

English Department Third stage Fourth lecture

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WORDS

Part 2

PROCESSES OF WORD FORMATION

7) **Blending**: Blending is the process of combining parts of two or more words to create a new word. For example, "smog" is a blend of "smoke" and "fog". Some other commonly used examples of blending are bit (binary/digit), brunch (breakfast/lunch), motel (motor/hotel), telecast (television/broadcast) and the Chunnel (channel/tunnel), connecting England and France.

8) **Back-formation:** Back-formation is the process of creating a new word by removing a suffix from an existing word. Examples:-

➤ **Edit:** The noun "editor" was back-formed from the verb "edit". The suffix "-or" was removed to create a new word that refers to a person who edits.

➤ **Donate:** The verb "donate" was back-formed from the noun "donation". The suffix "-ion" was removed to create a new verb that means to give or contribute something.

➤ **Orient:** The verb "orient" was back-formed from the noun "orientation". The suffix "-ion" was removed to create a new verb that means to familiarize oneself with a new situation or environment.

9) **Folk etymology:** is a process by which a word's origin or meaning is changed or distorted based on popular (but incorrect) beliefs or misconceptions about the word's history or components.

o For example, the English word "cockroach" comes from the Spanish word "cucaracha." The word "cucaracha" actually means "little bug," but over time, English speakers began to misinterpret the word as "cockroach," possibly because the Spanish word "cucaracha" contains the sounds "cock" and "roach." This is an example of folk etymology, where the incorrect belief about the origin of the word has been widely accepted and used over time.

10. **Antonomasia:** Antonomasia is a figure of speech in which a proper noun or personal name is replaced by a descriptive phrase or epithet that

becomes synonymous with the original name or title. This descriptive phrase or epithet is often used to refer to a person, place, or thing in a way that emphasizes a particular quality or characteristic

LIONEL MESSI GOAT (GREATEST OF ALL TIME)

1. **He is a real Einstein**
 2. **She's the Cleopatra of her time.**
 3. **Don't be a Judas.**
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1. **The Bard** = William Shakespeare
 2. **The Iron Lady** = Margaret Thatcher
 3. **The King of Pop** = Michael Jackson
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1. **The Big Apple** = New York City
2. **The Land of the Pharaohs** = Egypt
3. **The City of Lights** = Paris

11) Reduplication: Reduplication is a linguistic process in which a word or part of a word is repeated to form a new word with a different meaning.

Reduplication is found in many languages and can serve various functions, such as indicating plurality, intensity, or duration.

o In English, reduplication is used to create words such as "flip-flop," "ping-pong," "mish-mash," and "chit-chat." These words are created by repeating a word or a part of a word to create a new word with a different meaning.