

## Rules for Neologism

- Neologism: 1) the use of new words or the process by which new words are created  
2) a new word, usually created from previously existing elements

### Steps in the Creation of New Vocabulary:

1. Find a word that needs to be created
  - a. Warning: make sure there is not already a word for your idea!
  - b. it may be a common/public thing or something personal (from your life)
2. Use CLASSICAL bases to create the word, e.g.
  - a. "neomania"
  - b. Find the bases you need in the glossaries of the book (pp. 150-155, 286-290); use a dictionary for additional bases
3. RULES OF FORMATION
  - a. WATCH that the suffix is correct
  - b. put central element last (e.g., -mania)
  - c. bases that are qualifiers go first (e.g., -neo)  
[EXCEPTION: PHIL-/MIS- ("love/hate") = first base, although they represent the central element]
  - d. use correct buffering vowels, if necessary
    - 1) -o- = Greek
    - 2) -i- = Latin (but others are possible)
  - e. do NOT mix Latin and Greek bases (NO HYBRIDS!!!)
4. Assignment for the next class
  - a. we will review in class your (and my) neologisms
  - b. Write down your neologisms and be prepared to turn them in at the end of class! (you may need to make adjustments in class, so leave room on your paper for changes)

### Practice in the Assembly of Words Based on Greek Roots: Answers to Lesson XIII, Exercise IV, p.231

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| 1. hate/marriage/act of: miso/gam/y               | 7. new/fear or hatred of: neo/phobia      |
| 2. women/rule by: gyn/archy                       | hatred/new/condition of: miso/ne/ism      |
| 3. book/madness about: biblio/mania               | 8. many/form/having: poly/morph/ic (-ous) |
| 4. animal/love of/p.t.: zoo/phil/ic               | 9. tooth/study of: odonto/logy            |
| 5. hand/divine/act of: chiro/manc/y               | 10. pain/fear of: algo/phobia             |
| 6. water/science of/one engaged in: hydro/log/ist |   |

[n.b. There are other possible correct answers in the creation of these words.]