

## CHAPTER-01

# WORD FORMATION

Word formation is the process of creating new words from existing words.

The most common ways of word formation are

- Affixation
- Conversion
- Compounding

Take care not to displease the guests tonight.

My pet dog and co-exist in peace.

I lived in Mumbai during my childhood.

In these sentences, affixes have been used with the existing words. An affix can either be a prefix or a suffix. For example, the word displease has the affix dis- joined with the word please. Similarly, co-exist and childhood have been used using affixes.

Affixation is the process of adding suitable affixes (prefixes/suffixes) to an existing word to produce a new one.

Prefixes such as co, sub, anti, semi, poly, re, mis, dis, out, over, un, im, ir, non are used to frame new words.

Examples—co-owner, subeditor, overdo, renew, unfortunate etc.....

Suffixes can be added to words in order to produce new words...

For example-ise, ate, en, y, ly, ally etc..

For example—carefully, playful, symbolise etc.