

PRESENTAZIONE POWER POINT SU CHAPTER 9: THE SOURCES OF THE LEXICON

1. The source of the lexicon: where do the items in the English lexicon come from?
2. What is the so-called “common core”, what are the “common words” of the English language?
3. Crystal in his book talks about “native vocabulary”, when he is listing the sources of the English lexicon: what does it mean? And can you provide some examples?
4. Crystal in his book talks about “foreign borrowings” also called loan words, when he is listing the sources of the English lexicon: what does it mean? And can you provide some examples?
5. How and why is word-formation so important to the development of the English lexicon?
6. What types of word formation do you know? First of all, the three major types of word-formation? Then, the so-called unusual structures?
7. When we talk about lexical creation, what is a coinage?
8. People do some creative and even bizarre things with vocabulary: what is a nonce word?
9. People do some creative and even bizarre things with vocabulary: what is a neologism?