



Interview with Susie Dent

Today, we've had the privilege to have a phone call interview with Susie Dent. She revealed personal information and answered questions about the two shows she features in, both *Countdown* and *8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown*, also referred to by the team as 'Catsdown'.

We talked to Susie Dent about the 27 years she's been in the 'dictionary corner' on *Countdown*. We asked her what she thinks the best bit about *8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown* is, and she told us, "In my opinion the best bit is my seat; I'm next to a different person every day and it's normally a comedian I look up to."

Then we asked: how did she discover her love for words? She responded with an unexpected answer that was quite confusing at first. "In the bath. I was just sat there at age 5 looking at the shapes of the letters on shampoo bottles and how it was formed. To be truly honest French and German were my first loves, I figured out English later on in my life."

We also wanted to know, how did you pick your options and did you follow what you love? She gave the honest answer of, "For my GCSE's I chose physics and chemistry even though they were and still are my weak points. I still struggle with my 75 times tables which Jimmy Carr still teases me about. I also chose German and French, as I said earlier they were my first loves."

Then we finally asked her what is the longest word she knows is, Susie herself doesn't even know if it's a real word: **floccinaucinihilipilification**, it means the action or habit of estimating something as worthless. She also added that, "My favourite word changes all the time" and at the moment her favourite word is '**halcyon**' which means calm and peaceful.

It was really enjoyable talking to Susie and finding out more about the TV shows and herself.

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