but register the language

## NOAH WEBSTER (1758 – 1843)

- An American Dictionary of the English Language

hoped to standardize American speech (Americans in different parts of the country spelled, pronounced and used English words differently)

- spelling reformer (introduced American English spellings, e.g. *color*, *center*)
- after his death: Meriam-Webster, 1990s – Random House publishing house

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- JAMES MURRAY (1837 -1915)  
editor and father of The new English Dictionary,  
Oxford English Dictionary (12 volumes) – records the history of the  
language from historical times
- JOSEF EMANUEL MOUREK (1846 – 1911)  
Czech pioneer in English dictionary making  
contributed to Ottův slovník naučný  
the first English-Czech Dictionary (1896)

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## TYPES OF DICTIONARIES

- 1 General dictionaries: (publishing houses)  
(OUP, CUP, The Random House, Merriam-Webster's, Longman, Collins)
  - 2 Specialized dictionaries – language:  
(synonyms, idioms and phrasal verbs, collocations, neologism, pronunciation, etymology, frequency, slang, dialects, catch phrases)
  - 3 Specialized dictionaries – learner's dictionaries:  
OALD, OLDAE, LDCE, CCD, CALD (level C1-C2), word builders, w. finders
  - 4 Thesauruses:  
Oxford Paperback Thesaurus, Roget's International Thesaurus, Longman Lexicon of Contemporary English)
- Others: dictionaries for research (database), professional dictionary (business)

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## CZECH DICTIONARIES OF ENGLISH

Poldauf: Velký česko-anglický slovník (1997)

Fronek: Anglicko-český a česko-anglický slovník (2004)

Heis, Hodek: Velký Anglicko-český slovník (2000)