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Definition of *new* in English:

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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'

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1.1 Not previously used or owned.

'a second-hand bus costs a fraction of a new one'

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1.2 Of recent origin or arrival.

'a new baby'

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1.3 (of vegetables) dug or harvested early in the season.

'new potatoes'

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2 Already existing but seen, experienced, or acquired recently or now for the first time.

'her new bike'

'a new sensation'

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2.1 (**new to**) Unfamiliar or strange to (someone)

'a way of living that was new to me'

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2.2 (**new to/at**) Inexperienced at or unaccustomed to (an activity)

'I'm quite new to gardening'

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2.3 Different from a recent previous one.

'I have a new assistant'

'this would be her new home'

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2.4 In addition to another or others already existing.

'looking for new business'

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2.5 [*in place names*] Discovered or founded later than and named after.

'New York'

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3 Beginning anew and in a transformed way.

'starting a new life'

'the new South Africa'

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3.1 (of a person) reinvigorated.

'a bottle of pills would make him a new man'

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3.2 Superseding and more advanced than another or others of the same kind.

'the new architecture'

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3.3 Reviving another or others of the same kind.

'the New Bohemians'

+ More example sentences

+ Synonyms

ADVERB

[usually in combination] Newly; recently.

'new-mown hay'

'he was enjoying his new-found freedom'

+ More example sentences

Phrases

a new one

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

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

+ More example sentences

what's new

1 (said on greeting someone) what's going on? how are you?

'Hello Preston, what's new?'

+ More example sentences

2 Used to express the fact that a situation is entirely predictable.

'United were unlucky ... so what's new?'

+ More example sentences

Origin

Old English *nīwe*, *nēowe*, 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/ 