Word Formation Processes in EPS

**** part two: functional shift ****

FUNCTIONAL SHIFT is a particular sub-type of conversion. It refers to the same process, but in such cases words are converted from one grammatical function to another without any change in form.

It specifically occurs

1. **when a noun changes its function from a [U] noun into a [C] noun** – e.g. *business*, *paper*, *glass*, *hair*, etc;

2. **when a full verb changes its function from an intransitive into a transitive verb** – e.g. *to grow*, *to run*, *to suffer*, *to fly*, etc;

3. **when an adjective changes its function from a qualifier to an indefinite adjective** – e.g. *further*.

Such process may involve prepositions (e.g. *by*, *for*, *over*, etc.) and conjunctions (*since* and *as*, in particular) as well. For example, the preposition *by* can introduce different kinds of complements – please consider, among many others, its function in the following examples:

- *The White House Years* is the first of a three-volume memoir by the American diplomat and political scientist Henry A. Kissinger, first published in 1979.

- We need to halve unemployment by the year 2030.

- We always walk by the post office on the way to work.

- CO_2 emissions have reduced by 5% over the past three years.

- 6 multiplied by 2 equals 12.

and so on

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Similarly, as, for and *since* used as conjunctions can introduce different kinds of subordinate clauses, as in the following:

- US sees record coronavirus infections as states face deadline for vaccine orders.

- Italy has imposed some of the harshest Christmas rules in Europe amid calls from some scientists for more sober festivities as it overcomes a severe second coronavirus wave and tries to avoid a third one.

- I know he's guilty for I saw him do it.

- After a month of silence since Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico, Edwin Aponte finally made contact last week with the world beyond his town of Coamo.

- We thought that, since we were in the area, we'd stop by and see them.

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