

## 《牛津词典评出2014年度热词:Vape当选》

As 2014 draws to a close, it's time to look back and see which words have been significant throughout the past twelve months, and to announce the Oxford Dictionaries Word of the Year. Without further ado, we can exclusively reveal that the Oxford Dictionaries Word of the Year 2014 is....

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Vape

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Although there is a shortlist of strong contenders, it was vape that emerged victorious as Word of the Year.

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What does vape mean?

Vape?????

So, what does vape mean? It originated as an abbreviation of vapour or vaporize. The OxfordDictionaries.com definition was added in August 2014: the verb means 'to inhale and exhale the vapour produced by an electronic cigarette or similar device', while both the device and the action can also be known as a vape. The associated noun vaping is also listed.

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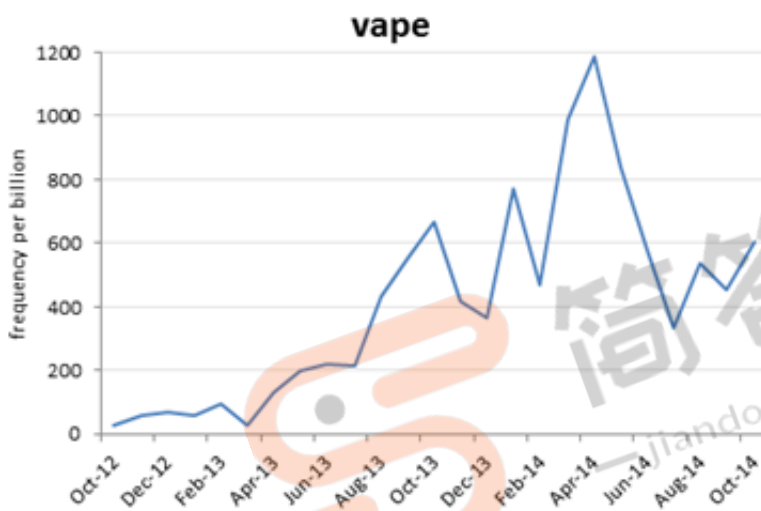
Why was vape chosen?

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As e-cigarettes (or e-cigs) have become much more common, so vape has grown significantly in popularity. You are thirty times more likely to come across the word vape than you were two years ago, and usage has more than doubled in the past year.

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Usage of vape peaked in April 2014 – as the graph below indicates – around the time that the UK's first 'vape café' (The Vape Lab in Shoreditch, London) opened its doors, and protests were held in response to New York City banning indoor vaping. In the same month, the issue of vaping was debated by The Washington Post, the BBC, and the British newspaper The Telegraph, amongst others.

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## The language of vaping

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Vape is also the modifier for other nouns, creating new compound nouns which are growing in popularity. The most common of these are vape pen and vape shop, and there is also recent evidence for vape lounge, vape fluid, vape juice, and others. Related coinages include e-juice, carto, and vaporium – as well as the retronym tobacco cigarette for traditional cigarettes. (A retronym is a new term created from an existing word in order to distinguish the original word from a later development – for example, acoustic guitar developing after the advent of the electric guitar.)

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## Vape before vaping

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You may be surprised to learn that the word vaping existed before the phenomenon. Although e-cigarettes weren't commercially available until the 21st century, a 1983 article in New Society entitled 'Why do People Smoke?' contains the first known usage of the term. The author, Rob Stepney, described what was then a hypothetical device:

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“an inhaler or ‘non-combustible’ cigarette, looking much like the real thing, but...delivering a metered dose of nicotine vapour. (The new habit, if it catches on, would be known as vaping.)”

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However, despite these early beginnings, Oxford Dictionaries research shows that it wasn't until 2009 that this sense of vape (and vaping) started to appear regularly in mainstream sources.

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