

Word-building

- Conversion
- Compounding
- Afexes

Conversion

- The formation of new words without changing their spelling and pronunciation.

From the verb

master – to master

house – to house

water – to water

From the adjective

empty – to empty

white – to white

Compounding

air + field = airfield

birth + place = birthplace

Afexes

Prefixes

syllables which we add before certain words to form new words. The meaning of the new word depends on the prefix that has been used

Suffixes

syllables which we add to the end of the certain words to form new verbs

Prefixes

- The prefixes below are used to express opposite meanings.
 - de-** (destabilise, dethrone)
 - dis-** (disadvantage, disbelief)
 - in-** (insufficient) , **il-** (before l) illegal
 - im-** (before b,m,p) immature, improbable
 - ir-** (before r) irrelevant **BUT** unreal, unremarkable
 - non-** (non-dairy),
 - un-** (unattractive, uncivilized)
 - anti** – (anticlockwise)
 - counter-** (counterattack)

Prefixes

- The prefixes with **negative** meaning

a- (amoral)

ab- (absent)

mis- (misread)

non- (nonexistent)

- The prefixes with meaning «too»

over- (to overpay)

super- (superior)

ultra- (ultra-shot)

out- (outlast)

Prefixes

uni- (one) uniform

co- (with) co-educational

inter- (between) interstate

post- (after) postwar

re- (again) redesign

sub- under

trans- (travel) transatlantic

pro- (in favour of) pro-American

under- (not enough) underdeveloped

ex- (previous, former) ex-president

bi- (two) bilingual

inter- (between) interstate

multi- (many) multicultural

pre- (before) prenuptial

semi- (half) semi-circle

less- (subordinate)

Suffixes

- Nouns referring to people

- verb+ **-er/-or/-ar** (work – worker, act- actor, burgle – burglar)
- noun/verb/adjective+ **-ist** (social-socialist)
- verb+ **-ant/-ent** (assist-assistant, reside – resident)
- noun+ **-an/-ian** (republic – republican, Italy – Italian)
- verb+ **-ee** (passive meaning) (employ – employee)

Suffixes

- Nouns formed from verbs
 - **-age** post-postage
 - **-al** propose-proposal
 - **-ance** perform-performance
 - **-ence** coincide-coincidence
 - **-ation** animate-animation
 - **-ion** televise-television
 - **-ment** employ-employment
 - **-sion** pretend-pretension
 - **-sis** hypothesise-hypothesis
 - **-tion** describe-description
 - **-ure** close-closure
 - **-y** discover-discovery

Suffixes

- Nouns formed from adjectives
 - **-ance** relevant-relevance
 - **-cy** urgent-urgency
 - **-ence** patient-patience
 - **-ion** isolated-isolation
 - **-iness** happy-happiness
 - **-ness** sad-sadness
 - **-ity** relative-relatively
 - **-ty** royal-royalty
 - **-y** honest-honesty

Suffixes

- Adjectives formed from nouns
 - **-ous** nausea-nauseous
 - **-al** nation-national
 - **-ic** history-historic
 - **-ical** theatre-theatrical
 - **-ish** girl-girlish
 - **-ive** suppression-suppressive
 - **-ful** (with) dread-dreadful
 - **-less** (without) name-nameless
 - **-ant** brilliance-brilliant
 - **-able** reason-reasonable
 - **-y** wealth-wealthy
 - **-ly** world-worldly

Suffixes

- Adjectives formed from verbs
 - **-able** treat-treatable
 - **-ible** sense-sensible
 - **-ive** exclude-exclusive
 - **-ate** consider-considerate
 - **-ent** differ-differerent
- Verbs formed from adjectives
 - **-en** bright-brighten
 - **-ise** real-realise
- Verbs formed from nouns
 - **-en** strength-strengthen



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