

AFFIXATION IN LANGUAGE LEARNING

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Annotation

This article discusses the concept of affixation and its importance in language learning. Affixation is a word-formation process that involves adding prefixes and suffixes to base words to create new meanings. The study highlights how affixation helps learners expand vocabulary, improve grammar skills, and understand word structure. It also explains how affixation supports effective communication and language development.

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Introduction

In modern language learning, understanding how words are formed is as important as learning their meanings. Affixation is one of the most common ways of creating new words in English and many other languages.

Affixation involves adding prefixes (at the beginning of a word) and suffixes (at the end of a word) to a base or root word. For example, the word “happy” can become “unhappy” or “happiness”.

This process helps learners not only increase their vocabulary but also understand how language works in a deeper and more systematic way.

Methods

This study is based on qualitative analysis and classroom observations conducted between 2015 and 2025. The research focused on:

- Teaching affixation rules
- Vocabulary-building exercises
- Word formation activities
- Student writing and speaking tasks

Results

Improved Vocabulary

Students learned how to create many new words from one root word, which increased their vocabulary quickly.

Better Understanding of Word Structure

Learners began to recognize patterns in words, making it easier to guess meanings of unfamiliar words.

Enhanced Grammar Skills

Affixation helped students understand parts of speech.

Stronger Communication Skills

Students used more varied and accurate vocabulary in speaking and writing.

Discussion

The findings show that affixation is an effective tool in language education. It makes vocabulary learning more logical and structured.

However, some challenges exist. Students may confuse similar prefixes or suffixes, so teachers should provide clear explanations.

Conclusion

Affixation plays a crucial role in language learning by helping students understand how words are formed and used. It improves vocabulary, grammar, and communication skills.

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