

Word Formation

Various Ways of Word Formation

Word & Word Formation

A single distinct meaningful element of speech or writing, used with others (or sometimes alone) to form a sentence.

- **Word Formation**

The creation of a new **word**.

word-formation tries to explain the processes through which we can create new words.

Prefixes, Suffixes

Prefixes

**The affix which is added at the beginning of the word. (e,g un ; mis,).
These are called prefixes.**

Suffixes

**The affix which is added to the end of the word. (e,g, -less, - ish,).
These are called suffixes .**

**All English words formed by this derivational process have either
prefixes or suffixes or both.**

**Thus mislead has a prefix, disrespectful has both prefix and suffix and
foolishness has two suffixes.**

Infixes

The word which is inserted inside the word is called infix.

It is an affix that is incorporate inside other words.

(Hallebloodylujah..... bloody , disrespectful..., respect.).

Coinage

- **The invention and general use of totally new terms .Typically sources are trade names for commercial product that become general term.**
- **Example.**
- *pampers.*
- *nylon.*
- *teflon.*

Borrowing

- The process by which a word from one language is adapted for use in another.
- The taking over of a word from other language.

Example.

- *Piano* from *Italian*,
- *Yogurt* from *Turkish*
- *Sofa* from *Arabic*

Compounding

The joining of two separate words to produce a single form.

Example.

- *Finger* + *print* = *fingerprint*
- *Sun* + *burn* = *sunburn*
- *Text* + *book* = *textbook*
- *Wall* + *paper* = *wallpaper*

Blending

The combination of two separate forms to produce a single new term is called Blending.

- *(Typically take only the beginning of one word and join it to the end of the other word)*

Example.

• **Breakfast** + **Lunch** = **Brunch**

• **Oxford** + **Cambridge** = **Oxbridge**

Examples

Breakfast + Lunch = Brunch

Here we took **br** from breakfast and **unch** from lunch and a new blended word '**brunch**' is formed.

Smoke + fog = smog

Here we took **sm** from smoke and **og** from fog and a new blended word **Smog** is formed.

Clipping

A word of more than one syllable is reduced to make a shorter form.
(*into single syllable*).

Example.

- **Gasoline** = gas
- **Examination** = exam
- **Laboratory** = lab

Acronyms & Abbreviation

- **Abbreviation** is typically a shortened form of words used to represent the whole .
 - Example
 - *Dr.* Doctor
 - *Prof.* Professor
 - *Km.* Kilometer
- **Acronym** contains a set of initial letters from a new term that usually form another word .
 - Example.
 - *CD, NATO, NASA*