Definition of new in English:

new

ADJECTIVE

1. Produced, introduced, or discovered recently or now for the first time; not existing before.
   ‘the new Madonna album’
   ‘new crop varieties’
   ‘this tendency is not new’
   ‘a fascinating mix of the old and the new’

2. Not previously used or owned.
   ‘a second-hand bus costs a fraction of a new one’

3. Of recent origin or arrival.
   ‘a new baby’

4. (of vegetables) dug or harvested early in the season.
   ‘new potatoes’

2. Already existing but seen, experienced, or acquired recently or now for the first time.
   ‘her new bike’
   ‘a new sensation’

2.1 (new to) Unfamiliar or strange to (someone)
   ‘a way of living that was new to me’

2.2 (new to/at) Inexperienced at or unaccustomed to (an activity)
   ‘I’m quite new to gardening’

2.3 Different from a recent previous one.
   ‘I have a new assistant’
   ‘this would be her new home’

2.4 In addition to another or others already existing.
   ‘looking for new business’

2.5 (in place names) Discovered or founded later than and named after.
   ‘New York’

3. Beginning anew and in a transformed way.
   ‘starting a new life’
   ‘the new South Africa’

3.1 (of a person) reinvigorated.
   ‘a bottle of pills would make him a new man’

3.2 Superseding and more advanced than another or others of the same kind.
   ‘the new architecture’

3.3 Reviving another or others of the same kind.
### ‘the New Bohemians’

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### ADVERB

*usually in combination* Newly; recently.

‘new-mown hay’

‘he was enjoying his new-found freedom’

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### Phrases

**informal** An account, idea, or joke not previously encountered by someone.

‘somebody being too lazy to talk—that’s a new one on me’

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### what’s new

1. (said on greeting someone) what’s going on? how are you?
   
   ‘Hello Preston, what’s new?’

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2. Used to express the fact that a situation is entirely predictable.
   
   ‘United were unlucky ... so what’s new?’

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### Origin

Old English niwe, niwe, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch nieuw and German neu, from an Indo-European root shared by Sanskrit nava, Latin novus, and Greek neos ‘new’.

### Pronunciation

new /njuː/ 🔊