

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.

• Shortened words provide some new English words.

The word hamburger provides the shortened word burger.

• Some new words, called ashais words, are derived from imitating sounds.

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Try This!

- 1] Adolphe **Sax** invented a/an _____ that is named after him.
- a] carnival ride
- b] musical instrument
- c] engine
- d] food
- 2] 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.
- a] awake
- b] alert
- c] peppy
- d] tired