Derivational Suffixes

- either change meaning:
  - un+happy
  - mis+understand
  - hope+less
  - tiger+ess
- or change word class:
  - happy+ness (Adj → N)
  - educate+ion (V → N)

Practice: what change is there?

atom+ic
civil+ize
electric+ity
employ+er
amaze+ment

a few prefixes change word class

be + devil
be + friend
a + wake
a + sleep

stress shift

three kinds of derivational suffix:
- stress preserving
- stress shifting
- stress attracting

stress preserving

where is the stress?
fulfill – fulfillment
happy – happiness
colour – colourful
terror – terrorize
stress shifting
where is the stress?
atom – atomic
educate – education
civil – civility

stress placement
stress-shifting suffixes tend to fix stress on the syllable preceding the suffix

-ic
nearly every word ending in –ic has stress on the penultimate syllable

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exceptions
Arabic
rhetoric
arithmetic
Catholic

d - tion
every single word ending in –tion has stress on the penultimate syllable

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there are no exceptions

- ity
every single word ending in –ity has stress on the antepenultimate syllable

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stress attracting

where is the stress?

employ – employee
cigar – cigarette
mountain – mountaineer

stress attracting suffixes

stress falls on the suffix itself

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some suffixes are variable

temporal
inventory

compound nouns

always have stress on first element

goalkeeper
handbag
postman

English teacher
police car
traffic lights

practice: where is the stress?

captivity | contrition | domestic | merriment |
donation | mousepad | proclivity | devotee |
failee | phosphoric | temptation | handmaiden |
silliness | banality | finalize | corporatization |

Reading

• SoE 98-101
• GoE 10-11