

VOCABULARY

What Is Vocabulary?

Vocabulary refers to a collection of words.

Examples:

Our English vocabulary developed in a variety of ways:

- **Names of people and places** provide some English words.
Rudolf *Diesel* invented an engine that is named after him.
- The first letters of words, called **acronyms**, provide new words for our language.
The acronym *CD* comes from the words compact and disc.

- **Sh**
- **Sor**
- A s
- A s
- me
- The
- em



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Try This

- Adolphe **Sax** invented a/an _____ that is named after him.
 - carnival ride
 - musical instrument
 - engine
 - food
- Figure out the meaning of the word in bold print by using **context clues**.
Gerald was so **fatigued** after his two-mile swim that he could barely drag himself out of the lake.
 - awake
 - alert
 - peppy
 - tired