

retronym *(ret-ro-nym)*

Definition

n. A new term created from an existing word to distinguish the original referent from a later development.

Example Sentence

The term 'acoustic guitar' is a **retronym** that distinguishes it from the electric guitar.

More Example Sentences

With the advent of digital cameras, 'film camera' became a **retronym**.

Synonyms

back-formation; neologism; term

Antonyms

archaic term; obsolete term; outdated term

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