

# The semantics of English -ment nominalizations: A frame based approach

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## **Abstract**

My dissertation is concerned with the semantics of English derivational morphology, more precisely, the relation of input semantics and output readings in deverbal nominalizations in *-ment*. The analysis of neologism data gathered from dictionaries and corpora is embedded in frame theory, which serves to model the transition between the semantics of the base verbs and that of the resulting nouns. The aim of my work is to provide a descriptive account of the semantic contribution of *-ment*, as well as to develop a model with predictive power as to which readings are possible given certain types of base verbs in combination with this morphological process.