

PROCESSES OF WORD FORMATION

First of all English language contains a core of words that have been a part of it no matter how far we trace its history. For example: sun , moon , love..

Second ,English has been a prodigious borrower of words from other languages throughout its history and a vast number of words are now in our language. This have come about through :

Invasions,



Immigration,

Exploration,

***Trade and other avenues or means of contact
between English and some other languages For
example :bazzar ,hashish ,cotton, window,
alligator....***

1. COMPOUNDING

Joining two or more words into a single one ❖

e.g. blackbird ,ice cream, well-formed .

*Different parts of speech may be joined together ❖
to create new words e.g.*

Adj +noun white coffee ❖

Verb +noun swimming pool ❖

Noun+noun fireman ❖



Adv +noun down tonner ❖

Adj +verb hard hearted ❖

Prep +noun inside ❖

COMPOUND WORDS IMPLY A GRAMMATICAL RELATION SHIP

- ❖ Compound words resemble grammatical structures e.g.
- ❖ Sub+verb earthquake earth quakes



2.DERIVATION
