

Word class:

LEXICAL WORDS (open class)
(nouns, adjectives, adverbs, verbs)

FUNCTION WORDS (closed class)
(prepositions, conjunctions, numbers, articles, pronouns, etc.)

Words can be:

- a) **derived** (changes the word class, e.g. *teach* vs. *teacher*) 
- b) **inflected** (does not change the word class, e.g. *strong* vs. *stronger*)
- c) **compound** (contains two free morphemes, e.g. *classroom*, *homework*)

Words consist of **morphemes** (smallest meaningful parts of words)

Two types of morphemes:

- 1) FREE (single word)
- 2) BOUND: a) derivational, b) inflectional
 - a) **derivational morphemes** (system of prefixes and suffixes) e.g. **un-**deni-**able**, **im-**possible, **in-**advertent-**ly**, teach-**er** etc.)
 - b) **inflectional morphemes** (suffixes -ed, -er, -ing, -s) e.g. *work* vs. *work**ed***, *car* vs. *car**s***)