

Homework 1

1.

- a. Give three examples of different Modern English **inflectional suffixes** (you need not give a complete word, but if you do, indicate the suffix unambiguously).
- b. Give three examples of different Modern English **derivational affixes** (same rules as above)

2. Give a Modern English word which contains an example of the following sounds (write a word, **then unambiguously indicate the letter(s)** which exemplifies the sound):

- a. A bilabial stop
- b. An alveolar stop
- c. A labiodental fricative
- d. An interdental fricative
- e. A back vowel
- f. A front vowel

3.

- a. What does it mean to say that language is “**conventional**”?
- b. What does it mean to say that language is “**arbitrary**”?
- c. What does it mean to say that most **language change** is “arbitrary”?