




Lexicon

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- ▶ **Definition.**
 - ▶ + Language speakers have internalized mental dictionaries from which they make selections in constructing utterances. Does our brain work exactly the same way as dictionary?
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- - much more structured with links between phonological forms and the meaning of the items.
- This is what linguists refer as **lexicon**.
- What does it contain?
- All signs whose meaning is not predictable, whether they are:
 - + single morphemes, words or combination of words



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➤ Some examples.

+ Derivational morphemes (Normal**ize**, Ship**ment**...)

+ Inflectional morphemes (Jump**s**, start**ed**)

+ Complex words (Black-board, penknife)

+ Idioms

Let's see some interesting ones



Idioms

- ▶ Some ENGLISH IDIOMS





Clipping

➤ Clipping





Acronyms

- ▶ Acronyms and abbreviations



Blendings

- Blendings