

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.

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

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 aqueduct	
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	<u>Antedate</u>		
2	<u>Re</u> play	again	reload
3	Man <u>ly</u>		
4	Keep <u>er</u>		
5	<u>Un</u> able		
6	Cheape <u>st</u>		
7	<u>In</u> active		
8	<u>Im</u> possible		
9	<u>Mal</u> function		
10	Act <u>or</u>		