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Neologism



Neologism: Clipping

The English language is always changing because the world is always changing as we learn more, invent new technologies, and have new experiences. A neologism is a brand new word that has recently been created. It is so new that it may not yet be in common use. One way to create a neologism is by clipping or shortening an existing word to create a new word.

DIRECTIONS: Each of the words below was once a neologism. Write down the original word that each was clipped from.

bike _____

gym _____

fridge _____

plane _____

phone _____

cab _____

fan _____

memo _____

Can you think of any contemporary neologisms that have been formed by clipping? Write the neologisms and the words they have been clipped from below.
