

## PHILOLOGY

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### **O/e connecting vowels status in a word**

Connecting vowels o and e are of great importance in the word-formation processes of the modern Russian language, which are the most striking sign of the structure of the vast majority of complex words. Meanwhile, in linguistic literature there is not only a detailed analysis of the nature and specifics of the use of these morphemes, but also a brief, most preliminary characterization. Among official morphemes, which together with the root are a derivative basis, connecting vowels occupy a very special place. Like prefixes and suffixes, they are part of the base. However, while prefixes and suffixes can be both word-forming and formative affixes, connecting vowels always act as word-forming morphemes and as such participate only in the processes of creating new words.

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