

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 or directly from the Epsom Playhouse box office.

For more on Susie’s work, visit: susiedent.com