Portmanteau Words

Portmanteau words are composed of parts from two other words that have been blended to create a new word with a new meaning.

Some common portmanteau words include:

pulsar = pulsating + star
humongous = huge + monstrous
slang = slovenly + language

Some newer portmanteau words include:
e-mail = electronic + mail
multiplex = multiple + complex
infomercial = information + commercial