

# Morphology

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**PRODUCTIVE NEW MORPHOLOGY**

# Neologisms

- Acronyms
  - Words forms from the initial letters or syllables of a word
    - Gestapo
      - Geheime Staatspolizei
    - Benelux
      - Belgium-Netherlands-Luxembourg
    - Nabisco
      - National Biscuit Company
    - Interpol
      - International Police Organization

# Neologisms

- Initialisms
  - Words formed from only the initial letters of words
    - LASER
      - light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation
    - BMW
      - Bayerische Motoren Werke AG
    - MD
      - Medicinae Doctor

# Neologisms

- Compounding
  - words formed from pieces or units that are themselves distinct words.
  - Pay attention to stress
    - All-nighter
    - Bad-ass
    - Cashflow
    - Red-eye
    - Studmuffin
    - Shareware
    - blackboard

# Neologisms

- Amalgamations
  - Composed of two or more freestanding words
  - Think of fusion of words in phrases
    - Nevertheless
    - Already
    - Goodbye
    - Don
    - na'mean
    - Usted
    - También

# Neologisms

- Blends
  - Combining parts of words often based on phonological similarity
    - Motel
      - Motor + hotel
    - Smog
      - Smoke + fog
    - Frappuccino
      - Frappe + cappuccino
    - Fantabulous
      - Fantastic + fabulous
    - Humongous
      - Huge + enormous
    - Ginormous
      - Giant + enormous

# Neologisms

- Clipping
  - Compression
  - Shortening
  - Ellipsis
  - Reduction of a word into a smaller unit not related to its morphology
    - Bike
      - bicycle
    - Pants
      - pantaloons
    - Prof
      - professor
    - Ex
      - Ex-{husband,wife,boyfriend,girlfriend}



# Neologisms

- Expressive Creations
  - Onomatopoeia
  - Sound Symbolism
  - Words that sound like what they represent
    - Buzz
    - Pow
    - Gag
    - Shush

# New morphemes

- These processes all combine and can lead to reanalysis
- A speaker reanalyzes a word as having different morphology