


LANGUAGE ARTS WITH LYN STONE MODULE 5

MORPHOLOGICAL MAGIC

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TODAY'S MEETING

The secrets of teaching how to define, spell and learn word parts and their combinations.

1. Etymology
2. Bases and roots
3. Prefixes
4. Latin and Greek
5. Suffixes
6. Spelling and morphemes

ETYMOLOGY: WORD STORIES

Like people, words have their stories.

They have their origins, their nationality, their relationships with other words and the way they turn out is very much dependent on their journey.

English is mainly:

Greek & Latin

Germanic

All going back to Proto-Indo-European (PIE)

ETYMOLOGY BREAKOUT

GROUP 1
- fountain

GROUP 2
- pen

GROUP 3
- ink

BASES AND ROOTS

Every word contains a base.

Every word comes from a
root.



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BASES AND ROOTS BREAKOUT

ROOM 1 – Yellowing (verb)

ROOM 2 – Glasses (n.)

ROOM 3 – Arsenic (n.)

Isolate the base.

Name the affix(es)

Find the root.

PREFIXES

pre- = before + fix = to fasten

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Assimilation sometimes happens

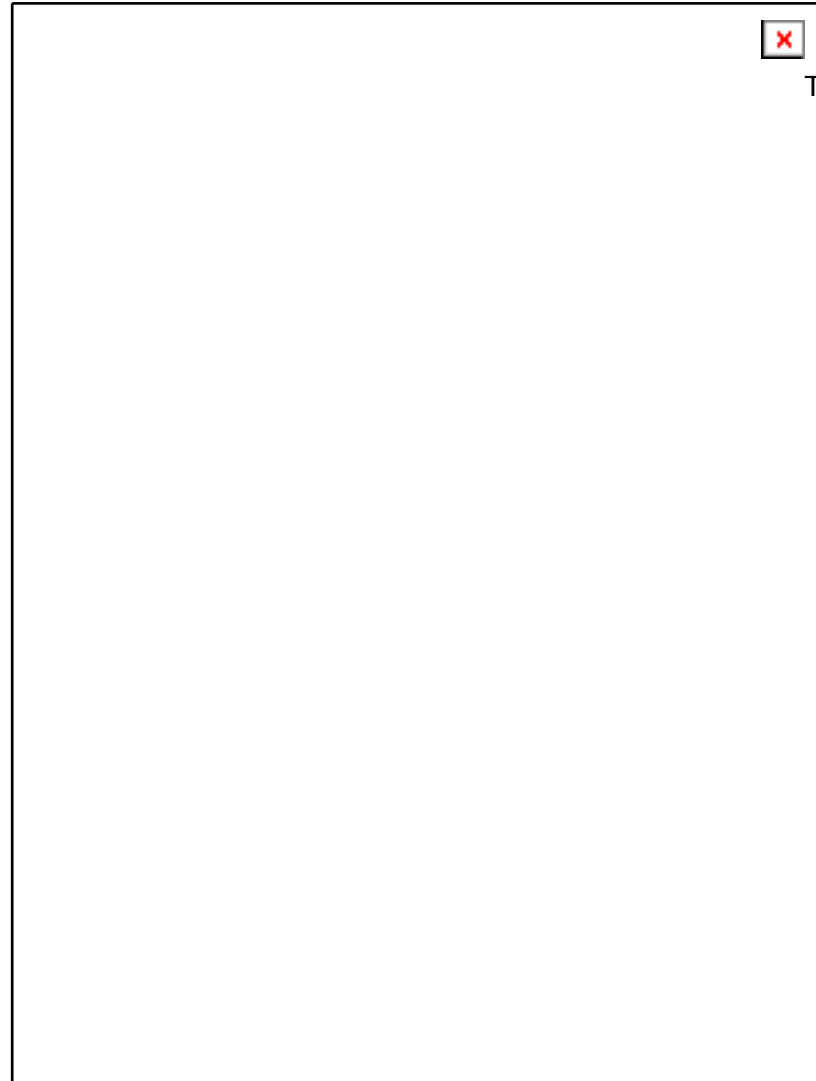
Adverbs and prepositions can sometimes be mistaken for prefixes



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LATIN AND GREEK

Let's have a quick game...



SUFFIXES 1: INFLECTIONAL SUFFIXES

Bend those bases, but don't change their jobs!

- number (nouns)
- case (nouns)
- person (verbs)
- tense (verbs)
- comparison (adjectives)

SUFFIXES 1: INFLECTIONAL SUFFIXES

What's the hardest inflectional suffix?

- ' S

DERIVATIONAL SUFFIXES

These tell us about what part of speech a word is and can even change one category to another.

SPELLING AND MORPHEMES

Where orthography meets meaning

Like phonemes, morphemes change their borders if it's phonologically efficient to do so.

We see many examples of this in assimilated prefixes.

The orthography also alters for two reasons:

1. Ease of pronunciation
2. No longer subject to word-final constraints

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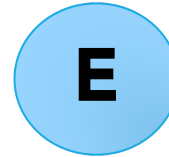
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