

Bound and Free Morpheme Practice

A. Each word includes at least two morphemes. Identify the morphemes in each word and list them in the correct column. Circle any inflectional morphemes. Some words may contain two or more of the same type of morpheme.

	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		

B. Add or remove bound phonemes to five words from the list above. Write the word's original meaning as well as your new word's meaning.

EXAMPLE: Old Word: <u>useful</u> Meaning: <u>having use</u>	New Word: <u>usefulness</u> Meaning: <u>the state of having use</u>
11. Old Word: _____ Meaning: _____	New Word: _____ Meaning: _____
12. Old Word: _____ Meaning: _____	New Word: _____ Meaning: _____
13. Old Word: _____ Meaning: _____	New Word: _____ Meaning: _____
14. Old Word: _____ Meaning: _____	New Word: _____ Meaning: _____
15. Old Word: _____ Meaning: _____	New Word: _____ Meaning: _____

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ANSWER KEY

	FREE MORPHEME	BOUND MORPHEME
EXAMPLE: useful	use	ful
1. creation	create	-ion
2. acidic	acid	-ic
3. submarine	marine	sub-
4. airplanes	air, plane	-s (circle)
5. happiest	happy	-est (circle)
6. drummer	drum	-er
7. assignment	assign	-ment
8. geography	graph	geo-, -y
9. criticize	critic	-ize
10. dancing	dance	Ing (circle)

Potential answers below:

EXAMPLE: Old Word: <u>useful</u> Meaning: <u>having use</u>	New Word: <u>usefulness</u> Meaning: <u>the state of having use</u>
11. Old Word: <u>creation</u> Meaning: <u>The act of making something</u>	New Word: <u>creator</u> Meaning: <u>The person who creates</u>
12. Old Word: <u>acidic</u> Meaning: <u>contains acid</u>	New Word: <u>non-acidic</u> Meaning: <u>does not contain acid</u>
13. Old Word: <u>submarine</u> Meaning: <u>an underwater ship</u>	New Word: <u>subway</u> Meaning: <u>an underground path</u>
14. Old Word: <u>airplanes</u> Meaning: <u>two or more flying vehicles</u>	New Word: <u>airplane</u> Meaning: <u>one flying vehicle</u>
15. Old Word: <u>unhappiest</u> Meaning: <u>the most happy feeling</u>	New Word: <u>unhappy</u> Meaning: <u>not happy</u>