Unit 6 Word Formation


You should be able to answer these questions

1. Draw up a list, e.g. in the form of a diagram, of all word formation processes in which elements are combined, and give an example for each process.
2. Draw a diagram of all word formation processes in which deletion plays a part, and give an example for each process.
3. Explain the difference between ellipsis, back formation, acronyms and abbreviations.
4. Discuss and classify the different combinations that combining forms can enter into.

Exercises

1. Form abstract nouns related, morphologically and/or semantically, to these lexical items:

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2. Explain the formation and meaning of the items in italics.

30. Critics claimed that the Monsanto company was trying to lure farmers into a form of 'bioslavery' (Giddens, 630f)
31. The car makers Toyota and Honda have already reached a level of 85 per cent recyclability for the car parts they use (Giddens, 632)
32. He walked the bicycle down a side street, leaving the crowd to continue analysing the accident. (Mistry, Balance 190)
33. He pocketed the change.
34. Money is a problem for everyone ... unless you are a blackmarketeer. (Mistry, Balance 162)
35. Parliamentary elections were being conducted, and the district was under siege by politicians, sloganeers, and sycophants. (Mistry, Balance 143)
36. ... spilled good blood for the bastards, drove the Krauts out of fucking Frogland...
37. The book was longlisted for the Booker Prize.
38. It had been a rough day, so when I walked into the party, I was very chalant, despite my efforts to appear grunted and consolate. I was furling my wieldy umbrella for the coat check when I saw her... She was a descript person, a woman in a state of total array. (Surmode 38)
39. Democracy is a joke. Capitalism is nightmare. We thought we could McDonaldize the damned place, and it’s been a disaster. (The Brethren, 25)
40. A clean cafeteria serving three squares a day. (The Brethren, 43)
41. You took her to a black-tie cry-a-thon for oppressed women in Afghanistan... (The Brethren, 32)
42. But he woke up this morning in a federal pen, and decided to shaft every living soul he could get close enough to. (The Brethren, 43)
43. Poker and gin rummy were favorites in the rec room... (The Brethren, 56)
44. Two small bare TV rooms where you could smoke and watch whatever the guards wanted you to watch. No remote. (The Brethren, 61)
45. There was no alarm system, no locks on the window, nothing of value to attract thievery in the first place. (The Brethren, 147)
46. Barr and two others waited patiently in a van in the parking lot, sipping coffee and videoging every postal customer. (The Brethren, 144)
47. It’s one of the gated golf communities for rich retirees, almost all from up North. (The Brethren, 185)
48. The world brims with "hypocrites and scoff-laws", notably the French, who are out to sabotage the use of America's righteous poer in Iraq and beyon. (Economist, January 10th, 2002, p. 64f)
49. Mr Harrison is much more interested in the subtler shadings of of goodness and weakness than he is in the gaudy displays of bang-pow-splat that typify so many other thrillers. (Economist, January 10th, 2002, p. 67)
51. ...she promised me to do the weekly shop and I hoped she had got in something nice. (M Gayle, Turning 30, 12)
52. He has a 119-year sentence, he is a lifer.
53. ... an ebayer is trying to drag me through the courts for deciding not to pay for an item that never got delivered. (Society Guardian Talk, Ebay ruined my life, 4:34pm Apr 15, 2004)
54. Ebay... It's a sellers paradise because goons from all over the country outbid each other for items that conceivably have no market value at all... (ibid.)
55. Hadrian's Wall was to be equipped with small fortlets at every Roman mile ...

3. Instructions as for exercise 2

Morty Beyers started tracking him down, so some of the prelim is already done (15)
"I gotta get me a pair of those," she said, eyeballing my shorts (9)
Few rooms were air-conditioned (45)
My neighbors were seniors. No one I was especially chummy with (69)
Muggings and carjackings are at a minimum in my neighborhood (70)
I was too chicken to do breaking and entering on my own (83)
"Got a key from the super while I was waiting for you." (84)
It didn't seem fair that a scofflaw like Morelli should have such a great car (86)
The Step In was on lower Stark Street, two blocks from the gym (87)
The door was padlocked. The windows were boarded. (87)
It was Mamma Morelli. As if I wasn't in deep enough do-do. (89)
I parked on Hamilton and power walked half a block to Vinnie's. (89)
"See if you can squeeze a job out of a dead man, smartass." (90)
...every now and then he does something stupid...he had the misfortune to total a police cruiser (90)
By five o'clock I was feeling antsy (93)
This was a pretty ballsy reply, consider-ing I was having an anxiety attack (97)
Traffic was sporadic. Easier to spot a tail. (100)
Waiting for me was sensory deprivation (104bot)
He eyed my donut (117)
the page I'd torn out of my phone book (45)
I realized there was a box of ammo beside the tampons (67)
I'd covered all drivable streets for a nine-block square (139)
lender-bended cars were parked adjacent to the third bay (125)

From: J. Evanovich, One for the money

4. For each of the following nouns provide a semantically corresponding and collocationsally appropriate adjective.

Example: mouth oral skills

1) aroma a ____________ cup of coffee
2) book a ____________ person
3) character a ____________ feature
4) citizen a ____________ action
5) crisis a ____________ stage
6) custom his ____________ practice
7) ear ____________ skills
8) house her ____________ arrangements
9) juice a ____________ orange
10) learning my ____________ friend
11) letters an ____________ novel
12) line a ____________ increase
13) man a ____________ voice
14) parliament a ____________ debate
15) people by ____________ demand
16) secret a ____________ society
17) son his ____________ duty
18) speed a ____________ decision
19) victory a ____________ team
20) watch a ____________ person

5. Instructions as in exercise 4

animal ____________ behaviour
capitalism ____________ society
car ____________ club
coast ____________ regions
democracy ____________ elections
election ____________ defeat
fable ____________ meal
girl ____________ behaviour
law ____________ luminaries
lead ____________ sky
legend ____________ riches
letter ____________ meaning
library ____________ books
money ____________ system
mother ____________ grandfather
myth ____________ beast
participation ____________ democracy
quality ____________ judgement
racism ____________ views
sense ____________ shoes
smell ____________ nerves
table in ____________ form
tailor ____________ elegance
word ____________ communication