

English Words: History and Structure

ROBERT STOCKWELL AND
DONKA MINKOVA



CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS

Cambridge, New York, Melbourne, Madrid, Cape Town, Singapore, São Paulo

Cambridge University Press

The Edinburgh Building, Cambridge CB2 2RU, United Kingdom

Published in the United States of America by Cambridge University Press, New York

www.cambridge.org

Information on this title: www.cambridge.org/9780521790123

© Robert Stockwell and Donka Minkova 2001

This book is in copyright. Subject to statutory exception and to the provision of relevant collective licensing agreements, no reproduction of any part may take place without the written permission of Cambridge University Press.

First published in print format 2001

ISBN-13 978-0-511-06707-5 eBook (NetLibrary)

ISBN-10 0-511-06707-0 eBook (NetLibrary)

ISBN-13 978-0-521-79012-3 hardback

ISBN-10 0-521-79012-3 hardback

ISBN-13 978-0-521-79362-9 paperback

ISBN-10 0-521-79362-9 paperback

Cambridge University Press has no responsibility for the persistence or accuracy of URLs for external or third-party internet websites referred to in this book, and does not guarantee that any content on such websites is, or will remain, accurate or appropriate.

Appendix II: morpheme list

This list includes all the morphemes¹ cited in the root exercises of the *Workbook* (part b in each chapter), plus the affixes cited in chapter 5 of the main text. The numbers in parentheses correspond to the chapter of the Workbook in which the morpheme is introduced for study or memorization. In the SOURCE column, asterisks mark Proto-Indo-European forms.

This appendix does NOT include the many other morphemes introduced as examples in the textbook.

MORPHEME	MEANING	EXAMPLES	SOURCE
1. a-, au-, an-	"lacking" (5)	asymmetric, amoral, atonal	G a/an-
2. ab-, a-, abs-	"from, away" (5)	abnormal, abstinence, abjure	L ab-
3. -able	"fit for" (5)	agreeable, comfortable, incalculable	L-abil(is)
4. ac, acer, acerb	"sharp, tip" (10)	acumen, acrid, acerbic, acme, exacerbate	G ak(os)
5. -acy, -asy	"state or quality" (5)	advocacy, intricacy, accuracy, ecstasy	L-cia
6. ad-	"toward" (5)	admit, advance, admonish	L ad-
7. -ade	"an action done" (5)	fusillade, tirade, masquerade, arcade	Fr -ade
8. ag, act	"act, drive" (9)	agent, act, agile, ambiguous, litigate, navigate	*ag
9. -age	"condition, state" (5)	anchorage, postage, coinage	L-atic(um)
10. agog	"teach, induce" (2)	pedagogue, demagogue, synagogue	*ag
11. agon	"struggle" (11)	antagonize, protagonist	*agon
12. agr	"field" (11)	agriculture, agrarian	*agr
13. -al	"act of" (5)	renewal, revival, trial	L-al(is)
14. -al (-ial, -ical, -ual)	"having the property of" (5)	conjectural, fraternal, dialectal, sensual	L-al(is)
15. al(i), ol(t)	"grow, nourish" (11)	adolescent, adult, alimentary (canal), coalesce	*al
16. al, all(o)	"other" (5)	alibi, allegory, allomorph, alien	*al
17. alg	"pain" (11)	analgesic, analgesia, algolagnia	G alg
18. alt	"high" (5)	altitude, altimeter, alto	L alt
19. ambi, amphि	"both," "around" (5)	ambidextrous, ambivalent, preamble, amphiarthroosis	*ambhi
20. ambl	"walk" (5)	ambulance, perambulate	L ambul
21. ampl	"large" (10)	amplify, amplitude	L ampl
22. -an-, -ian	"belonging to, resembling" (5)	reptilian, Augustan, plebeian, patrician	L -anus
23. ana-	"back" (5)	anatomy, analogy	G ana-
24. -ance, -ence	"state, act, or fact of" (5)	repentance, perseverance, emergence	L -antia
25. ander	"male" (6)	android, androgynous, androgen	*andr
26. ang	"constrict" (7)	angst, anxious, anxiety, anguish, angina	*angh

¹ We have chosen base morphemes which are, with a few exceptions, near the top of the text-frequency and list-frequency counts found in Thorndike, E. L and I. Lorge (1959), *The Teacher's Wordbook of 30000 Words* (3rd edn.). [New York: Columbia University]. They are also high on the *American Heritage Frequency List*.

MORPHEME	MEANING	EXAMPLES	SOURCE
27. anim	“mind” (3)	animate, animosity, animadversion, animal	L anim(us)
28. ann	“year” (2)	annals, annual, superannuated, annuity	L annu
29. -ant, -ent	“one who” (5)	agent, defendant, participant	L -antem
30. ante-	“before, old” (5)	antenupcial, ante	L ante
31. ante-	“preceding” (5)	antechamber, ante-Norman	L ante-
32. anth	“flower, collection” (11)	anthology, anthophore,	G anth(os)
33. anthrop	“man, human being” (6)	anthropology, anthropoid, anthrolatry	G anthrop(os)
34. anti-	“opposed, instead” (5)	antidote, antisemitic, antacid, anti-Christian	G anti-
35. apt	“fit, capable” (3)	aptitude, ineptitude, inept	L apt
36. arch(aeo)	“rule, begin, foremost” (2)	archaeology, archaic, archaeism	G archae-
37. arch-	“chief, principal, high” (2)	archbishop, archduke	G arch
38. -arian	“member of a sect” (5)	utilitarian, egalitarian, euthoritarian	L -arian(us)
39. art	“skill”	artful, inertia	OFr art
40. -ary	“having a tendency” (5)	secondary, discretionary, rudimentary, tributary	L -ari(us)
41. aster	“star” (2)	asteroid, astronomy	G aster
42. -ate	“cause X to happen” (5)	create, contaminate, frustrate, terminate	L -(at)us
43. -ate	“full of” (5)	passionate, affectionate, extortionate	L -(at)us
44. -ation	“state of being X-ed” (5)	purification, organization, contemplation	L -ation
45. aud	“hear” (4)	audit, auditory, auditorium, audience	L aud(ire)
46. aug	“increase” (7)	auction, augment, augur, august, August	L aug
47. auto-	“self, same” (5)	automaton, autobiography, automobile	G auto(s)
48. av(i)	“bird, fly” (11)	aviary, aviation, aviator	L avi(s)
49. barbar	“uncivilized” (12)	barbarian, barbarous	L barbar(us)
50. bell	“war” (8)	bellicose, belligerent, antebellum	L bell(um)
51. bene, bon	“good, well” (8)	benefit, beneficent, beneficiary, bonanza	L ben
52. bi-	“twice, double” (5)	bifocal, biennial, bipolar, bisulphate	L bi-
53. bio	“life” (6)	biology, biogenic, biography, biogenetic	G bio(s)
54. bol, bl	“throw” (10)	symbol, hyperbole, metabolism, parabola, parable	G ball(ein)
55. brev	“short” (2)	abbreviate, breve, breviloquent	L brev(is)
56. burs	“pouch, money” (9)	bursar, bursa, bursitis, disburse, reimburse	L burs(a)
57. cad, cas	“fall” (5)	cadaver, cadence, decadence, case, casual, occasion	L cad(ere)
58. camp	“field” (11)	camp, campaign, campus, decamp, encamp	L camp(us)
59. can, cyn	“dog” (11)	canaille, canary, canine, cynic	L can(is)
60. cant	“sing” (4)	incantation, incentive, enchant	L cant(are)
61. cap(it)	“head” (3)	cape, capital, capitol, capitulate, recapitulate, captain	L cap(ut)
62. cap, cup, ceiv	“to take, contain” (9)	capable, capsule, captive, accept, anticipate	L cap(ere)
63. car(n)	“flesh” (3)	carnal, carnage, carnivore, carnival, carrión, incarnate	L carnal(is)
64. card, cord	“heart, agree” (3)	cardiac, cardiology, accord, accordion, concord, record	G kard
65. cast	“purify, fortify” (3)	caste, castigate, castle, castrate, chateau, chaste	L cast(us)
66. cata-	“down, away, back” (5)	catapult, catastrophe	G kata-
67. ced, ceed	“go, let go” (7)	concede, precede, proceed, access, accessory, ancestor	L ced(ere)

MORPHEME	MEANING	EXAMPLES	SOURCE
68. ceive	"take" (9)	conceit, conception, deceit, deception	L <i>cip(ere)</i>
69. cele(b)r	"swift, frequent" (2)	celerity, accelerate, celebrate, celebrity	L <i>celebr</i>
70. cer(t), cr	"separate, judge, settle" (9)	certain, certify, critic, crime, excrement, secret	L <i>cert(us)</i>
71. cere, cre	"come forth, grow" (7)	accrue, create, decrease, recruit	L <i>cre(are)</i>
72. chrom(at)	"color, embellishment" (10)	chromatic, chromatophilic, chromosome	G <i>khrom(a)</i>
73. chron	"time" (12)	chronology, chronic, chronicle, anachronism	G <i>khron(os)</i>
74. cid, cis	"cut, kill" (11)	decide, fratricide, genocide, concise, incisor, precise	L <i>incid(ere)</i>
75. circum-	"around" (5)	circumnavigate, circumspect, circumcise	L <i>circum</i>
76. cit	"arouse, summon" (9)	cite, excite, recite, solicit, resuscitate	L <i>cit(are)</i>
77. civ, cit	"city, refined" (8)	civic, civil, civilian, civilization, citadelle, city	L <i>civil(is)</i>
78. clam	"call out" ()	exclaim, declaim, exclamatory, proclamation	L <i>clam(are)</i>
79. clar	"clear" (12)	clarity, declare, clarify	L <i>clar(us)</i>
80. class	"group" (7)	classic, classical, classicism, classify, déclassé	L <i>class(is)</i>
81. cli, cliv, clin	"lean, lie, bed" (5)	client, climate, climax, clinic, decline, incline	G <i>cli(ma)</i>
82. clud, claus, clos	"close" (2)	conclude, exclude, include, preclude, closet, disclose	G <i>claus(us)</i>
83. co-, con-	"together, jointly" (5)	coexistence, cooperate, concur	L <i>com-</i>
84. col, cult	"live, inhabit, grow" (11)	bucolic, colonial, cultivate, culture, horticulture	L <i>cult(is)</i>
85. com	"comic, comedy" (12)	comic, comedy, comedian	G <i>com(os)</i>
86. contra-	"against, opposite" (5)	contradiction, contrary	L <i>contra-</i>
87. cor, curv	"round, around" (10)	corona, coroner, coronary, corolla, corollary	L <i>curv(us)</i>
88. corp	"body, flesh" (3)	corporal, corporate, incorporate, corporeal, corpse	L <i>corp(us)</i>
89. cosm	"universe, world, order" (12)	cosmic, cosmology, cosmos, cosmetic, microcosm	G <i>kosm(os)</i>
90. counter-	"against, opposite" (5)	counterfeit, counterbalance	L <i>contra</i>
91. crat	"rule" (8)	autocrat, aristocracy, bureaucracy, democracy	G <i>krat(os)</i>
92. cre	"grow" (12)	creature, creation, excrescence	L <i>cre(are)</i>
93. cre, cred	"believe, trust" (8)	credence, credential, credible, credit, credo, creed	L <i>cred(ere)</i>
94. crit	"discern" (12)	critic, criticize, critical, criticism	G <i>kritik(os)</i>
95. crypto-	"secret, hidden" (5)	cryptography, cryptoanalytic	G <i>krupt(os)</i>
96. cub, cumb	"lie, hollow" (5)	concubine, cube, cubicle, incumbent, succumb	G <i>kub(os)</i>
97. cur, car, cor, cour	"run" (9)	current, cursive, incur, recur, car, career, carry	L <i>curr(ere)</i>
98. de-	"away from, down" (5)	decay, debase, deny, depend	L <i>de-</i>
99. dei, div	"god, augury" (2)	deify, deism, deity, divine, divinity	L <i>de(us)</i>
100. del	"erase, wipe out" (11)	delete, indelible, deleterious	L <i>del(ere)</i>
101. dem	"people" (8)	demagogue, democracy, endemic, epidemic	G <i>dem(os)</i>
102. den, odon	"tooth" (3)	dent, dental, indent, indenture, dandelion, mastodon	L <i>den(s)</i>
103. dexter	"right hand, adroit" (3)	dexterity, dextrorotatory, dextrose, dextrous	L <i>dexter</i>

MORPHEME	MEANING	EXAMPLES	SOURCE
104. di-	“two” (5)	dioxide, ditransitive, dichloride	G di-
105. dia-	“across, through” (5)	diameter, diachronic	G dia-
106. dic(t)	“speak, give” (4)	dictate, edict, verdict, benediction, contradict, addict	L dic(ere)
107. dis-	“apart, reversal, lacking” (5)	displease, disallow, distaste	L dis-
108. dis-	intensifier (5)	disturb, disgruntle, disannul	L dis-
109. doc, dog	“teach, praise” (4)	doctrine, indoctrinate, doctor, document, dogma	L doc(ere)
110. dol, dolor	“suffer” (11)	condolence, doleful, indolent, dolorous	L dolor(e)
111. dom, domin	“control, lord, master” (8)	domestic, domicile, domain, dominate, domineer	L domin(us)
112. don, dat, dot, dor, dos, dow	“give” (7)	donate, data, addition, editor, antidote, dose, endow	L don(are)
113. du-	“two, double” (5)	dupe, duplicate, duplicity	L du(o)
114. dubi	“doubt” (12)	dubious, dubiety, indubitably	L. dubi(um)
115. duc(t)	“lead, pull” (8)	abduct, aqueduct, conduct, deduce, educate, induce	L duc(ere)
116. dur	“hard, lasting” (11)	durable, duration, duress, endurance, endure, obdurate	L dur(are)
117. dys-	“bad, badly” (5)	dyslogistic, dyspeptic	G dus-
118. eco	“environment” (12)	ecosystems, ecology	G oik(os)
119. -eer	“one who deals in X” (5)	engineer, balladeer, mountaineer, profiteer	Fr. -ier
120. ego	“self” (3)	ego, egocentric, egoism, egoist, egomania, egotism	L ego
121. electr-	“electric” (12)	electricity, electrode, electron (Gk. root = “amber”)	G elektron
122. -en	“to become” (5)	darken, chasten, cheapen, deafen	OE -en
123. en-	“in, into” (a form of in-) (5)	encapsulate, enclose	G en-
124. epi-	“on, over” (5)	epiglottis, epidermis, epicycle	G epi
125. equi	“even, level” (10)	equanimity, equator, equilateral, equinox, equity	L aequ(us)
126. -er	“agent” (5)	baker, thriller, worker, sweeper, retriever	L -arius
127. erg, urg, org	“work” (9)	energy, erg, synergism, metallurgy	G organ(on)
128. ero	“physical love” (6)	erotic, erogenous	G ero(s)
129. err	“wander, go wrong” (12)	aberrant, err, errant, erratic, erratum, erroneous, error	L err(are)
130. -ery, -ry	“collectivity” (5)	masonry, carpentry, slavery, savagery	L -ari(a)
131. -esc	“become” (5)	tumescent, coalesce	L -esc
132. -ese	“belonging to a place” (5)	Japanese, New Yorkese, journalese	L -ens(is)
133. -esque	“having the style of X” (5)	romanesque, lawyeresque, statuesque	Fr -esque
134. esth	“feel” (11)	esthetic, phonaesthetic	G aesth
135. -ess	“feminine of X” (5)	tigress, laundress, stewardess	Fr -ess
136. etym	“true, source” (12)	etymology, etymon	G etum(on)
137. eu	“good, well” (8)	eucalyptus, eugenics, eulogy, eupoetic, euphony	G eu
138. ex-, ec-	“out from, away” (5)	exconsul, exwife; eccentric; educate, eradicate, emit	G ex-
139. extra-	“outside the scope of” (5)	extraordinary, extramarital	L extra-
140. fa, pho, fe, phe	“speak, spoken about” (4)	fable, affable, fame, famous, infant, preface, aphasia	G phe, L fa
141. fac	“do, make” (7)	fact, affect, infect, office, suffice	L fac(ere)
142. fem	“effeminate, female” (12)	feminine, female, effeminate,	Fr fem(elle)
143. fend	“strike, ward off” (8)	defend, defence, fence, fend, fender, offense	L defend(ere)

MORPHEME	MEANING	EXAMPLES	SOURCE
144. fer, pher, phor	“bear, send, bring” (5)	circumference, conifer, defer, differ, fertile, infer	L fer(re)
145. fess	“admit, acknowledge” (12)	confess, confession, profess(or), profession(al)	LL fess(us)
146. fid, feder	“trust, faith” (8)	affidavit, <i>bona fide</i> , confide, federation, infidel	L fid(es)
147. fig, fing	“form” (10)	figure, figurative	L figur(a)a
148. fin-	“end” (12)	final, finish, define, definite	L fin(ire)
149. firm	“strong” (12)	affirm, affirmative, affirmation, infirm	L firm(us)
150. flec	“bend, turn” (2)	flexible, reflect, reflex, deflect, circumflex	L flect(ere)
151. flict	“strike” (3)	inflict, conflict, afflict	L flict(us)
152. flu, fluc, fluv	“flow, river” (5)	fluent, fluid, influence, affluent, effluent, fluvial	L flu(ere)
153. fore-	“before” (5)	(in time or space) forecast, forefinger, foreskin	OE fore
154. form	“shape” (12)	conform, uniform, formation, formal	L form(a)
155. fort	“strong” (12)	comfort, effort, fortification	L fort
156. frag, frang	“break, deflect” (7)	fragment, fraction, fracture, refraction, frangible	L frang(ere)
157. fug	“flee, flight” (12)	refuge, fugitive, fugue	L. fug(ere)
158. -ful	“full of X” (5)	peaceful, powerful, skillful	OE full
159. fuse, fund	“pour, melt, blend” (12)	fuse, confuse, diffuse, effusive, infuse, profuse	L fund(ere)
160. gam	“marriage, sexual union” (6)	bigamy, gamete, monogamy, polygamy	G gam(os)
161. gen(er), gn, gon, germ(in)	“birth, origin” (5)	general, generate, gender, genesis, genius, germ	L gen(us)
162. geo	“earth” (11)	geodesic, geology, geometry, apogee, George	G geo
163. ges(t), ger	“carry, bring, offer” (5)	gesture, gestation, digest, congest, ingest, suggest	L ger(ere)
164. glos, glot	“tongue, speech” (4)	gloss, glossary, glottis, epiglottis, polyglot	G glossa
165. gn, gnos, gnor	“to know” (4)	cognition, incognito, recognize, agnostic, ignore	G gnos
166. grad, gress	“step, go” (5)	grade, gradation, gradual, graduate, degrade, aggressive	L grad(us)
167. graph, gram	“make lines, write, record” (4)	agraphia, autograph, telegraph, biography, grammar	G graph(e)
168. grat	“thankful, pleased, kind” (8)	grateful, gratify, gratis, gratitude, congratulate, grace	L grat(us)
169. grav	“heavy, serious” (10)	aggravate, gravity	L grav(em)
170. greg	“flock, gather” (8)	aggregate, congregate, congregation, egregious	L greg
171. gyn, gynec	“woman, female” (11)	androgynous, gynarchy, gynocracy, misogynist	G gun(e)
172. hab, hib	“to have, hold” (11)	inhibit, exhibit, habitable	L hab(ere)
173. heli	“sun” (7)	heliotrope, parahelion, helioscope	G heli(os)
174. hem, em	“blood” (3)	hemoglobin, hemophilia, hemoptysis, anemia	G haim(a)
175. hend	“seize” (7)	apprehend, comprehend, prehensile	L (pre)hend-
176. her, heir	“heir” (10)	inherit, inheritance, hereditary	L her(es)
177. hes, her	“stick, hold back” (2)	adhere, coherent, incoherent, inherent, cohesive	L haer(ere)
178. hetero-	“other” (7)	heterosexual, heteronym, heteromorphic	G hetero

MORPHEME	MEANING	EXAMPLES	SOURCE
179. hom(o) , homeo	“same” (6)	homogeneous, homomorphic, homonym	G hom(os)
180. hon	“worthy” (10)	honor, honorable, dishonor, honesty	L honor
181. -hood	“state of, condition of” (5)	childhood, womanhood, priesthood	OE hood
182. hor	“shudder” (7)	abhor, horrible, horror	L hor(er)
183. hum	“damp, wet” (7)	humid, humidity	L hum(ere)
184. hyd(r)	“water” (11)	dehydrate, hydrant, hydrate, hydraulic, hydrogen	G hadr(o)
185. hyper-	“over, to excess” (5)	hyperactive, hypersensitive	G hyper-
186. hypo-	“under, slightly” (5)	hypotactic, hypoglossal, hypotoxic	G hypo-
187. -ia	“condition” (5)	amnesia, paranoia	G L-ia
188. iatr	“treat (medically)” (3)	iatrogenic, geriatric, psychiatry, pediatric, podiatry	G iatr(os)
189. -ic	“having the property X” (5)	alcoholic, atheistic, naturalistic, romantic	L ic(us)
190. -ician	“skilled in art/science” (5)	physician, musician, magician	L ic + ian
191. -icity	“abstract noun from -ic” (5)	historic/historicity, electric/electricity	Fr .icité
192. idio	“particular” (7)	idiom, idiolect, idiot, idiosyncratic	G idios
193. -ify, fy	“to cause to (be) X” (5)	purify, denazify, sanctify, verify, amplify	L fac(ere)
194. in-	“in, into, within” (5)	inaugurate, inchoate	L in-
195. in-	“negative” (5)	indiscreet, ineffectual, incredible, illegible	*n-
196. infra-	“below, underneath” (5)	infra-red, infrastructure	L infra-
197. inter-	“between, among” (5)	interchange, interpose, intersect, interloper	L inter-
198. intra-	“inside” (5)	intracity, intramural, intracellular	L intra
199. is-, iso-	“equal” (5)	isochrony, isosceles, isotope	G iso-
200. -ish	“to become like X” (5)	churlish, boyish, peckish, stylish	Gmc -ish
201. -ism	“doctrinal system of principles” (5)	communism, realism, romanticism	G -isma
202. isol, insul	“island” (11)	isolate, insular, insulate, peninsula	L insul(a)
203. -ist	“one connected with” (5)	socialist, perfectionist, dentist, pugilist	G -ist(es)
204. -ity	“state, quality” (5)	agility, diversity, actuality	Fr .ité
205. -ive	“characterized by” (5)	abusive, contradictive, retrospective	L -iv(us)
206. -ize	“to cause to be X” (5)	popularize, legalize, plagiarize, miniaturize	Fr -ise
207. jac(t)	“throw, lay, lie” (2)	ejaculate, adjacent, reject, inject, eject, project	L eic(ere)
208. journ	“day” (9)	journal, sojourn, journey	L diorn
209. jug, jung	“join” (2)	jugate, conjugal, conjugate, jugular, juncture	L iung(ere)
210. kine, cine	“move” (5)	kinetic, kinesics, kinesiology, telekinesis, cinema	G kine
211. lab	“take, seize” (5)	epilepsy, narcolepsy, prolepsis, syllable, astrolabe	L lep, lab
212. lat	“carry” (6)	correlate, elated, legislate, relate, translate	L lat(us)
213. lat	“hidden” (10)	latent	L lat(ere)
214. later, lat	“wide, broad, side” (10)	lateralization, latitude	L lat(us)
215. leg, lect	“choose, gather” (4)	legion, elegance, sacrilege, elect, select, neglect	L leg(ere)
216. leg	“law, charge” (4)	legal, legislate, allege, delegate, legitimate, privilege	L leg
217. leg, log	“speak, write, read, reason” (4)	logo, logic, apology, biology, eulogy, prolog	G log(os)
218. -less	“without, free from” (5)	forms adjective from noun, as in faultless, keyless	OE less

MORPHEME	MEANING	EXAMPLES	SOURCE
219. -let	“diminutive” (5)	leaflet, driblet	Fr -l(ette)
220. lev	“light, rise” (2)	levity, levitate, lever, elevate, alleviate, leavening	L lev(is)
221. liber	“free” (9)	liberty, liberate, deliberate	L liber
222. lig	“bind” (2)	ligature, ligament, oblige, religion	L lig(are)
223. liqu	“fluid” (9)	liquidate, liquid, liquor	L liqu
224. liter	“letter” (9)	illiterate, literature	L liter(a)
225. lith	“stone” (11)	lithograph, lithosphere, monolith	G lith(os)
226. loc	“place” (2)	locus, local, locative, locomotion, allocate	L loc(us)
227. loqu, locu	“speak” (4)	locution, circumlocution, loquacious, colloquial	L loqu(i)
228. lud	“play” (9)	allude, delude, elude, interlude, prelude, ludicrous	L lud(us)
229. lumin	“light” (12)	illuminate, lumen, luminous	L lumen
230. -ly	“appropriate, befitting” (5)	friendly, timely, shapely, fatherly	OE -lice
231. macro-	“large, broad scale” (5)	macroeconomics, macroclimatology	G makr(os)
232. mag(n), maj	“great, large” (10)	magnanimous, magnify, maximum, major, majority	L maior
233. mal-	“ill, evil, wrong” (5)	malfeasance, malodorous, malpractice	L male
234. mal, male	“bad” (8)	dismal, malady, malaise, malapropism, malaria	L male
235. mand	“order” (9)	mandatory, command, reprimand	L mand(are)
236. mani	“intense desire” (6)	bibliomania, mania, maniac, megalomania	G mania
237. mar	“sea” (9)	marine, submarine, mariner	L marin(us)
238. mater, metr	“mother, womb, surrounding substance” (6)	material, maternal, matrix	L mater
239. medi	“middle” (10)	mediocre, media, medieval, Mediterranean	L medi(us)
240. memor	“recall” (9)	memorize, memorial, memorable, memory	L memor
241. men, min, mon, mn	“think, remind, warn” (3)	mental, mentor, dementia, monitor, mnemonic	L mem(or)
242. -ment	“condition of being X” (5)	advancement, treatment, abandonment	L -ment(um)
243. merc	“pay, trade, sell” (7)	mercantile, mercenary, mercy, commercial	L merc
244. merg, mers	“dip, plunge” (9)	emerge, merge, merger, submerge, immerse	L merg(ere)
245. meta-	“transcending, changed” (5)	metaphysics, metamorphosis	G meta-
246. meter	“measure” (10)	metric, metrics, metronome, perimeter, symmetrical	G metr(on)
247. micro-	“tiny, small scale” (5)	microorganism, microscope	G mikr(os)
248. mid-	“middle” (5)	midwinter, midlands, midnight	OE midd
249. migr	“wander” (6)	emigrate, immigrate, migrate, transmigration	L migr(are)
250. min	“little, least” (10)	diminish, diminutive, minor, minority, minuscular	L min(or)
251. mis-	“badly, wrongly” (5)	misspent, miscalculate, mislead	OE mis-
252. misc	“mix” (9)	promiscuous, miscellaneous, mixture	L misc(ere)
253. miso	“hate” (6)	misanthrope, misogamy, misogyny	G mis(ein)
254. mit, mis	“send, go” (5)	emit, omit, transmit, admission, promise, missive	L mitt(ere)
255. mob, mot	“move” (5)	motion, motor, promote, remote, emotion, mob	L mov(ere)
256. mod	“moderate, measure” (8)	mode, model, accommodate, commode, modal	L mod(us)

MORPHEME	MEANING	EXAMPLES	SOURCE
257. mon	“advise, warn” (9)	monitor, monster, admonish	L mon(ere)
258. mono	“one” (7)	monochrome, monogamy, monograph, monologue	G mon(os)
259. morph	“form” (10)	amorphous, morphology, morphogenesis	G morph(e)
260. mor(t)	“death” (11)	immortal, mortal, mortgage, moritify, mortuary	L mort(us)
261. multi-	“many” (5)	multifaceted, multivalent, multiform	L multi-
262. mun	“common, public, gift” (8)	communion, communism, community, immune	L mun(us)
263. mus	“one of the muses” (9)	music, muse, museum	G mousa
264. mut	“change” (9)	mutate, immutable, mutant	L mut(are)
265. nat	“be born” (9)	natural, native, innate	L nat
266. nav(t)	“sail, swim, boat” (9)	naval, navy, aeronaut, aquanaut, nautical	L nav(is)
267. nec(ro), noc(s)	“death, harmful” (11)	nectar, nectarine, interneceine, pernicious, necrophilia	G nekr(os)
268. neg	“not, no” (7)	negate, neglect, renegade, renege	L neg
269. neo-	“new, recent” (5)	neonatal, neolithic, neotype	G neos
270. -ness	“state, condition” (5)	bitterness, fairness, idleness	OE -ness
271. nom	“law, system” (8)	autonomous, anomie, economy, antinomy	G nom(os)
272. nom, onom, onym	“name” (4)	anonymous, antonym, homonym, ignominy	G onum(a)
273. non-	“not” (5)	nonsense, non-resident, non-intervention	L non-
274. nunc	“speak” (8)	annunciate, enunciate, pronunciation, renunciation	L nunti(us)
275. -ob-	“inverse” (5)	(in the opposite direction) object, obverse	L ob-
276. -oid	“having the shape of, resembling” (5)	humanoid	G oeid(es)
277. oligo-	“few” (5)	oligarchy, oligotrophic	G olig(o)
278. omni-	“all” (5)	omnipotent, omniscient, omnidirectional	L omni(s)
279. op(t,s)	“eye, sight, look at” (3)	presbyopia, amblyopia, myopia, optical, optometry	G opt(os)
280. oper	“work, creation” (7)	opera, operate, operand, opus	L oper
281. ordin	“order” (7)	ordinal, ordain	L ordin
282. ortho	“straight” (10)	orthography, orthodontist, orthopedics	G orth(os)
283. -ory	“connected with” (5)	obligatory, inflammatory, dormitory	L -ori(us)
284. os, or	“mouth, speak” (4)	adore, oral, oratory, peroration, osculate	L os, or
285. -ose	“full of, abounding in” (5)	verbose, morose, jocose	L -os(us)
286. -ous	“of the nature of X” (5)	virtuous, torturous, glorious, grievous	L -us
287. pac	“bind, agreement, peace” (8)	pact, compact, impact, <i>pace</i> , pacific, pacifism	L pax
288. palp	“touch, feel” (3)	palpate, palpitate, palpable	L palp(are)
289. pan, panta	“all, all embracing” (7)	panacea, pandemonium, panorama, panoply	G pan
290. par	“beget, produce” (6)	parent, viviparous, repertory	L par(ere)
291. par	“show” (7)	parade, apparition, appear, transparent	L par(ere)
292. par, por	“part, share, equality” (6)	compare, disparate, parity, parse, part, depart, impart	L pars
293. para-	“beside, along with” (5)	paramedic, parallel	G para
294. pass	“spread out, go” (6)	pass, compass, encompass, passport, surpass	L pass(us)
295. pass	“suffer” (7)	passion, impassionate, impassive	L pass(ionem)
296. past, pan	“food, dough, bread” (9)	companion, pannier, pantry, pasta, repast	L pan(is)
297. pater	“father, sponsor” (6)	paternal, patriarch, patrimony	L pater

MORPHEME	MEANING	EXAMPLES	SOURCE
298. path(et)	“feel, suffer, illness” (3)	apathy, allopathy, electropathy, hydrotherapy, empathy	G path(os)
299. pati	“suffer, endure” (7)	patience, patient, impatient	L patient
300. ped, paed	“child, training, education” (6)	pediatric, encyclopedia, orthopedics, pedagogy	G paed
301. ped, pod, pus	“foot” (3)	biped, centipede, millipede, expedite, impede	L ped
302. pel	“push” (9)	compel, dispel, expel, propel, repel, compulsory	L pell(ere)
303. pen(i)(t), pun	“punishment” (8)	penal, penalty, penitent, penitentiary, repent, punish	L penten(s)
304. pend, pond	“weigh, hang, consider, pay” (8)	append, depend, expend, pendulum, suspend	L pend(ere)
305. per-	“through, thoroughly” (5)	perspire, pernicious, pervade	L per
306. peri-	“around, nearby” (5)	perimeter, peristomeric	G peri
307. pet	“go, seek” (6)	appetite, compete, competent, impetuous, impetus	L pet(ere)
308. phag	“eat” (9)	anthropophagous, dysphagia, necrophagous	G phag(os)
309. phan, phen, fan	“show, appear” (2)	phantom, sycophant, phenomenon, fancy, fantasy	G phan(ein)
310. phil	“love” (6)	Anglophile, bibliophile, philanthropy, philology	G phil(os)
311. phob,	“fear” (11)	phobia, arachnophobia, hydrophobia	G phob(os)
312. phon	“speech, sound” (5)	phonetic, microphone, telephone	G phon(e)
313. phot, phos	“light” (7)	photography, photosynthesis, phototropism	G phos, phot
314. phys	“natural” (11)	metaphysics, physic, physical, physician, physicist	G phus(is)
315. ple(c), ply	“fold, tangle” (10)	complex, accomplice, complicate, complicity	L plec
316. plen, pleo, pleth	“abundance” (3)	plenty, pleonasm, plethora, complete	*pl
317. pol(is)(it)	“city, state” (8)	acropolis, cosmopolitan, police, policy, political	G pol(is)
318. poly-	“many” (5)	polychromatic, polyangular, polygamy	G poly-
319. pon, pos	“place, put” (5)	composite, deposit, expose, impose, oppose	L pon(ere)
320. popul	“people” (3)	depopulate, people, population, popular	L popul(us)
321. port	“carry” (6)	deport, export, import, portly, purport, rapport	L port(are)
322. post, poster	“after, behind” (10)	post-mortem, post-pone, post-script, posterior	L post
323. pot, poss	“be able, powerful” (9)	potent, omnipotent, potential, possible, possess	L pot, posse
324. prag	“do” (9)	practical, pragmatic, pragmatics	G prag(m)
325. pre-, pro-	“before, in front of” (5)	preconceive, preposition, progress, professor	L prae-, pro-
326. prec	“entreat, pray” (8)	deprecate, precarious, imprecate, imprecation	L prec(ari)
327. prec	“worth, value” (9)	appreciate, deprecate, precious, preciousity	L preti(um)
328. prim	“first, foremost” (10)	primal, primary, primate, prime, primer, primeval	L primus
329. princ	“ruler” (5)	“prince, principle, principal [“take first”]	L prim + cip
330. priv	“secret, not public” (5)	private, deprive, privy	L priv-
331. pro-	“on behalf of” (5)	pro-British, pro-education	G pro

MORPHEME	MEANING	EXAMPLES	SOURCE
332. prob, prov	“test, find good” (9)	probable, probe, probation, prove, approve, probity	L prob(are)
333. prol	“offspring” (6)	proletariat, prolific, proliferate	L proles
334. proto-	“first, chief” (5)	proto-organism, protoplasm, prototype	G proto
335. pseudo-	“false, deceptive resemblance” (5)	pseudonym, pseudo-prophet, pseudo-archaic	G pseud(es)
336. psych	“spirit, soul, mind” (3)	psyche, Psyche, psychedelic, psychiatry, psychic	G psukhe
337. publ	“people” (5)	republican, publicity, publish	L public(us)
338. pud	“feel shame, cast off” (6)	impudent, pudendum, repudiate	L puden(s)
339. pung(t)	“point, prick” (11)	expunge, punctuation, puncture	L pung(ere)
340. put	“cut, reckon, consider” (7)	amputate, deputy, dispute, reputa, reputation	L put(are)
341. pyr	“fire, fever” (3)	antipyretic, pyre, pyretic, pyrite, pyromania	G pur
342. ques, quer	“ask, seek” (4)	question, request, exquisite, query, conquer, acquire	L quaer(ere)
343. rat	“reckon, reason” (8)	rational, ration, ratio, ratify	L ratio
344. re-	“anew, again, back” (5)	regenerate, rehearse, restore, reward	L re-
345. re	“thing” (5)	real, reality, realize	L re(s)
346. reg(t), roy	“straight, lead, rule, king” (8)	regal, regent, regicide, regimen, region, regular, royal	L reg(ere)
347. retro-	“backwards, back” (5)	retrogression, retrospection	L retro
348. rig	“stiff,” rigor, rigid” (5)	rigid, rigor	L rigid(us)
349. riv	“river, shore, stream” (6)	derive, arrive, rival, river, rivulet	L ripa
350. rog	“ask, take away” (6)	abrogate, arrogant, derogatory, interrogate, prerogative	L rog(are)
351. rrh, rh	“flow, steam, measured motion” (5)	catarrh, diarrhea, gonorrhea, hemorrhage	G rhein
352. rupt	“burst, become unsound” (7)	abrupt, bankrupt, corrupt, disrupt, erupt, interrupt	L rump(ere)
353. salv	“safe, healthy” (9)	salvation, salvage, salute, salutation	L salv(us)
354. sat, satis	“satisfy” (9)	insatiable, sate, saturate, satisfy	L sat(is)
355. sci	“know, discern” (8)	science, conscience, conscious, prescience	L sciens
356. scrib	“write” (4)	scribe, proscribe, prescribe, describe, ascribe	L scrib(ere)
357. se-, sed-	“apart” (5)	separate, select, sedition, seduce	L se(d)
358. sec, seg	“cut, split” (6)	segment, dissect, insect, sect, section, secant, sex	L sec(are)
359. sed	“sit, stay” (5)	sedate, sedentary, sediment, supersede, assiduous	L sed(are)
360. sel(t), sal, saul(t)	“jump” (9)	salient, assail, assault, somersault, exult, insult	L salt(are)
361. sembl	“similar” (5)	resemble, semblance, dissemble	L simil
362. semi-	“half, partly” (5)	semicolon, semifinal, semi-annual	L semi-
363. sen(t,s)	“feel, agree, think” (3)	assent, consent, dissent, presentiment, resent	L sent(ire)
364. sequ, secut	“follow” (5)	sequel, sequence, sequester, subsequent, consequence	L sequi
365. ser(t)	“put, arrange, write, speak” (4)	series, serial, assert, desert, dissertation, exert	L ser(ere)
366. -ship	“state, condition” (5)	dictatorship, trusteeship, workmanship	OE scipe

MORPHEME	MEANING	EXAMPLES	SOURCE
367. sim, simil, sem	“same, one” (10)	simple, simplex, assimilate, facsimile, simile	L simil(is)
368. soci	“companion” (5)	social, society, socialism, sociable, associate	L soci(us)
369. sol	“alone, single” (7)	desolate, sole, soliloquy, solipsism, solitary, solitude	L sol(us)
370. sol	“sun” (11)	parasol, solar, solarium, solstice	L sol
371. sol, hol	“whole” (7)	solid, consolidate, solder, catholic, holistic, holocaust	L solid(us)
372. solv	“loosen, unbind” (7)	solve, solvent, insolvent, absolve, dissolve, resolve	L solv(ere)
373. some	“like, characterized by, apt to” (5)	cumbersome, awesome, bothersome	OE sum
374. son	“sound” (8)	sonorous, consonant, dissonant, sonata, sonnet	L son(us)
375. soph	“wise” (8)	philosophy, sophist, sophisticated	G soph(os)
376. spec, skep, scop, speci	“look, see” (3)	specious, species, speculum, spectator, aspect	L spec(ere)
377. sper, spor	“scatter, seed” (6)	asperion, disperse, intersperse, sperm, sporadic	G spor(a)
378. spir	“breathe, animate” (3)	aspiration, conspire, expire, inspire, perspire	L spir(are)
379. spond	“pledge” (5)	sponsor, correspond, respond, despondent	L spond(ere)
380. stat, stit st,	“stay, stand, make firm” (2)	state, statue, apostasy, armistice, substitute	G stat(os)
381. struct, stru	“build” (9)	construct, obstruct, instruct, superstructure	L stru(ere)
382. sub-	“under, below” (5)	subdivision, subtraction, subtitle	L sub-
383. super-	“over, above” (5)	supernatural, supererogatory, superman	L super-
384. sur-	“over, above, beyond” (5)	surtax, surrealistic	L super-
385. syn-	“with, together” (5)	synthetic, synchronic	G syn-
386. tac(s,t)	“order, arrange” (7)	tactics, syntax, syntactic, taxidermy, taxonomy	G takt(os)
387. tag(t), tang	“touch, feel” (3)	contagious, contiguous, contact, intact	L tang(ere)
388. tec(hn)	“build, skill” (7)	polytechnic, technical, technique, technology	G tekhne
389. temp	“measure” (5)	temper, temperature, tempered	L temper-
390. ten, tain	“hold, maintain” (7)	tenant, tenement, tenet, tenure, sustenance, tenable	L ten(ire)
391. ten(d)	“stretch, thin” (2)	attend, tend, extend, intend, intense, ostensible	L tend(ere)
392. ter	“frighten” (4)	deter, determine, terror	L terr(ere)
393. termin	“limit” (4)	terminate, indeterminate, terminus, terminal	L termin(us)
394. thanat	“death” (11)	euthanasia	G thanat(os)
395. the	“place, put” (2)	theme, thesis, anathema, apothecary, hypothesis	G the
396. theo	“god” (2)	theism, atheism, pantheism, theology, theocracy	G theo
397. therm	“heat” (9)	thermal	G therme
398. tom, tm	“cut” (7)	anatomy, atom, dichotomy, entomology, epitome	G tom(os)
399. top	“place” (4)	topic, topology, topography, toponomy, isotope	G top(os)

MORPHEME	MEANING	EXAMPLES	SOURCE
400. tor(t)	“twist” (10)	contortion, distort, extortion, retort, torturous, torture	L tort(us)
401. tract	“drag, pull” (6)	tractable, traction, tractor, attract, abstract, contract	L trac(ere)
402. trib	“give, pay” (4)	tribute, contribute, tributary, distribute, attribute	L tribu(ere)
403. trop	“turn” (10)	tropic, trope, entropy	G trop(os)
404. tu(i)t	“watch, instruct” (4)	tutor, tutelage, intuition, tuition	L tueri
405. tum	“swollen” (10)	contumely, detumescence, intumescence, tumor	L tum(ere)
406. trans-	“across, surpassing” (5)	transalpine, transoceanic, transhuman	L trans-
407. tri-	“three” (5)	triangle, tridimensional	G tri
408. ultra-	“beyond, extreme” (5)	ultraliberal, ultramodest, ultraviolet	*ulter
409. un-	“not” (5)	unclean, uneven, unmindful, unbearable, uncouth	G an-
410. un-	“opposite” (5)	untie, unlock, uncoil	G ent-
411. uni-	“in place of, instead” (5)	vice-consul, vice-president	L un(us)
412. uter hyster	“womb, hysteria” (6)	hysterectomy, hysteria, hysterogenic, uterus	G hustra
413. vac, van	“empty” (10)	vacate, vacancy, vacation, evacuate, vacuous, vacuum	L vac(ere)
414. val	“strong, useful” (9)	valid, valor, value, equivalent, convalescence	L val(ere)
415. ven	“come, bring, happen” (5)	adventure, circumvent, convent, convention, event	L ven(ire)
416. ver	“true” (8)	veracity, verdict, verify, verisimilitude, veritable	L ver(us)
417. ver, vers, vor	“turn, roll” (10)	adverse, adversary, controversy, converse, conversion	L vers(are)
418. via, voy	“way, road” (5)	deviate, devious, impervious, obviate, obvious, trivial	L via
419. vic(t), vinc	“conquer” (9)	evict, victory, convince, invincible	L vinc(ere)
420. vid, vis, id, eid	“see” (3)	evident, provide, video, <i>vide</i> , advise, television, visit	L vid(ere)
421. vir	“male, man” (6)	triumvirate, virago, virile, virtue, virtually	L viril(us)
422. viv	“alive” (4)	vivisection, vivacious, vivid, revive	L viv(ere)
423. voc, vok	“speak, call” (4)	vocal, vocabulary, advocate, vociferous, vocation	L vox
424. volv	“turn, roll” (7)	evolve, devolve, involve, revolve, revolt, voluble	L volv(ere)
425. -y	“full of, characterized by” (5)	mighty, moody, healthy	OE -ig
426. xen	“foreign, strange” (8)	xenophile, xenophobe, xenon	G xen(os)
427. zo	“animal” (10)	protozoan, spermatozoa, zoo, zoology	G zo(on)