

WORD FORMATION IN ENGLISH (CLUES!!)

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INTRODUCTION.

1. Firstly, look at ***borrowing***
2. Secondly, look at ***coinage***

Clue

To indent points 'a)', 'b)', 'c)', 'd)' & their paragraphs, use Ctrl M

1. Words ***borrowed or adopted***

- a) General - English is good at this - very willing to adopt whenever it can.

Clue

This is a text box. a) drag a text box onto the screen. Use text box icon (bottom of screen):



b) copy the text, 'E.g. - typhoon etc.' into the text box

E.g. - typhoon from Chinese
slogan from Gaelic
sofa from Arabic
croissant and piano are also borrowed - from where?

Clue

This is a table with two columns, so at this point, add a table. Use the table icon:



- b) Twins and Triplets - On occasions the Latin root gives birth to one, two or three related words in English

Latin root	Resulting words
E.g. <u>quietus</u>	quiet, coy
E.g. <u>gentilis</u>	gentile, gentle and genteel

Clue

This is a hanging indent. Use Ctrl T

Clue

The spaces here are created by using the tab key.

The Latin parent which holds the record for giving birth to English words is possibly 'discus'. How many related words can you think of?

- c) We, in the English speaking world - better at looking after our borrowed words than they place where they were born.
E.g. double entendre and RSVP from French - not longer used in French
- d) Finally a confusing aspect of borrowing - we keep the Anglo-Saxon noun, but prefer to use a foreign form, often Latin, for the adjective. For example - mouth / oral, house / domestic

2. Coinage

- a) The creation of words from apparently nothing.

Clue

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Dog appeared in the middle ages - for years hound was used. No one knows where the word dog comes from. Recent examples yuppie

Clue

This is indented from right. Drag:



on the ruler towards the left

- b) Many words are made up by writer. Shakespeare used nearly 18,000 words in his writings of which one tenth had never been used before - critical, leapfrog, submerged, lonely - all Shakespeare's words.
- c) Words created as a result of progress in the modern world
- i) science and technology (nylon, aspirin)
 - ii) invented trade names which have become every day words to refer to all such items: Kleenex, Hoover, Xerox

Other shortcut keys:

You make a mistake:

'Undo' icon



Align text right:

Ctrl R

Align text left:

Ctrl L

Underline:

Ctrl U

Bold:

Ctrl B

Italics:

Ctrl I

Make characters smaller:

Ctrl Shift <

Make characters bigger:

Ctrl Shift >

Remove indent:

Ctrl Shift M

Remove hanging indent:

Ctrl Shift T

Centre text:

Ctrl E

Capitals:

Ctrl A

To remove bold, underline, italics - press Ctrl B, I, U again