

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)

- a. He was the person frightening us all
- b. He was very frightening
- c. time that has elapsed
- d. elapsed time
- e. a leaf that has fallen
- f. 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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