

Processes of word formation



(part 2)

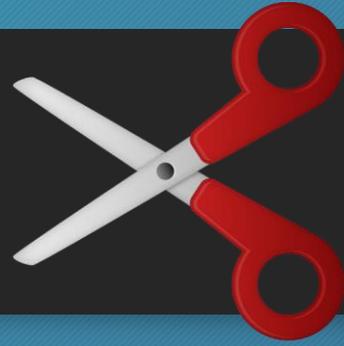
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4- Invention (coinage)

- It is the process of adding new words to the English language by inventing them. The result of invention is **the invented or coined words**)
- Goof
- Kodak
- Nylon
- blog
- See other examples on page 121 (required)

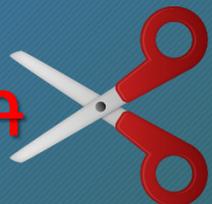


5- Clipping:



- It is cutting off the beginning or the end of a word or both, leaving a part to stand for the whole. **Clipped words** result from the process of clipping.

- Example:

• Photograph  = photo



Types of clipping:

1-The clipping of the end of the word is the most common type, and most nouns undergo this process.

- Prof~~essor~~.....prof Exam~~ination~~.....exam math~~ematics~~math gym~~nasium~~.....gym

2-The less common type of clipped words are those in which the first part is clipped

- ~~Air~~plane.....plane ~~Eliza~~beth.....Beth ~~Cara~~van.....van ~~Tele~~phone.....phone

3-Very few words have their first and last parts clipped

- ~~In~~fluen~~za~~.....flu ~~Eliza~~beth.....Liz ~~Dis~~till~~er~~.....still ~~Refriger~~ator.....fridge



6- Acronymy

- **It means** forming a word from the initials or beginning segments of successive words. The words resulted from this process are called acronyms.
- Ex. SWAT.....Special Weapons And Tactics

☐ In some cases the initials are pronounced as letters. For example

- VIPVery Important Person
- PDF.....portable Document Format

☐ In other cases, the initials or the beginning segments are pronounced as a word

- NATO.....North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- Radar.....radio detecting and ranging
- NOW.....National Organization of Women

