

Concepts in English Linguistics

Session 10: Languages in Contact

Borrowing The introduction of a foreign language element by a native speaker of the recipient language

False borrowing A borrowing that is different in form or meaning from the corresponding item in the source language: French *parking* (from English *parking lot* or similar)

Imposition The introduction of a foreign language element by a native speaker of the source language

Language death The point at which a language ceases to be spoken

Semantic loan The assignment of a new meaning, taken from a word in the source language, to an existing word in the recipient language.