

# WORD FORMATION

The English language is prolific when it comes to creating new words. Here are some ways new words enter the vernacular.

## DERIVATION



Add a prefix or suffix.  
outpatient, doable

## BLENDING



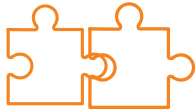
Mix 2 words together.  
breakfast + lunch - brunch

## BACK FORMATION



Remove a prefix or suffix.  
bartender - bartend

## COMPOUNDING



Join two words together.  
sun+glasses= sunglasses

## REPURPOSING



One context to another.  
crane (bird) to crane (machine)

## CONVERSION



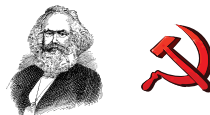
One class to another.  
giant - gigantic

## VERBING



Noun turned into a verb.  
to email, to google, to dialogue

## EPONYMS



Named for a person or place.  
sandwich, atlas, kleenex

## ABBREVIATION



Short forming and clipping.  
Cabriolet - Cab.

## BORROWING



Use words from other languages.  
cafe (French), rabbit (walloon)

## ONOMATOPEIA



Imitating a sound.  
barf, ouch, plop.

## REDUPLICATION



Repetition, near repetition.  
poo-poo, ta-ta, hip hop

## INVENTION



Purely created by imagination.  
Jabberwocky, quark, bling

## ERROR



Wrongly spelled or heard.  
scrabble - scramble

## OTHER



What other ways are there?

# Loan Words To English

English has borrowed many words from other languages. Do you know the meaning of these 10 words and their origin?

1. Ballet \_\_\_\_
2. Delicatessen/Deli \_\_\_\_
3. Genre \_\_\_\_
4. Kindergarten \_\_\_\_
5. Macho \_\_\_\_
6. Patio \_\_\_\_
7. Gung-ho \_\_\_\_
8. Paparazzi \_\_\_\_
9. Tarantula \_\_\_\_
10. Ketchup \_\_\_\_

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- B. photographers who take pictures of famous people
- C. a type of dance
- D. a type or style of something (music, books, etc.)
- E. a big, scary species of spider
- F. a sauce put on hamburgers, french fries, etc.
- G. to be really excited or enthusiastic about something
- H. someone who is very strong or manly
- I. a shop that sells meat, sandwiches, and other small foods
- J. an area outside a house with tables and chairs, but no roof

**Origin (there are 2 words from each):**



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French



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- F. someone who starts their own company
- G. like a typhoon, but in the Atlantic Ocean
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