

Modernism

The word **"modern"** in English is derived from the Latin word **"modo,"** meaning **"in a certain manner."**

The definition of the English word **"modern"** has undergone a number of changes over the past four centuries since it was introduced in **1585.**

**The current uses of the word “modern”
include the following definitions:**

- 1. a. Of or relating to recent times or the
present (such as
modern history.)**
- b. Characteristic or expressive of recent
times or the present; contemporary or up-
to-date (such as a *modern lifestyle,*
or *a modern way of thinking.*)**

Other definitions of “**modern**” include:

2. a. Of or relating to a recently developed or advanced style, technique, or technology
(such as *modern art*
or *modern medicine*.)

b. Avant-garde; experimental.

3. In Linguistics, the word “**modern**” is used to describe a living, or current language or group of languages
(such as *Modern Italian* or
Modern Romance languages.)

The word **“modern”** is used to describe a revolutionary movement in philosophy, art, music, dance, literature, architecture and many other areas of cultural life that began to take place approximately in **1900**.

Originally, the word **“avant-garde”** was used to describe the new type of music. But later on historians used the term **“modern music”** in order to align the new musical values with those of the worlds of **modern art, literature and philosophy**.