

Frisian is the language spoken in the Dutch Province of Friesland. Its approximately 440,000 speakers use it mainly for informal and oral communication. Dutch is the official language in the Netherlands, also in Friesland. With approximately 24 million speakers worldwide, Dutch is used in almost all areas of society. It is a widely supported standard language with a large written production.

Frisian has a limited tradition as a written language and consequently has a large number of lexical gaps. For many Dutch or international concepts, there are simply no Frisian equivalents. When it comes to new words, Frisian does not keep pace with Dutch either. Because of the limited use of Frisian and the omnipresence of Dutch, there are almost no spontaneously formed Frisian neologisms. Dutch neologisms often have a Frisian equivalent that is based on Dutch or no equivalent at all. Sometimes Dutch words are adopted literally, sometimes they are adapted in the pronunciation or replaced by a loan translation. Because Frisians live in a dominant Dutch context and have an excellent command of this language (as opposed to [written] Frisian), they easily adopt Dutch neologisms.

However, there is an unmistakable, partly ideologically-driven, effort towards a certain standardization in written language, which creates a need for Frisian variants of neologisms. This endeavour to purify Frisian has an impact on the treatment of neologisms in dictionaries. The a-symmetrical bilingual situation outlined above also has its impact on the spontaneous creation of Frisian neologisms and their subsequent incorporation in dictionaries of Frisian.

De Fryske Akademy is working on an extensive bilingual online Dutch-Frisian production dictionary (ONFW). That dictionary has a large, standardized, autonomous language, as its source language, whereas the target language is small, dependent, and far less standardized. The macrostructure of the contemporary *Algemeen Nederlands Woordenboek* (ANW) is the basis for that of ONFW, which means that the ONFW mainly incorporates neologisms identified by ANW. The Fryske Akademy also has at its disposal a corpus of bilingual news items (Dutch and Frisian). This is an interesting source, because the news editors constantly have to think of Frisian equivalents for neologisms from mostly Dutch-language news.

In this paper we discuss the possibilities there are for forming Frisian neologisms, as well as the ideological responsibility of the lexicographer to form neologisms that have the greatest potential to be accepted by the language user, as only widely accepted neologisms contribute to the vitality of Frisian.

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### Anglicisms and language-internal neologisms: Dealing with new words and expressions in *The Danish Dictionary*

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The corpus-based online *The Danish Dictionary* contains just over 100,000 entries. The dictionary is updated on a regular basis, with batches published two or three times a year. Whenever a new batch is released, it almost certainly becomes the object of public attention. The media love new words and usually assume that a new word in the dictionary is also a new word in the language – a neologism. Of course, popular belief is far from the truth: many newly published words have been in the language for a long time, but were perhaps too infrequent to be included previously.

Given their popularity, neologisms are obviously interesting for the dictionary staff, and in this paper I analyse the ones that have been included recently, and consider whether special selection criteria should apply. The editors do not use a specific method to detect neologisms in particular, but we have, on the one hand, various tools to assist us in finding lemma candidates in general, and on the other, we can analyse the batches that have already been published in recent years. I pursue both these approaches, addressing questions such as the following:

- What broad types of neologisms exist and what are their characteristics?
- How does the pressure from English affect the vocabulary of the dictionary?
- Are Anglicisms dominant or used increasingly over time as compared with language-internal neologisms? Does globalisation promote the import of words from other languages, too?
- Do dictionary users suggest and look up neologisms, and in particular Anglicisms, more often than other words?

Although the notion of 'neologism' pertains to a range of linguistic phenomena, in this context I confine myself to words and multiword expressions as (potential) entries.

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