MORPHOLOGY & SYNTAX

SESSION 1

EXERCISE 1: Count the number of morphemes in each word. Underline the bound morphemes. Example: *unpresentable* -- 3 morphemes; *un-* and *–able* are bound morphemes.

1. alligator
2. calmly
3. running
4. blindness
5. stapler
6. bargain
7. regrouping
8. undeniable
9. assertion
10. certainly
11. corner
12. prepay
13. tighten
14. staying
15. dislocation
16. smarten
17. ladylike
18. suddenly
19. purposeful
20. dislocate

EXERCISE 2: Identify the bound morpheme(s) in each of the given words.

	Words	Bound morpheme(s)		Words	Bound morpheme(s)
1	Speaker		6	Intervene	
2	Kingdom		7	Revise	
3	Syllabic		8	Worked	
4	Idolize		9	Undo	
5	Selective		10	Careless	

EXERCISE 3: Identify the morphemes in each word and list them in the correct column.

	FREE MORPHEME	BOUND MORPHEME
EXAMPLE: useful	**use**	**ful**
1. creation		
2. acidic		
3. submarine		
4. airplanes		
5. happiest		
6. drummer		
7. assignment		
8. geography		
9. criticize		
10. dancing		

EXERCISE 4: Identify the number of morphemes in these words. List the morphemes:

	Words	Number of morphemes	Bound	Free
1	Replay	2	re-	play
2	Play			
3	Date			

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4	Antedate			
5	Hygiene			
6	Weak			
7	Weaken			
8	Man			
9	Manly			
10	Keep			
11	Beautiful			
12	Miniskirt			
13	Rainy			
14	Cheaply			
15	Cheaper			
16	Widen			
17	Happiness			
18	Development			
19	Careful			
20	Actor			

EXERCISE 5: Identify the meaning of the bound base in the given sets of words

	Bound base of the sets of the words	Meaning
1	Audience, audible, audition and auditorium	
2	Suicide, patricide, matricide and infanticide	
3	Oral, orate, oration, oracle, orator and oratory	
4	Aquaplane, aquarium, aquatic and aquaduct	
5	Mortuary, moribund, mortal, and immortal	
6	Corporation, corporeal, corps and corpse	
7	Tenable, tenant, tenure and tenacious	
8	Pendulum, suspender, pendant and impending	
9	Manuscript, manacle, manual and manicure	
10	Eject, inject, reject and projectile	

EXERCISE 6: Write the meaning of the underlined morphemes, and give your own examples.

	Morphemes	Meanings	Examples
1	Antedate		
2	Replay	again	reload
3	Manly		
4	Keeper		
5	Unable		
6	Cheapest		
7	Inactive		
8	Impossible		
9	Malfunction		
10	Actor		

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