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Introduction

Language not fixed; it is always changing. The English language has changed dramatically over the last thousand years.

There are many variations on this evolution process. Here are some key ways:

1-Technology and new inventions

New words and phrases were also developed to describe things that did not exist before.

A few years ago we weren't seduced by clickbait and we didn't worry about our carbon footprint. Recently we took selfies or listened to podcasts.

Sometimes these words are coined to form two existing words.

These are known as portmanteau names. For example, a blog comes from a web link and a log.

2 - Trade and migration

As cultures combine, mix and trade, language change embraces these changes.

English, for example, is often borrowed from other languages. These are called loan names.

Avatar, tsunami and sudoku are good examples of the names of the latest loans.

3: Old words acquiring new meanings

The good is often given as an example of word change.

For over seven centuries it has changed its meaning from 'foolishness' to 'shame', from 'weak' to 'modern' and 'modern' to 'happiness or satisfaction'. Something to change!

The internet is gearing up for the most recent word changes: mouse, surf and the web are obvious examples.