

The Formation Of English Words Showing Profession

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Abstract

This study explores one of the ways of forming new words in English which is the ways of forming new words indicating profession. The objectives of this study are to analyze how words showing modern professions are formed and what morphological process taking place in each process and why it happens.

The data are language corpus in the form of words showing professions taken from English newspapers such as The Washington Post, Sydney Morning Herald, Fox News, BBC, Al-Jazeera. The data are collected by scanning and highlighting words showing profession.

The result of analysis shows that the process of formation of new words showing profession in English mostly takes place with the process of compounding. With more than eighty percent of frequency of the appearance this process is the most productive. The morphological process seems to be similar to what past studies have found.

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Introduction

Many will agree with the claim that English vocabularies are expanding rapidly making the language rich in vocabulary. My claim is that this is due to the fact English has some ways of forming new words such as affixation, formation of noun phrases and formation of compound words. Moreover, Kalima (2007:5) argued that the ways of forming new words in English consists of some processes, among other things: borrowing, compounding, clipping, acronyms and initializations. In addition to having those ways of forming new words, there is also, as far as I am concerned, another logical reason of English vocabularies expanding rapidly which is the development in all aspects of life and the intensity of the communication

among people across the globe. As the communication among people get intensified people develop or more exactly coin new words to help them to communicate the idea quickly and at the same time understandably. For example the development in information technology such as the use of Internet as a medium of communication, which is becoming increasingly influential in our everyday life, has made people to develop new words shared and understood by those who use internet. We have the abundant example of these words such as *chat rooms, forums and instant, message, email, hacker, website, google* (which is now used as verb like in "You can google the word and you'll find numerous definitions on it" which