

Two Kinds of Change

Internal Change

Language changes without outside influence

Internal
pressure

Isolation

Fashion



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Neat
Groovy
Rad
Cool
Sweet
Really
"Rilly" [rɪlɪj]

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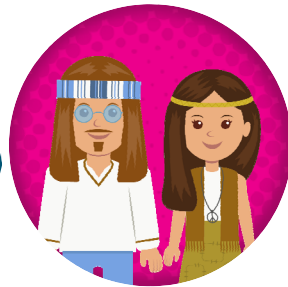
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What does fashion do?

- Identifies you as being part of a group
- Distinguishes you within that group

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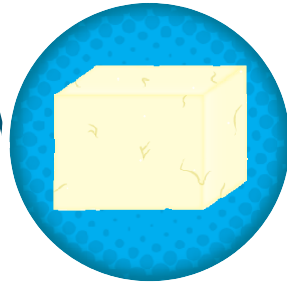
External Change

Pressures from outside the language (linguistic pressures)

Contact
with other
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Trade

Technology



Tofu

English often borrows
from *Greek* and *Latin*

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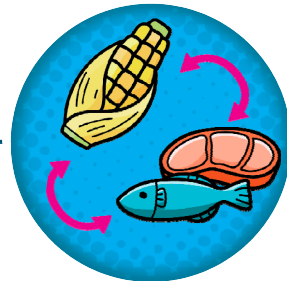
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External Change

Hostile ways languages change

Borrowing

Imperialism

War



'Skunk', 'toboggan', 'muskrat'
'Chocolate', 'tomato', 'potato'

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Financial
Physical taking over

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Change can occur on all levels



Fashion, Isolation, Prestige



Trade, War, Imperialism



Phonological



Morphological



Lexical



Syntactic



Semantic

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