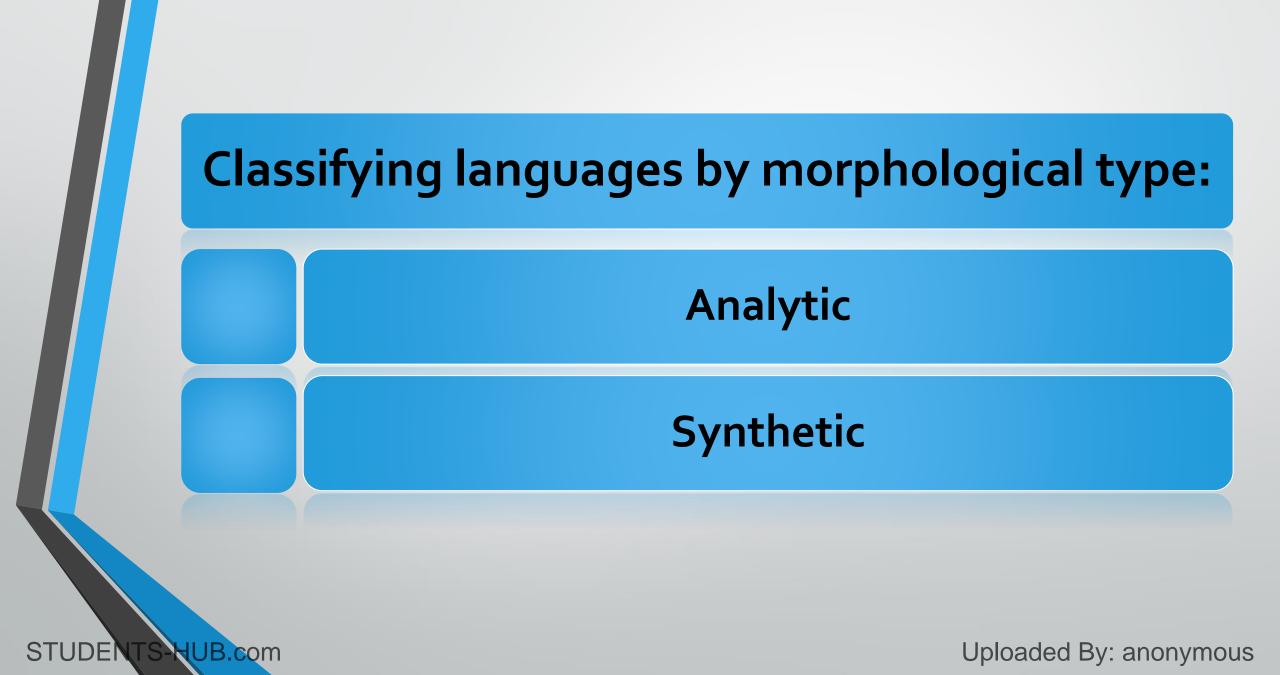
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Analytic Languages (AKA Isolating languages)

- Made up of sequence of free morphemes.
- Each word consists of a single morpheme (that has function and meaning).
- Affixes are NOT used.

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Purely analytic languages make no use of ANY morphological process at all!

Mandarin Chinese

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(1) [wo mon tan tçin] (tones omitted)
 I plural play piano
 'We are playing the piano'

(2) [wo mon tan tçin lə] (tones omitted)
 I plural play piano past
 'We played the piano'

(3) [ta da wɔ mən] (tones omitted) *s/he hit(s) I plural* 'S/he hits us'

Synthetic Languages

- Bound morphemes are attached to other morphemes so a word maybe made up of several meaningful elements.
- Derivation and inflection are used in these languages.

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Hungarian

- (4) [5z εmber la:tj5 5 kuca:t]
 the man-(subject) sees the dog-(object)
 'The man sees the dog'
- (5) [5 kucb lattjb bz embert] *the dog sees the man-(object)* 'The dog sees the man'

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Hungarian- cont

(6) [5 kucɔ laːtjɔ ɔz ɛmbɛrt] *the dog sees the man-(object)* 'The dog sees the man'

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(7) [5z embert lartj5 5 kuc5] *the man-(object) sees the dog* 'The dog sees the man'

Hungarian-possession and location

(8) [5 ha:zunk zøld] *the house-our green* 'Our house is green'

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(9) [5 se:kɛd 5 ha:zunkb5n v5n] *the chair-your the house-our-in is* 'Your chair is in our house'

Types of synthetic languages

- **1.** Agglutinating languages
- **2.** Fusional Languages

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3. Polysenthetic languages