

'Cassette tape' being erased from some dictionaries

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The editors of the Concise Oxford English Dictionary decided to remove the term "cassette tape" from its pages this summer to help make room for 400 new words including "cyberbullying" and "retweet."

Jesse Sheidlower the editor-at-large for the dictionary, said the term was considered "so past its prime that it was not worth keeping it in."



For those who don't know, these are cassette tapes.

It's starting to look like that move may have been premature.

The 2.5-by-4-inch compact cassette that overtook vinyl albums and passed by eight-track tapes in the 1970s and '80s is experiencing a bit of a comeback, which some say is being fueled by the growth of indie music popularity.

A growing number of indie bands are turning to the format to get their music out more quickly and inexpensively, according to Rob Mason, the owner of Old Flame Records.

The Brooklyn-based record company released the band Total Babes' album *Swimming Through Sunlight* on tape before the full-length album was formally released Aug. 30 on CD and vinyl.

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