

Abstract

The aim of this work is to explore and describe the relationship between the processes of affixation and the changes it triggers in the sound system of the English language. The theoretical part presents a classification of inflectional and selected derivational affixes and it scrutinizes the impact they exert on word stress placement and related aspects of pronunciation. The practical part contains a research the goal of which was to collect vocabulary from general English textbooks and to analyse the amassed data using the apparatus established in the theoretical part. The principal objective was to observe to what extent the investigated phenomenon is truly reflected in basic vocabulary and also to suggest which particular sections of the classification system could be beneficially employed in teaching correct pronunciation of English vocabulary.

Key words

affixation, prefix, suffix, word stress placement