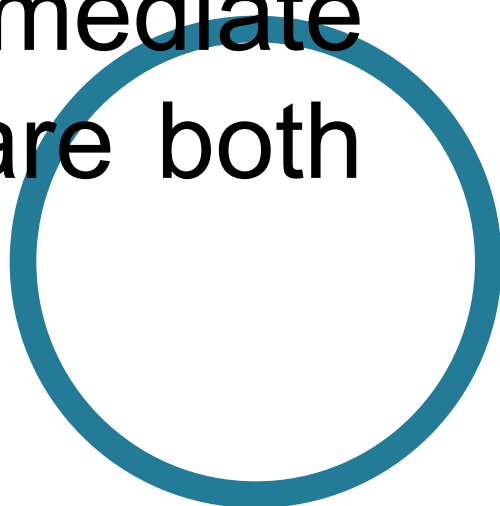


Word composition

Word composition is the type of word-formation, in which new words are produced by combining two or more Immediate Constituents (ICs), which are both derivational bases.



The Ics of compound words represent bases of all three structural types:

Bases that coincide with morphological stems

Bases that coincide with word-forms

Bases that coincide with word-groups

1) Simple

week-end

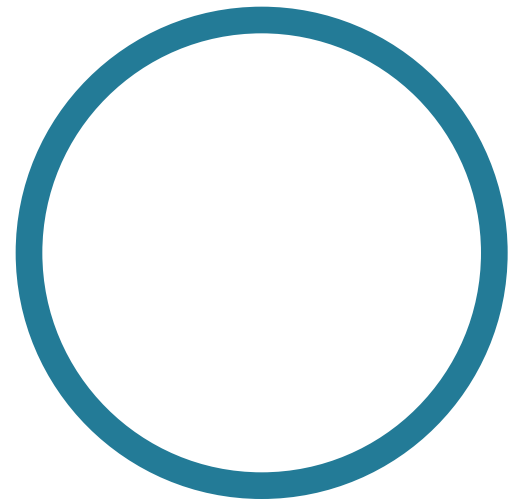
2) Derived

letter-writer

3) Compound

aircraft-carrier

- The meaning of compound word is made up of two components: **structural** and **lexical**.



The structural meaning

The meaning
of their
distributional
pattern

fruit-market
Market-fruit

The
meaning of
their
derivational
pattern
n+Ven

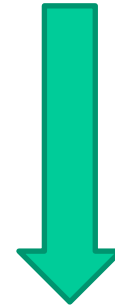
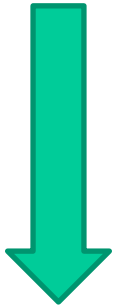
Duty-bound
Wind-driven

The lexical meaning

- **is formed on the base of the combined lexical meanings of their constituents.**
- **ex. Handbag is not “a bag designed to be carried in the hand” but “ a woman’s small bag to carry everyday personal item”**

Classification of compound words


**According to the relations
between the lcs compound
words fall into:**



Coordinative

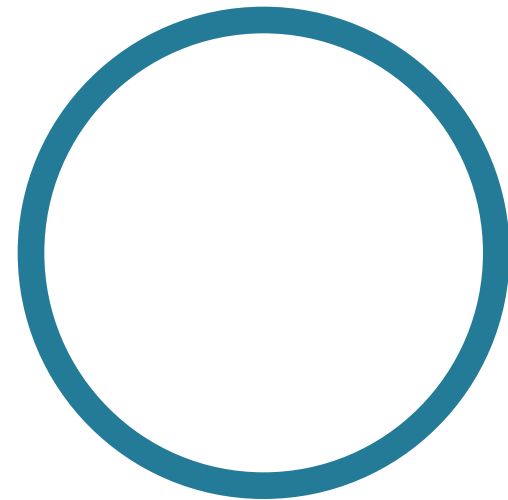
Subordinative

Coordinative compounds:

- **A) reduplicative : poof-poof, fifty-fifty**
 - **B) compounds formed by joining the phonically variated rhythmic twin forms: chit-chat, zig-zag**
 - **C) additive compounds: actor-manager**
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Subordinative compounds

- **Based on the domination of the head-member which is the second IC.**
- **ex. Stone-deaf, age-long**



According to the part of speech compounds fall into:

Compound nouns- sunbeam

Compound Adjectives - heart-free

Compound pronouns- somebody,
nothing



Compound adverbs- nowhere,
inside



Compound verbs- to bypass

According to the means of composition:

- 1) compounds, composed without connecting elements, ex. Dog-house
- 2) compounds, composed with a help of a vowel or a consonant as a linking element, ex. Statesman
- 3) compounds, composed with a help of linking elements represented by preposition or conjunction stems, ex. Son-in-law

According to the type of bases

Compounds
proper

ex. Door-step

Derivational
compounds

Ex.

Long-legged

