

LING-UA 1 *Language*
Morphology, FRH Ch. 2

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Announcements

▶ Homework

- ▶ HW1: Grades + feedback, OH for questions
- ▶ HW2: **Tonight @ 10PM**
- ▶ Please submit as .pdf or .docx!

▶ Office Hours

- ▶ 10WP #507, Fri @ 2-4PM
- ▶ Questions, work on HW, etc.
- ▶ I will bribe with candy!

Homework Thoughts

C. Segment the following words into morphemes. Determine whether each morpheme is a root, a derivational affix, an inflectional affix, a prefix, or a suffix; mark the appropriate cells in the table below.

If a morpheme is a root, enter its lexical category (part of speech) in the cell. If the morpheme is a derivational affix, indicate its input and output categories, as in the example. Use the abbreviations Adj((ective), N(oun), V(erb). (5 pts in total)

regrowable, unflappable, endears

Morpheme	Root?	Derivational?	Inflectional?	Prefix?	Suffix?
Example: joy	N				
Example: -ful		N+ful = Adj			Yes
kind					
-ness					

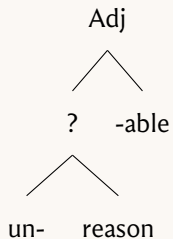
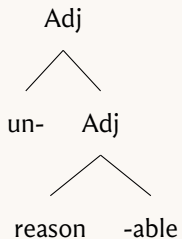
Figure: Each morpheme gets its own row!

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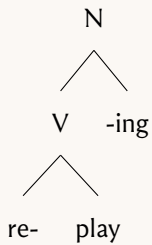
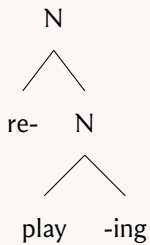
► Trees!

- Some guidelines for morphological segmentation:
 1. Maximal subtrees must exist on their own
 2. Check the class to which a bound morpheme attaches
 3. Derivational “before” Inflectional

Trees!



Trees!



Vocabulary

- ▶ morpheme
- ▶ form & meaning → sign
- ▶ free *vs* bound
- ▶ open *vs* closed
- ▶ affixes (pre-, suff-, in-, circum-)
- ▶ derivational *vs* inflectional
- ▶ stem, root
- ▶ suppletion, allomorphy
- ▶ compounds, heads
- ▶ backformation (analogy)
- ▶ analytic, fusional, agglutinative, templatic

Morphological Typology

- ▶ Analytic: morpheme ~ word (“all morphemes are free”)

Mandarin

- ▶ Synthetic

- ▶ Fusional: morpheme ~ semantic feature bundle

Most Indo-European languages

- ▶ Agglutinative: morpheme ~ one semantic feature

Hungarian, Finnish, Turkish

- ▶ Polysynthetic: “words as sentences”

- ▶ ?? Templatic: non-concatenative morphology

Arabic, Hebrew