

Terms in Ebonics

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Crib	house
Bae	sweetheart
Chill	Relax
Bling Bling	Flashy Jewelry

- a) Identify Two specific means by which new expressions in popular culture are diffused
- b) Popular culture often spreads through a combination of different types of diffusion. Describe how terms, such as those shown above, diffuse spatially through each of the following processes
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 - 2) Contagious Diffusion
 - 3) Hierarchical diffusion

c) Define the terms “pidgin” and “creole” languages and explain how Ebonics fits into one of the categories

New expressions in popular culture are diffused by contagious diffusion because as the new expressions are used by people of power like famous people then more people will start using them causing them to spread into the simple sentence. Another example of diffusion that spreads new expressions is Relocation diffusion and hierarchical diffusion. Relocation diffusion makes new expressions spread globally too. For example when is the spread of religions such as Christianity and Islam, to different parts of the world by persons that took these religions along with them when they moved to new locations. Examples of Hierarchical diffusion in spreading new expressions is when like i said in the beginning that when a person of high power or status start a trend it will globally spread just because of that one person. Pidgin is when a multiethnic society where different groups speak different languages but are required to communicate on account of trade or any other necessity. Creole is a language that is developed as a result of mixing two languages. Creole can fit into Ebonics because just as they made up their own languages to communicate with each other when we use things like chill or crib we are communicating to each other in a way that is not general to the world but to us.

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New words are diffused by a group of people using this “slang” and then it eventually spreads across. Another way is by this “slang” being used daily and on social media. Relocation is usually diffused by something originating in one location and then it spreading due to moving to other places. Contagious diffusion is usually diffused by someone or a group of people starting something and then it becoming a trend. Hierarchical diffusion is usually spread by a person of power doing something and then people copying that thing. Pidgin is when a group of people come together and they don’t speak the same language. Creole is when two languages are mixed together and come out as a new language. Ebonics fit into these languages because ebonics is basically creating new words or phrases for your language. These languages are all similar to each other.

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(These new expressions can be diffused by social media, because many people use these terms. Or their family could use these terms and as they get older, it'll become part of their language.)
- b) Popular culture often spreads through a combination of different types of diffusion. Describe how terms, such as those shown above, diffuse spatially through each of the following processes
 - 1) Relocation diffusion (It could be relocation because when people migrate or move, they bring the way they speak with them into new locations.)
 - 2) Contagious Diffusion (It's a trend kind of, so if a few people start saying it, many people follow and start saying it also.)
 - 3) Hierarchical diffusion (Many rappers or celebrities speak in this way, so the fans who follow them start to speak in this way too.)

c) Define the terms "pidgin" and "creole" languages and explain how Ebonics fits into one of the categories
(The term pidgin is a language that is spoken by different groups and it's when many languages are joined together. This language isn't taught in schools and usually doesn't become an official language.)

The term creole is a mixture of two languages to create one. Say someone adds on a new language to their already spoken language, and this language can develop and be taught in schools.

These are considered pidgin languages at the time because they are known as improper and most likely wouldn't be taught around the world. But if we record these languages or say them more often, they might become creole.)

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Two means by which new expressions in popular culture are diffused are music and social media.
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 - 1) Relocation diffusion - **Relocation diffusion is when an idea moves from one location to another. An example of this would be Christianity spreading all around the world.**
 - 2) Contagious Diffusion - **Contagious diffusion is when one person does something everyone else does too. An example of this would be a famous person on social media promoting a product**
 - 3) Hierarchical diffusion - **Hierarchical diffusion is when an idea spreads among the most connected people, then makes its way around the world. An example of this would be hiphop spreading from cities to suburbs around the US.**
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Pidgin language is a simplified form of a language, used for communication shared between people not sharing a common language. Creole languages is a language that develops from a mixture of two or more languages. Ebonics fits into pidgin language because it's just a more simplified vernacular language of English spoken mainly by Black people.