



Word-building (part 2)

Lecture 6

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The plan of the lecture

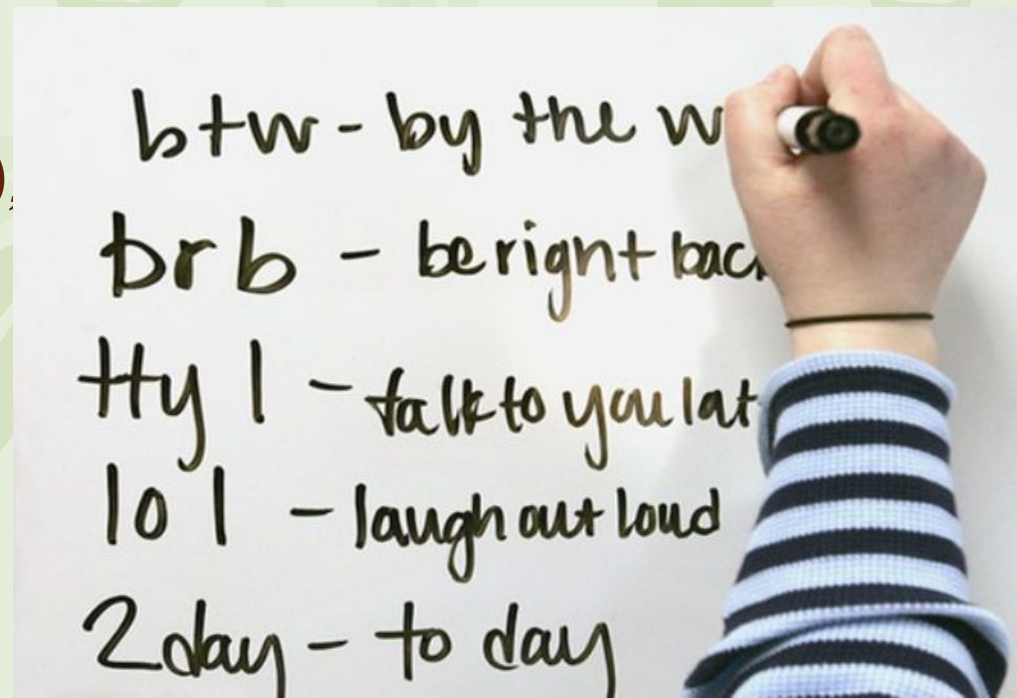
- .1. Shortening (contraction)
- .2. Ways of production in shortening
- .3. Onomatopoeia (Sound-imitation)
- .4. Reduplication
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Shortening is....

A type of word-building which concerns the change of a word by means of its contraction or abbreviation

EG

- *Phone* (from *telephone*),
- *flu* (*influenza*)



Variants

- 1) **AFAIK** As Far As I Know
- 2) **ASAP** As Soon As Possible
- 3) **B3** Blah, Blah, Blah
- 4) **BM&Y** Between Me And You
- 5) **CTN** Can Not Talk Now
- 6) **CUS** See You Soon
- 7) **CWYL** Chat With you Later
- 8) **H&K** Hugs And Kisses
- 9) **ILU** I Love You
- 10) **IMU** I Miss You
- 11) **LMSO** Laughing My Socks Off
- 12) **M8** Mate
- 13) **MYOB** Mind Your Own Business
- 14) **NIMBY** Not In My Back Yard
- 15) **OMG** Oh My God

Basic ways of production in shortening

- A new word from the syllable is made
- by dropping the beginning (*fence* from *defence*)
- or the ending (*hols* from *holidays*, *vac* from *vocation*)

A new word is made from the initial letters by means of abbreviation

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Onomatopoeia (sound-imitation) is...

.A type of word-building which is made by imitating different kinds of sounds produced by animals, birds, insects

.EG dog (bark) cock-a doodle-doo , quack , croak



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Reduplication is ...



A type of word-building produced by doubling a stem either by means of phonetic changes or root vowel or consonant variation

EG chit-chat

bye-bye

Back-formation or reduplication is...

A type of word building which produces the words by means of subtraction

- EG to baby-sit from baby-sitter
to blood -transfuse from
blood-transfusion
- To force-land from forced landing

