

Glossary

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Term	Definition	Example
A	most agent-like argument of a transitive clause (c.f. S, O, agent)	<i>John in John hit Denis</i>
Abstraction	See <i>displacement</i>	
Accompaniment	semantic role for the entity which accompanies or is associated with the performance of an action (tutorial handout)	<i>he in he started to sing with John</i>
Acoustic phonetics	seeing and scientifically measuring utterances the branch of phonetics that studies the sound waves that vocal organs make	
Acronym	word formed from the initials of other elements (syllables/words/both)	ATM
Addition	when consonants (at the same place of articulation) and vowels (to break up consonant clusters) are inserted also called epenthesis	<i>prince</i> pronounced as [pɹɪnts] rather than [pɹɪns], <i>umbrella</i> pronounced sometimes as [ɛmbəɹelə]
Adjunct	optional constituent a part of a phrase or clause that can be removed without the phrase or clause losing its sense	<i>reluctantly in Denis watched the movie reluctantly</i>
Affix	a letter or letters attached to a word or a stem to create a new word (prefixes, suffixes, circumfixes, infixes, transfixes); always bound	{-ed}
Affixation	combination of two or more forms where at least one cannot stand alone, to form a new word	<i>unhappy</i>
Affricate	manner of articulation: closure of airway with a fricative release (c.f. fricative, plosive, approximant)	[tʃ]
Agent	semantic role for the causer or initiator of events (handout)	<i>John in John laughed</i> AND <i>in John hit Denis</i>
Agglutinating language	A type of synthetic language where words are formed by linking morphemes that represent units of meaning; generally one function per morpheme	Turkish
Allomorph	variant or alternative pronunciation of a morpheme (phonologically or lexically conditioned) conditioned variant of a morpheme	'a' and 'an'
Allophone	phones of a phoneme actual realisation of a phoneme	[tʰ], [t], [t̚], [r] are allophones of /t/ in English
Alphabetic system	a writing system that uses symbols that represent the separate sounds that make up a syllable (c.f. syllabary and logographic system)	English