First of all, English language contains a core of words that have been a part of it no matter how far we trace its history. For example: sun, moon, love.

Second, English has been a prodigious borrower of words from other languages throughout its history and a vast number of words are now in our language. This have come about through:

Invasions,
Immigration,

Exploration,

Trade and other avenues or means of contact between English and some other languages For example: bazzar, hashish, cotton, window, alligator....
1. COMPOUNDING

Joining two or more words into a single one

* e.g. blackbird, ice cream, well-formed.

Different parts of speech may be joined together to create new words e.g.

- Adj + noun white coffee
- Verb + noun swimming pool
- Noun + noun fireman
Adv + noun  down tonner
Adj + verb  hard hearted
Prep + noun  inside
Compound words resemble grammatical structures e.g.

- Sub+verb  earthquake  earth quakes
2. DERIVATION