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# THE ISSUE OF DIFFERENTIATION OF MORPHEMES AND WORDS IN THE KOREAN LANGUAGE

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#### **Abstract**

Morpheme and word in the Korean language system have different volume and set of features in speech implementation. In speech, a word can change and even lose some of the features that it potentially possesses. In terms of content, the word gets a variety of shades of usage, up to individual, which does not necessarily violate its semantic specificity. In this article, the question of the differentiation of morphemes and words is considered from the point of view of the features of Korean word formation and morphemic structure of simple and complex words.

**Keywords:** morphemic structure, syncretic phenomena, semantic specificity, word variants, single word, morpheme, phrase, a complex word, word formation, grammatical functions

#### Introduction

In linguistics, when defining a word, three circumstances of general methodological significance are taken into account:

1) recognition of the absence of clear dividing lines between the facts of language, the presence of intermediate and syncretic phenomena: a word can turn into a morpheme, a phrase into a complex word. The class of words itself is heterogeneous: there are independent (significant) and service words (combining the features of a single word and morphemes). In this regard, it is relevant to study the ways of word formation and the

description of morphemes involved in the formation of new words.

Word in the Korean language system has a different volume and a set of features during speech implementation. In speech, a word can change and even lose some of the features that it potentially possesses (for example, the reduction of case particles in oral speech): in terms of content, it receives a variety of shades of use, up to individual ones, which does not necessarily violate its semantic specificity and independence (for example, 겉바속부[geotbasokbu] ← 겉은 바삭바삭하고 속은 부드러운[geoteun basak-

basakhago sokeun budeureoun] – abbreviation of the phrase outside is crunchy inside is soft); in expressing the word may undergo positional changes (alternating phonem 7) 르친[gareuchin] teaching - 가르쳐요[gareuchyeoyo] teaches, 걷다[geotda] walk - 걸 어서[geoleoseo] walking; loss phonem 낳 다[natda] born - 나았어요[naasseoyo] was born, etc.), which does not deprive him of independence. The problem of the separability of a single word is connected with taking into account its various uses. In many cases, the definition of the boundaries of a word is possible only taking into account the paradigmatic of the language. The complexity of identifying words and establishing their system is partly due to the presence of word variants: orthographic, phonetic, orthoepic, stylistic, grammatical, word-formation, lexico-semantic.

The signs of the word noted above are not characteristic of all words in all languages. According to the method of nomination, which is also associated with the general semantic and grammatical properties of the word, four types of words are distinguished in Korean: independent (significant, full-meaning) words that have an independent nominative function, denoting reality independently, directly, separately. They can form a separate statement constitute the most extensive and the main type of words - nouns (사람[saram] man, 교육 [gyoyuk] education, 집[jip] house, etc.), adjective (좋다[jotda] good 어렵다[eoryeopda] complex, 멀다[meolda] faraway, etc.), verbs (오다[oda] to come, 읽다[ilkda] read 전하다 [jeonhada] pass, etc.), adverbs (빨리[ppalri] fast 열심히[yeolsimhi] hard 가까이[gakkai] close, etc.), numerals (하나[hana] one, 이[i] two 만[man] ten thousand, etc.). Function words, not having an independent nominative function, as well as grammatical and phonetic autonomy (particles: -0]/7}[i/ga], -은/는[eun/neun], -하고[hago]; attributive, words passed from other parts of speech: 새 [sae] new, 이런[ireon] like this, 옛[yet] long, etc.) can point to phenomena (relationship) extralinguistic world using with independent words. They cannot form a separate utterance and either form one sentence member with an independent word, or link the members of a sentence or sentence, or structurally replace a sentence member, or formalize the sentence as a whole. The pronominal words (이/그/저[i/geu/jeo] this/that/over there, 누 군가[nugunga] someone, 어디던지[eodideonji] wherever) denote objects indirectly, or in relation to persons of speech. They also rely on a speech situation or on neighboring statements, thereby performing a connecting function in the text (그러니까[geureonikka] therefore, 또[tto] also, 그러므로[geureomeuro] consequently). Interjections denote the phenomena of reality in an undifferentiated way, therefore they do not have grammatical formality and cannot enter into syntactic relations with other words (%[yae] hey, % [a] aaa, 쉿[swit] shh).

Research method. In the Korean language, morphologically, there are words that are changeable (for example, verbs) and unchangeable (many adverbs), simple (걷다 [geotda] to walk), derivatives (걸음[geoleum] step), complex (첫걸음[cheotgeoleum] first step). According to semantic and grammatical features, words are grouped into parts of speech (품사[pumsa]). From the point of view of structural integrity, there are words (word forms) integral (조립되지 않은 단어 [joripdoeji aneun daneo]) and segmented or analytical (조립되는 단어[joripdoeneun daneo]). The latter consist of a significant part and elements that carry word-forming or grammatical functions. The grammatical element in analytical word forms performs not a syntactic function (the formation of a sentence member), but a morphological one (the formation of a morphological form of a word), and therefore in some descriptions it is called, in order to distinguish it from a service word, a separable morpheme or an «auxiliary word». In a sentence, a word (word form) enters into subtle semantic relations with other words and elements of the sentence composition (intonation, word order, syntactic functions). This interaction, together with the correlation with the situation, determines the specific realization of the meaning of a word, its semantic significance (the possibility of omission, etc.). In the Korean language, words are also differentiated by historical perspective, by sphere of use, by word-formation relationships, by semantic correlation (Table 1).

**Table 1.** Differentiation of words in the Korean language

Types	Subtype		
According to historical perspective	Neologisms ( Archaisms (고어): 금사빠녀 [geumsappanyeo] f 과다 [goeda] → 사랑하다 [sarang- hada] to love; fast falling in love 이슷하다[iseuthada] → 비슷하다 핵꿀잼 [haekkkuljaem] – ab [biseuthada] similar. 수 많이 재미있음 [maeu man interesting	rom "금방 사랑에 빠 ge ppajineun yeoja]" e woman; breviated. from "매 ni jaemiiteum]" very	
According to field of use	ism (직업어): 수술하다 [susul- hada]_operate; tation: 스피 새까다 [soongkkada] ia St	Pialectisms (방언): 수꾸 [oksukku] corn (lit. 옥수수 [oksu- i]); 나마리 [namari] ragonfly (lit. 잠자리 [jamjari]).	
According to word – formation relations	<b>Cognate words:</b> 아들 [adeul] son, 아들내미 [adeulnaemi] son, 아들네 [adeulne] the family of his son, 외동아들 [oedongadeul] only son, 쌍동아들 [ssangdongadeul] twin sons, 말잣아들 [maljatadeul] the third son, 큰아들 [keunadeul] the eldest son, 막내아들 / 작은아들 [maknaeadeul/jakeunadeul] the younger son, 친아들 [chinadeul] own son, 청아들 [cheongadeul] a wise son, 수양아들 [suyangadeul] adopted son.		
According to semantic correlation	Antonyms.(반 의어): 더 [deo] more 덜 [deol] less; 답다[deopda] hot 춥다[chupda] cold.  Synonyms (동의어): 밥을 먹다[bapeul meokda] eat, 마음을 먹다 [mae-umeul meokda] decide to do, 공을 먹다 [gongeul meokda] score a goal; 꿈 [kkum] dream / vision ma] child.  Multi-valued (다의어): 밥을 먹다[bapeul meokda] decide to umeul meokda] decide to ready do, 공을 먹다 [gongeul meokda] score a goal; 꿈 [kkum] dream / vision / ambition.	omonyms (동형어): ‖[bae] – ship, pear, belly; [[nun] – snow, eyes.	

Word formation (단어 형성론/單語形成 成 [daneo hyeongseongron]) as a linguistic science studies the ways and types of word formation. There are synchronous and diachronic word formation. Synchronous analysis deals with modern relations between related words, without taking into account the etymological situation. In synchronous word formation, in order to establish the derivative and the generating basis, it is necessary to answer the question: which of the two single-root bases is simpler in form and meaning (producing), and which is more complex (derivative). Diachronic (historical) word formation studies the history of the appearance of a word, the development of its structure and formal semantic links between related words (L.S. Filippova, 2009). Derived basis is a basis formally formed and motivated in the sense of another basis. *The generating base* is the base

closest in form to the derivative. Through it, the derivative basis is motivated and interpreted.

## **Results analysis**

So, word formation, being an important link in the language system connecting vocabulary with grammar, on the one hand, serves to replenish the lexical composition of the language with new words created on the basis of already existing words and the formation of the lexical meaning of a motivated word, often also grouping words into lexical categories. And since there are an overwhelming majority of single-root (motivated) words in the language, word formation is also an important key to the vocabulary of the language in the process of its assimilation, to understanding the meaning of new words, since the word-formation structure of a word always

indicates its lexical meaning to one degree or another. On the other hand, word-formative means serve to assign the same-root words to certain grammatical classes, categories. Both in word formation and in the morphology of the Korean language, we are dealing with morphemes, since both word-formation and grammatical (morphological) meanings of words are expressed most often by affixes. Thus, the morphemic structure of the Korean language – its morphemics – covers morphology and word formation.

Words, depending on their structure, are divided into simple words (단일어[danileo]) and compound words (복합어[bokhapeo]). Compound words according to the method of word formation are divided into those formed by root addition and those formed by derivation, in which various affixes are attached to the root. The formation of a word by derivation means the union of a root and an affix, resulting in the formation of a new word. In Korean, affixes are divided into prefixes and suffixes, the question of including such language units as '- ^-[s/t], - ㅂ -[b/p], - ゔ - '[h/t] (in the words 나뭇잎[namutip] tree foliage, 좁쌀[jopssal] millet, 암닭[amdak] chicken) is still open among Korean scholars. One of the main models of word formation in the Korean language is affixation. In affixation, suffixal (suffixation), prefixal (prefix), suffixal-prefixal methods are distinguished. With the help of suffixation in Korean word formation, all parts of speech can be formed. Derivational suffixes in Korean, in turn, are divided into native Korean and Sino-Korean suffixes and prefixes ('총-' / 總 / [chong] all/all '무-' / 無 / [mu] no/no (meaning lack of), '目-'/非/[bi] not (within the meaning of negation).

Affixes are classified into suffixes and prefixes based on their location in the word. Prefix is an affix located before the root, for example, '뎟-' [deot] (더 [deo] still + -人) in the word 덧버선 [deotbeoseon] the second socks worn over the first. Suffix is an affix located after the root, for example, '-게' [gae] in the word 덮개 [deopgae] cover.

The classification of affixes into limited and dominant ones is carried out on the basis of the function they perform. The limiting affix complements or restricts the meaning of the word ('댄-' [maen] in the word 댄슨 [maenson] bare hands). The dominant affix,

joining the root, forms another part of speech (-7) [gi] in the word  $\exists 7$  [keugi] *size*).

In the Korean language, derived nouns, as well as derived verbs, are formed in a prefixed way, most often. Depending on which part of speech the prefixes are attached to, they are divided into: 1) joining only to independent parts of speech, for example, the prefix '개-' [gae] wild in the word 개나리[gaenari] wild lily; 2) joining only to predicative parts of speech, for example, the prefix '되-' [doe] on the contrary, again in the word 되갚 다[doegapda] to reward; 3) joining both immutable and predicative parts of speech, for example, the prefix 'Ӽ-' [gat] just in the word 갓스물[gatseumul] just (turned) 20 years old. 갓결혼한[gatgyeolhonhan] newlywed. The most active affixes are:

1) restrictive affixes: the plural suffix '-들' [deul] in the word it 아잉들[aideul] *children*; the use of hieroglyphic origin '-가' [ga] with the value of the worker in the word 소설가 [soseolga] *novelist*; suffix '-앟' [a] in the word 까맣다[kkamatda] *black*; suffix '-이' [i] in the word 더욱이[deougi] *moreover*, *more*;

2) dominant affixes: suffix passive voice '-치' [chi] in the word 밀치다[milchida] to push; the affix '-7]' [gi] (conversion formant of the noun form in word 위기[ilkgi] *reading*; the affix '-보' [bo] to people in the word 먹 보[meokbo] glutton; suffix '-압/-업' [ap/eop] in the words 미덥다[mideopda] loyal, 아깝다 [akkapda] regret; suffix '- ⊢' [p] in the words 그립다[geuripda] miss, 놀랍다[nolrapda] wonder; the suffix '-답' [dap] in 꽃답다[kkotdapda] beautiful like a flower (floral); '-롭' [rop] in 향기롭다[hyanggiropda] fragrant, 해롭다[haeropda] harmful; the suffix '-스럽 [seureop] in 사랑스럽다 [sarangseureopda] lovely, 걱정스럽다[geokjeongseureopda] worried; the affix '-지' [ji] in 얼룩지다[eolrukjida] to become mottled, 건방지다[geonbangjida] smug; suffix '-롭' [rop] in 새롭다[saeropda] new; the suffix '-우' [u] in 마주[maju] face to face; the suffix '-이' [i] in 많이[mani] many; the suffix '-히' [hi] in 가만히[gamanhi] quiet, 급히[geuphi] urgent; '-로' [ro] in 진실로 [jinsilro] the truth, 참으로[chameuro] indeed. Along with this, the Korean language uses word formation in the way of the null suffix, which is used in the formation of a derived verb, for example: 배[bae] belly → 배다[baeda] to get pregnant; 가물[gamul] drought →

가물다[gamulda] *to be arid*. When forming these words between the main elements, it is possible to add or drop morphemes.

Complex words are formed in a syntactic and non-syntactic way. A syntactic connected word is a word formed according to the usual word order in a Korean sentence, for example, 새책[saechaek] new book (from 새[sae] new (definition) + 책[chaek] book (defined word)). Non-syntactic is a compound that deviates from the usual word order in a sentence (the predicate takes place at the end of the sentence), for example, the word 접칼 [jeopkal] folding knife is formed by attaching to the root 접[jeop] folding (from the verb 접다 [jeopda] to bend) the root 칼 [kal] knife.

The word structure is diverse according to the types of semantic connection between the components that make up a complex word. One of the components often clarifies, concretizes the meaning of the second, in some words one part is a logical complement to the second (Lee B. S., Shim L. V., Lvova I. S., Adylova S. R., 2011). The first component of a compound word often weakens the specific meaning of objectivity and expresses a sign of a concept, while individual parts of a compound word or the word as a whole can be reinterpreted.

Syntactically connected word that takes the form of a noun is formed by joining:

- a) noun to noun, for example: 기와집[gi-wajip] a house with a tiled roof, 눈물[nun-mul] tears, 앞치마[apchima] apron, 집안[ji-pan] family;
- b) an attributive word to a noun, for example: 새해[saehae] new year, 첫사랑[cheotsarang] first love, 이것[igeot] is a thing;
- c) the type of attributive word to the noun, for example: 늙은이[neulkeuni] old man, 볼 일[bolil] deeds, 올해[olhae] the current year.

Non-syntactically connected word that takes the form of a noun is formed when joining:

- a) the root of predicative parts of speech to nouns, for example: 들것[deulgeot] stretcher, 늦잠[neutjam] late sleep, 늦더위[neutdeowi] late heat;
- b) imitative adverbs to nouns, for example: 산들바람[sandeulbaram] *cool wind*, 척척 박사[cheokcheokbaksa] *know-it-all*;
- c) nouns to nouns using the connective consonant 入[s/t]: 촛불[chotbul] *candle fire*;

- d) adverbs to adverbs: 잘못[jalmot] *error*. Syntactically connected word that takes the form of a verb is formed when attaching:
- a) the subject to the predicate: 힘들다 [himdeulda] difficult;
- b) a direct complement to the predicate: 애쓰다[aesseuda] *try*;
- c) circumstances to the predicate: 앞서다 [apseoda] to be at the head;
- d) the main verb to the connective suffix followed by an auxiliary verb: 돌[dol] + 아[a] + 가다[gada] go to 돌아가다[dolagada] to return.

Non-syntactically connected word that takes the form of a verb is formed when the verb base is attached to the verb root: 굶주리 다[gulmjurida] to starve; 감싸다[gamssada] to patronize. Syntactically connected word that takes the form of a verb and an adjective is formed by joining: a) a subject with a predicate, for example: 공부하다 [gongbuhada] to learn, 낯설다 [natseolda] an unfamiliar person (from \\cdot\cappa\) [nati] a person/face (subject) + 설다[seolda] unfamiliar (predicate)); b) circumstances with predicate c 못나다[motnada] ugly (from 못[mot] not able (circumstance) + 나다[nada] to appear (predicate)). Relatively often adjectives are formed by joining: a) the basis of one adjective to the basis of another, for example: 굳세다[gutseda] strongly (from 굳다[gutda] solid + 세다[seda] strong); b) to the root of adjective affix and root (words) of another adjective, for example, 쓰디쓰다 [sseudisseuda] very bitter (root △[sseu] + affix -디[di] + word 쓰다[sseuda]); 곱디곱다 [gopdigopda] very beautiful (root 곱[gop] + affix 디[di] + word 곱다[gopda]). Connected word that takes the form of an adverb is formed by joining: a) noun to noun: 밤낮 [bamnat] day and night; b) attributive word to noun: 그냥[geunyang] *simple*; c) adverbs to adverb: 곧잘[gotjal] enough; d) repeated words: 구불구불[gubulgubul] *tortuous*. The structure of a compound word of hieroglyphic origin formed syntactically: a) predicate + complement: 독서[dokseo] reading a book; b) predicate + circumstance: 귀향[gwihyang] homecoming; c) attributive word + noun: [1] 인[miin] beauty; d) adverb + predicate: 필승 [ppilseung] mandatory win; e) equal structure: 고저[gojeo] high and low. Words formed by abbreviations require special attention: 대 한민국[Daehanminguk] → 한국[Hanguk] Republic of Korea; 임시정부 [Imsijeongbu] → 임 정[Imjeong]*Provisional Government*; 한국은 행[Hangukeunhaeng] → 한은[Haneun] *Kore*an Bank. In Korean linguistics, along with the above-described classifications of vocabulary, there is a classification according to the method of word formation in terms of morphemic composition, in which all words are divided into simple and compound. And the components, in turn, are divided into complex and derivatives (Lee Ikseob, 2000). Simple words are words consisting of a single morpheme (Nam Gisim, 2014), for example: 코[ko] nose, 눈[nun] eyes. Despite the fact that the words 뛰다[ttwida] jump, 가르치다[gareuchidal teach consist of two morphemes, they are not composite. Compound word is a word consisting of two or more morphemes (Nam Gisim, 2014). Compound words that do not include affixes are formed by adding words. Following this classification, two main ways of word formation can be distinguished: the method of formation of compound words (복 합법[bokhapbeop]) and the method of formation of derived words (파생법[pasaengbeop]) (Lee Ikseob, 2000). Depending on what part of speech is formed by the word, compound and derived words are divided into: compound noun 복합명사 [bokhapmyeongsa], a compound verb 복합동사[bokhapdongsa], composite adjective 복합형용사 [bokhaphyeongyongsa], a compound adverb 복합부사 [bokhapbusa] and the derived noun 파생명사 [pasaengmyeongsa], the derived verb 파생동 사[pasaengdongsa] derived adjectival 파생형 용사[pasaenghyeongyongsa], derived adverb 파생부사 [pasaengbusa], respectively (Nam Gisim, 1998). Derived verbs formed in a suffixal way are mainly verbs of the active and passive voices. Among complex words, there are words formed by repeating roots, such as 고루고루[gorugoru] equally, evenly, 구불구불 [gubulgubul] tortuously, having changes in one part, such as 싱글벙글[singgeulbeonggeul] smiling, and also containing a connecting element, such as 맑디맑다[malkdimalkda] very light. This method of word formation is called reduplication, and words formed in this way are reduplication complex words (Nam Gisim, Ko Yonggeun, 1985). Most of the reduplication compound words in the Korean language are onomatopoeic and figurative words. Onomatopoeic words are words cre-

ated to imitate the sounds made, and figurative words are formed in order to imitate the appearance (Lee Ikseob, 1999), for example 까옥까옥[kkaokkkaok] *croaking*, 성웅성[ungseongungseong] *noisy*, 싱글벙글[singgeulbeonggeul] *with a grin*.

### **Conclusion (discussion)**

Thus, in the Korean language, from the point of view of morphemics, words are divided into simple, consisting of one morpheme and compound, consisting of two or more morphemes. Compound words consist of compound and derived words. In the formation of compound words, the roots are added, and in the formation of derived words, an affix (prefix or suffix) is attached to the generating base. Depending on whether the structure of the word corresponds to the general rules of syntactic construction of words in a phrase and in a sentence, a syntactic compound word and a non-syntactic compound word are distinguished. Syntactic compound word is a compound word formed according to a syntactic composition. For example: 1) according to the syntactic structure "subject + direct complement + predicative subject + predicate" or "object + predicate", compound words are formed with the structures "noun + verb", "noun + adjective", "noun + particle + noun", "noun + noun in attributive form", "definition + noun", "adverb + verb or adjective", "verb or adjective + formant + verb/adjective or nominal part of speech", "verb/adjective + formant + verb/adjective", "verb/adjective + formant + nominal part of speech". Non-syntactically compound word is a compound word formed in a way different from the general syntactic composition. For example: 1) expressions and phrases, which lowered formant adjective (늦더위 [neutdeowi] late in the heat, we compare 큰 집[keunjip] big house, 빈집[binjip] empty house) 2) when you fall connective formants between the bases of a verb or adjective (여 닫다[yeodatda] to open and close, 검푸르다 [geompureuda] dark blue, is comparable 들 고나르다[deulgonareuda] to keep and bear, 돌아가다[dolagada] to return); 3) when an adverb used before a noun parts of speech (부슬비[buseulbi] drizzling rain, 촐랑새 [cholrangsae] finches bird, compare 못나다 [motnada] ugly, 막되다[makdoeda] blocked);

when formed sinatraesque complex words ( 독서[dokseo] reading, 급수[geupsu] urgent, compare 일몰[ilmul] the sun, 고서[goseo] ancient book). Rich, diverse and flexible system of ways of Korean word formation allows you to create a huge number of new words. Often in texts you can find words formed in lexicalsemantic and morphological-syntactic ways. But such cases are most likely more logical to consider especially. In a certain sense, we deal with the lexico-semantic way when we talk about words in an individually authorial or contextual meaning. But these new words, as a rule, cannot be reproduced without context. All this points to the need for further research of the features of Korean word formation.

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