**WHERE DO NEW WORDS COME FROM?**

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**OVERALL COMPREHENSION**

One way a word enters a language is by:

Borrowing it from another language

Cloning an existing word

Luck

Eliminating another word

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Scientists sometimes use \_\_\_\_\_\_ to name a new idea.

An already-existing term

A synonym

Words from a classical language

Random phonetic sounds

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A way to fill-in a conceptual gap in a language is to:

Ignore it

Combine existing words

Look up a new word

Guess

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The word meme came about through:

Analogy with the word gene

Borrowing from another language

A dictionary look-up process

Speculation

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Obsolete words can gain new life:

Because of nostalgia

Through a whim

By legislation

By giving them new meanings

**SELECTIVE COMPREHENSION**

1. How many words are added to the Oxford dictionary every year?
2. Approximately how many words are currently in use in the English language?
3. Why are these words not enough, why do we need new words all the time?
4. Which ways of obtaining new words are mentioned in the video?
5. What kind of words and concepts did English borrow from:
6. Latin and French:
7. Arabic, Italian, Indian:
8. Which “just right words” did you hear for a complex idea or emotion that English did not have before it borrowed them?
9. Which words changed their meaning in the course of time?
10. How was the word “meme” created?