## WORD FORMATION PROCESS-AFIXATION AND COMPOUNDING AND ACRONYMY

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### **Word Formation Process**

How new words are being formed in the language

The process consists of a combination of morphemes that are rule-governed (a new word is formed)

# PROCESSES WHERE NEW WORDS ARE FORMED

## Major Word Formation Processes

(Processes that are formed frequently or commonly in the use of the English language)

## **AFFIXATION**

Process of forming words by adding affixes to morphemes

sing + er = singer

un + real = unreal

## COMPOUNDING

Process that forms new words from two or more independent words

Examples of words formed by the compounding process:

girl + friend = girlfriend

text + book = textbook

## REDUPLICATION

Process of forming new words either by doubling an entire word (total reduplication) or part of a word (partial reduplication)

English makes use of reduplication very sporadically

Total reduplication is extremely rare!

partial reduplication

Humpty - dumpty

hocus - pocus

#### SUPPLETION

A relationship between forms of a word wherein one form cannot be phonologically or morphologically derived from the other (this process is rare).

am VS. was

go vs. went

Main word formation process

## Acronym

Words that are formed from the initials of several words.

**RAM** = Random Access Memory

CD = Compact Disk

#### BLENDING

Process of creating a new word by combining the parts of two different words, usually the beginning of one word and the end of another.

motor + hotel = motel

camera + recorder = camcorder

### CLIPPING

Process of creating new words by shortening parts of a longer word.

doctor ---- doc

dormitory — dorm

## Coinage

- - Sources of coined words: •
  - 1. Trade names of commercial products that become general terms.
    - e.g. aspirin, kleenex, teflon, xerox.
- 2. New words based on the name of a person or a place.
  - e.g. hoover, jeans, sandwich.

# Examples

Doo \_r

Ever

Wood

Hea d body

ache

master

worm

pile

light

land

work

mistres

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cutte

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bell

one

step

stop

where

## Suffixes

Quiet

Violin

Capital

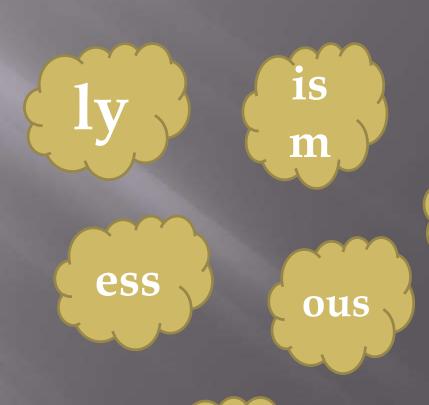
Music

Cheer

Fit

Nutrition

Lion



ful

ness

ician

ist

# ANSWERS



step, stop, bell

Every

body, one, where

Wood

cutter, work, worm, pile

Head

ache, master, light, mistress