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Word-Formation Exercises (2): SUGGESTED ANSWERS

I. Identify the word-formation process involved in the production of the following words.

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| a) bookworm | <u>COMPOUNDING</u> | j) rise (n) | <u>FUNCTIONAL SHIFT</u> |
| b) Eurovision | <u>BLENDING</u> | k) breathe | <u>FUNCTIONAL SHIFT</u> |
| c) American | <u>AFFIXATION</u> | l) chicken burger | <u>MORPHOLOGICAL MISANALYSIS AND COMPOUNDING</u> |
| d) mice | <u>SYMBOLISM</u> | m) televise | <u>BACKFORMATION</u> |
| e) best | <u>SUPPLETION</u> | n) sang | <u>SYMBOLISM</u> |
| f) ohm | <u>EPONYMY</u> | o) radar | <u>ACRONYMY</u> |
| g) UCLA | <u>ACRONYMY</u> | p) e.g. | <u>ACRONYMY</u> |
| h) gas | <u>CLIPPING</u> | q) nylon | <u>COINAGE</u> |
| i) arena | <u>BORROWING</u> | r) believe | <u>FUNCTIONAL SHIFT</u> |

II. Examine the words underlined and numbered in the text below. Then answer the questions that follow.

The 92-year-old, petite, well-poised (1) and proud lady, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with her hair fashionably (2) coifed and makeup (3) perfectly applied, even though she is legally blind, moved to a nursing home (4) today. Her husband of 70 years recently passed away, making the move (5) necessary.

After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby (6) of the nursing home, she smiled sweetly (7) when told her room was (8) ready.

As she maneuvered her walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet sheets (9) that had been hung (10) on her window.

"I love it," she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old (11) having just been presented with a new puppy.

1. What word-formation process is involved in the formation of this word?

COMPOUNDING

2. What word-formation process is involved in the formation of this word?
AFFIXATION
3. What word-formation process is involved in the formation of this word?
COMPOUNDING
4. What word-formation process is involved in the formation of this word?
COMPOUNDING
5. What word-formation process is involved in the formation of this word and the word move in the following sentence? *I'll move the chairs.* FUNCTIONAL SHIFT
6. What word-formation process is involved in the formation of this word and the word lobby in the following sentence? *John will lobby Congress for higher farm subsidies.* FUNCTIONAL SHIFT
7. What word-formation process is involved in the formation of this word?
AFFIXATION
8. What word-formation process is involved in the formation of this word?
SUPPLETION
9. What word-formation process is involved in the formation of this word?
COMPOUNDING
10. What word-formation process is involved in the formation of this word?
SYMBOLISM
11. What word-formation process is involved in the formation of this word?
COMPOUNDING

III. Derive other words from the words given below. Identify the word-formation process used.
Note: The numbers in parentheses indicate the number of other words you are expected to derive. PROCESS: AFFIXATION

1. manage (5) MANAGER, MANAGEMENT, MANAGEABLE, MISMANAGE, MISMANAGEMENT
2. govern (5) GOVERNOR, GOVERNESS, GOVERNMENT, GOVERNORSHIP, GOVERNING
3. administer (5) ADMINISTRATOR, ADMINISTRATION, ADMINISTRATIVE, ADMINISTERED, ADMINISTERING
4. correct (4) CORRECTION, CORRECTIONAL, CORRECTIVE, CORRECTOR, INCORRECT
5. predict (5) PREDICTION, PREDICTIVE, PREDICTABLE, UNPREDICTABLE, PREDICTED
6. simple (5) SIMPLY, SIMPLIFY, SIMPLICITY, SIMPLISTIC, SIMPLETON
7. favor (5) FOVORABLE, UNFAVORABLE, FAVORIT, FAVORITISM, FAVORED