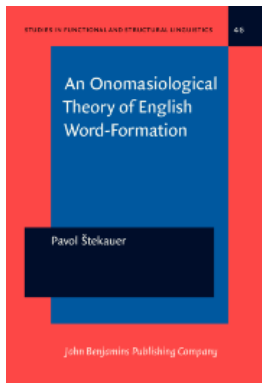


## An Onomasiological Theory of English Word-Formation



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### Abstract

Pavol Štekauer presents an original approach to the intricate problems of English word-formation. The emphasis is on the creation of new naming units (words). This is described by an onomasiological model, which takes as its point of departure the needs of the linguistic community, and proceeds through conceptual reflection of extra-linguistic reality and semantic analysis to the final form. As a result, it is the form which implements options given by semantics by means of the so-called Form-to-Meaning model. Word-formation is conceived of as an independent component, interrelated with the lexical component by supplying new naming units, and by making use of the word-formation bases of naming units stored in the Lexicon. The relation to the Lexicon is mediated through the Lexical component.

In addition, the book presents a new approach to productivity. It is maintained that word-formation processes are independent of lexical processes. This radically new approach provides simple answers to a number of traditional problems of word-formation.

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