



CONVERSION

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Conversion (zero derivation)

- is a kind of word formation;
- is the creation of a word (of a new word class) from an existing word (of a different word class) without any change in form.

Verbification (verbing)

- is the creation of a verb from a noun, adjective or other word.

Major types of conversion:

- **from adjectives to nouns**

e.g. the poor, the good, the accused, the British;

- **from nouns to adjectives**

e.g. stone wall, air passage, zero modification;

- **from verb to noun**

e.g. to call > a call; to guess > a guess; to spy > a spy;

- **from nouns to verb**

e.g. a bottle > to bottle; water > to water; a hammer > to hammer;

- **from adjectives to verb**

e.g. to clean, to round, to dry, to calm down

Minor Types of conversion

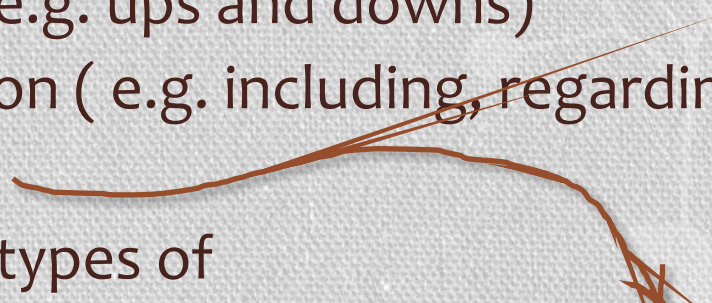
- from adverb to adjective


(e.g. The difficult part is learning the new computer codes- after that it's all *easy*.)

- from adjective to adverb (e.g. bitter cold, wide open)
- from noun to adverb (e.g. I'm going *home*)
- from adverb to noun (e.g. ups and downs)
- from verb to preposition (e.g. including, regarding, concerning)
- from verb to adjective
- other rare and special types of

conversion

(e.g. An up-in-the-air feeling,
a forget-me-not, a must-have,
If you *uh-uh* again, I won't go on
with my story)

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- He was the person frightening us all*
 - He was very frightening*
 - time that has elapsed*
 - elapsed time*
 - a leaf that has fallen*
 - a fallen leaf*



Verbification is sometimes used to create nonce words or joking words.
beer > beer me ("give me a beer") eye
> eye it ("look at it")

HUMOROUS EFFECTS



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