

《《剑桥词典》公布2020年度词汇:quarantine(隔离)》

《剑桥词典》日前宣布，“隔离”成为其选出的2020年度词汇。在此之前，《柯林斯词典》宣布“封锁”一词成为2020年度词汇，而《牛津英语词典》则表示，2020年度词汇实在选不出来。

Cambridge Dictionary has revealed its word of the year is “quarantine”.

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it was the third most searched-for word of the year, but comes in at number one once you discount words that recur almost every year, such as “hello” and “dictionary”.

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According to the dictionary, “quarantine” was searched for the most in between 18 and 24 March, when restrictions began to be imposed due to the pandemic.

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Cambridge Dictionary has said that the word acquired new meaning during lockdown and has therefore been given an added definition.

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A general period of time in which people are not allowed to leave their homes or travel freely, so that they do not catch or spread a disease," it reads.

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Alongside “quarantine”, other coronavirus-related words, including “pandemic” and “lockdown”, ranked highly on Cambridge Dictionary’s most popular list for 2020.

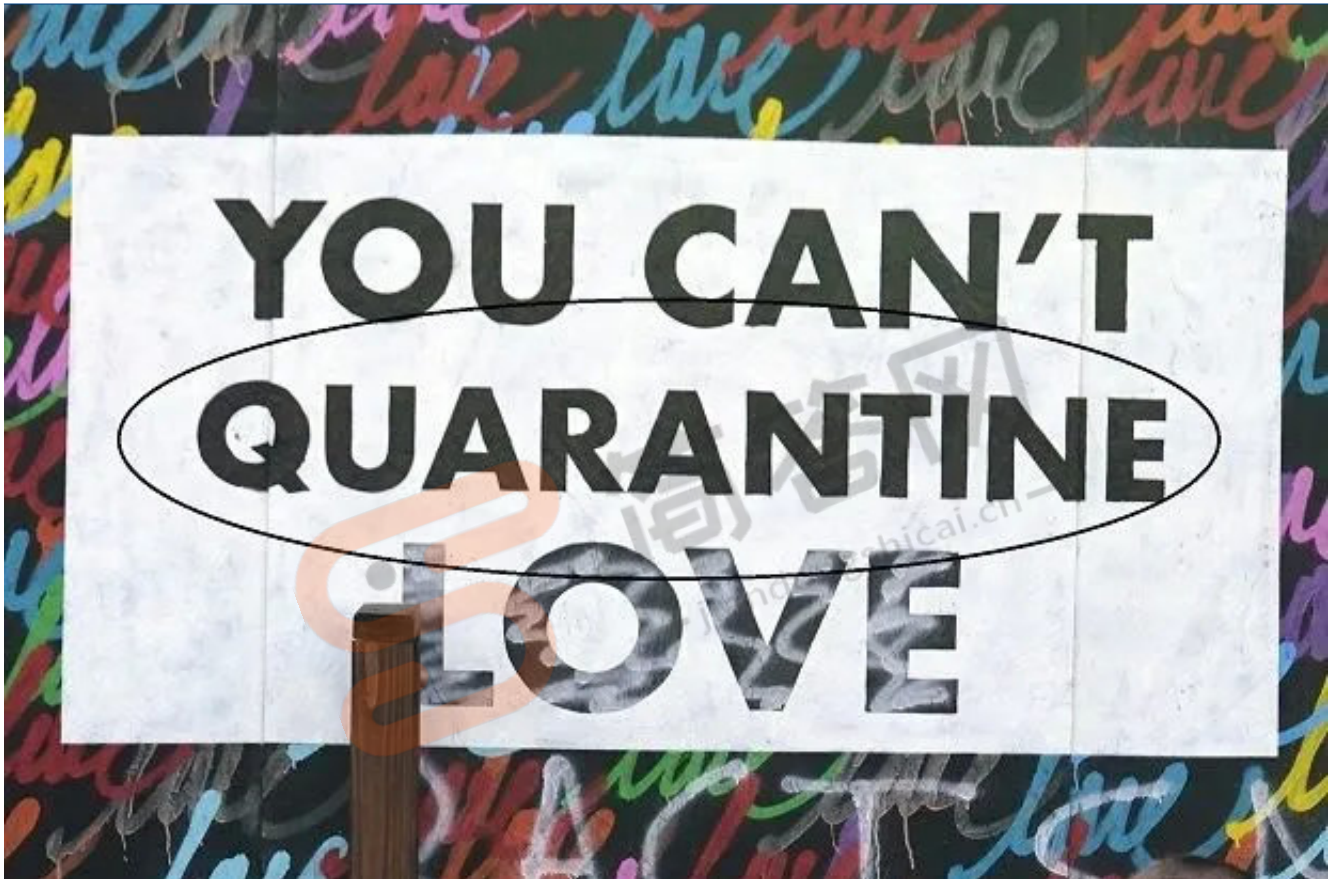
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There were also several new words added to the dictionary, including “HyFlex”, which is short for hybrid flexible, a term used to describe a style of teaching that sees some students participating in a class virtually while others are also there physically.

HyFlex hybrid flexible

"Elbow bump" was also added as a way of referring to a friendly greeting that allows people to maintain social distancing.

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In a poll, readers were asked which words they think should be added to the dictionary this year.

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The words that people search for reveal not just what is happening in the world, but what matters most to them in relation to those events.

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