

Different morphological processes

Affixation

- Prefix** an affix that precedes its base
e.g. English /in-/: implausible, incompatible, intolerable, ...
- Suffix** an affix that follows its base
e.g. English /-ər/: teacher, driver, actor, dreamer, comber, ...
- Infix** an affix that is placed *inside another morpheme*
(not just between two affixes, or the root and another affix)
e.g. Tagalog past tense /-um-/: sulat ('write') → sumulat ('wrote')
(in English, there are a few examples of infixation I know of, we mentioned two today 'izz' infixation as in 'hizzouse' for 'house', and 'Homeric' infixation, as in 'saxomaphone'. If you stumble across another example, let me know 😊)
- Circumfix** an affix that attaches to both sides of the base
e.g. German past participle /ge- -t/: lach ('laugh') → gelacht ('laughed')
- Reduplication** a morphological process by which the base or parts of it are repeated
e.g. Tagalog future tense: sulat ('write') → susulat ('will write')

*Sound changes
in the root*

we saw a few (non-productive) examples from English:

Voicing alternations

- mouth (ending in [θ]) 'the lower opening in your face'
mouth (ending in [ð]) 'to speak in a particular way'
- house (ending in [s]) 'a building to live in'
house (ending in [z]) 'provide someone with shelter'

Accent shift

- présent 'a gift'
presént 'to give/deliver something in a particular way'
- áddress 'name of a location'
addréss 'to label with the location, to speak to a person'

In other languages sound changes to the root are much more productive, famously in semitic languages, verb roots often consist of a consonant template, into which different vowels can be inserted, as for instance in the Arabic examples below.

ktb	kataba	'wrote'	kutiba	'was written'
ḥlq	ḥalaqa	'shaved'	ḥuliqa	'was shaved'
frḍ	faraḍa	'decided'	furiḍa	'was decided'

[Note: This list just illustrates a few morphological processes commonly found in a variety of languages, but it's by no means complete.]

Tagalog group work on infixation and reduplication