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UNIT I: WORD FORMATION



Word Formation

Word formation process is basically how **new words** are created and become part of the language. In linguistics, word formation is the creation of a new word. In other words, it refers to the ways in which new words are made on the **basis of other words** or morphemes.



The formation of words is classified into four types based on how the process of formation is carried out. They are:

- By adding prefixes
- By adding suffixes
- Converting from one word class to another
- Forming compound words



Adding Prefixes



The term 'prefix' refers to one or more alphabets added to the stem of a word, mostly to make it **negative**.

The most commonly used prefixes include 'in-', 'un-', 'dis-', 'im-', 'ir-', etc.



Adding Prefixes



- Discipline – indiscipline
- Just – unjust
- Tidy – untidy
- Respect – disrespect
- Understand – misunderstand
- Comfortable – uncomfortable



Adding Suffixes

A suffix is a short syllable added at the **end of a base word**. The addition of suffixes usually changes the word class of the particular word. The most common suffixes include '**-ment**', '**-ness**', '**-ity**', '**-ous**', '**-tion**', '**-sion**', '**-al**', '**-able**', '**-ible**', '**-ive**', '**-ly**', '**-ate**', '**-er**', '**-or**', etc.



Adding Suffixes



- -ion. Meaning: action or condition. ...
- -dom. Meaning: place or state of being. ...
- -ty/ity. Meaning: quality of. ...
- -ism. Meaning: doctrine/belief. ...
- -ment. Meaning: an action or state. ...
- -ist. Meaning: one who. ...
- -en. Meaning: make. ...
- -ify. Meaning: make or become.



Compound Words



Compound words are formed by combining **one part of speech with another to form a specific word class.** There are many ways in which compound words are formed



Compound Words



1. Over (adverb) + load (noun) – Overload
2. White (adjective) + wash (verb) – Whitewash
3. Black (adjective) + board (noun) – Blackboard
4. Cup (noun) + board (noun) – Cupboard
5. Short (adjective) + hand (noun) – Shorthand
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