

PORTMANTEAU

We use words everyday in our life. We speak, write, read, even text with words. They are often used to describe an object or communicate with others. Since we realize that they're so important to us, you can create your own!

You can use the technique called "portmanteau". It's something not commonly known, but it's a way to create new words by blending two different words together. For example, there's brunch, which is breakfast and lunch in one meal so you don't have to feel so bad about waking up later than you wanted to.

Portmanteau exists because there's a need for a word that doesn't exist and that's called a "lexical gap". So blending the two words means that the new one is both of those things (ex: brunch is both breakfast and lunch).

STEP 1

Come up with a list of real-world needs that could use inventions to solve them. It could be big or small. Like, trash in the ocean or raking up leaves. You can also come up with a new ice cream flavor or a new sport, really anything that can be invented.

STEP 2

Think of the two words that can be used to make that invention. An example would be a spoon and a fork makes a spork, or a cherry and mango flavored ice cream would be chengo.

STEP 3

Combine the two words as shown in step 2, but don't include the whole of one word, try to put in half of each word. (**ch**erry + mang**o** = chengo)

STEP 4

There you go, a new word invented! Now that you have that invention of a word in mind, try to draw that invention!