

Learner Resource 2 Introduction and topic-specific terminology

Students should be given these examples and asked in groups or pairs to see if they are able to add more examples to them. These can then be shared so that a collective list of examples is created.

- broadening – mouse
- narrowing – meat
- amelioration – nice
- pejoration – impertinent
- weakening – guy
- metaphor – couch potato
- idiom – raining cats and dogs
- euphemism – surgical strike
- political correctness – chairperson
- colloquialism – numpty
- Latinate – villa
- compounding – greenhouse
- loan word – verandah
- slang – homies/my bad
- meiosis – slasher/grease monkey
- coinage – sickage

The following terms should be taught to students:

- synchronic/diachronic change
- descriptivism/prescriptivism
- derivation – an understanding of morphology would be needed here.

