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meaning, means that a word of wide meaning acquires a narrower, specialised sense which is applicable to only one of the objects it previously denoted. 3) Elevation When the meaning of a word narrows toward a more favourable meaning it is called elevation 4

) Degradation Degradation means the falling of word meaning into disrepute, for one reason or another. Words once respectable or neutral may shift to a less respectable, or even derogatory meaning. 2.
Causes of changes 1) Extra-linguistic factors (1) historical reason (2) class reason (3) psychological reason 2) Linguistic factors (1) shortening (2) borrowing (3) analogy 100Test 下载频道 开通,各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 www.100test.com