

HOW are new words created

- 1) Loan words: because there is no existing word in English for this new concept
--> Example: Manga, Apartheid
- 2) Compounds: Adding 2 existing words together
--> Example: cloud computing
- 3) Evolution: meaning of a thing changes over time
--> The meaning of hacking has changed over time.
--> When e-mail (electronic-mail) became popular normal mail got a new name: snail mail
--> Snail = slak --> because it is 'slow' mail
- 4) Adding prefixes or suffixes
--> Derivation --> Embiggen, cyberbully
--> Affixation --> Adding affixes in an existing word to create a new word
--> Prefix: adding a prefix, adding an affix before a word
--> Interfix: adding an affix in the middle of a word
--> Suffix: adding an affix at the end of a word --> -en/-em = to make, to cause smth to
- 5) Blending two words together
--> Combine two parts to an existing word ! this is not combining two existing words !
--> Floordrobe: floor + wardrobe
--> Chillax: to chill + to relax
--> Mankini: man + bikini
- 6) Making abbreviations and acronyms
--> Abbreviation (afkorting): soz --> sorry
--> acronym (letterwoord): yolo, asap ...
- 7) Changing the part of speech of a word
--> For example: making verbs from nouns
--> Google -----> to google (something)



WHY are new words created

- 1) There is no existing English word that covers its concept.
- 2) It is a new concept that doesn't have a name
- 3) To create fun, new, informal words for a specific register.
- 4) To sound more sophisticated
- 5) Created for fun