

# Queen of Dictionary Corner Brings Word Magic to Epsom

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*Epsom Playhouse set to host a celebration of the English language on 15 October*

Britain's best-loved lexicographer, **Susie Dent**, is heading to Epsom Playhouse this autumn with her brand-new live show, *Word Perfect* - a joyous celebration of the quirks, curiosities, and hidden histories of the English language.

Best known for her long-standing role in **Countdown's Dictionary Corner** and its comedy spin-off *8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown*, Susie will take to the Epsom stage on **Wednesday 15 October**, promising an evening packed with surprising etymologies, linguistic delights, and audience interaction.

Ever wondered why a group of crows is called a "murder" or why owls form a "parliament"? Curious whether the colour orange predates the fruit? Or perhaps baffled by Gen-Z slang and fearful that local dialects are fading fast? Susie aims to explore these questions and many more in her witty and engaging style.

**"The English language will never stop surprising and delighting me,"** she said ahead of the tour. "It is as wayward as it is majestic, while the dictionary is as full of magic, drama and adventure as you will find anywhere. I can't wait to walk down some more of its secret alleyways with the *Word Perfect* audiences, and to hear their own questions about our curious mother tongue!"

Following the success of her 74-date tour *The Secret Life of Words* (2018-2024), *Word Perfect* builds on Susie's mission to share the joy of words with audiences across the country. The show is a blend of fascinating facts, storytelling, and humour - all rooted in her encyclopaedic knowledge of English.

In 2024, Susie Dent was awarded an **MBE** for services to literature and education, the same year she published her debut novel *Guilty by Definition*. This autumn will also see the release of her latest books: *Words for Life*, and *The Roots We Share: 100 Words That Bring Us Together*.

Tickets for *Susie Dent: Word Perfect* are on sale now via [nothird.co.uk/susie-dent](https://nothird.co.uk/susie-dent) or directly from the Epsom Playhouse box office.

For more on Susie's work, visit: [susident.com](https://susident.com)