7차시: Word Formation

1. Morpheme

• Many words can be broken down into smaller units.

rewrite	pets
recount	dogs
return	pears
rebuild	foxes

• The words above can be divided into *re-* and verbs, and nouns and -s, as follows.

re-write pet-s
re-count dog-s
re-turn pear-s
re-build toy-s

- The <u>re</u> in each of the words on the left column has the same meaning, loosely, that of "again".
- The -s in each of the nouns on the right column marks plurality.
- · What is a morpheme?
- » Morphemes are the smallest meaningful or grammatical units.

2. Exercises: Identifying Morphemes

DIRECTIONS:

Write the number of morphemes in each English word and <u>underline</u> the bound morphemes.

	No. of Morphemes	
e.g. <u>un</u> able		(2)
1.	furniture	()
2.	gladly	()
3.	reorganizing	()
4.	uncapable	()
5.	business	()
6.	alligator	()
7.	party	()
8.	conclusion	()
9	fasten	()
10.	collecting	()
11.	cooperation	()
12.	unpledged	()
13.	delivery	()
14.	overdue	()
15.	prosperity	()

Answer key:

		No. of me	orphemes			No. of	mor	hemes
e.g.	\1_1_1	(2)	8.	conclusion	(2)
1.	furniture	(1)	9	fast <u>en</u>	(2)
2.	glad <u>ly</u>	(2)	10.	collecting	(2)
3.	<u>re</u> organiz <u>ing</u>	(3)	11.	cooperation	(3)
4.	<u>un</u> capable	(2)	12.	<u>un</u> pledge <u>d</u>	(3)
5.	busi <u>ness</u>	(2)	13.	delivery	(2)
6.	alligator	(1)	14.	<u>un</u> do	(2)
7.	party	(1)	15.	prosperity	(2)

Turkish (Jannedy, Poletto & Weldon, 1994, p. 153)

Examine the following data from Turkish and answer the questions that follow.					
5. [evden] 6. [evjikden]	to a house	9. [elim] 10. [eller] 11. [dišler] 12. [dišimizin] 13. [dišlerimizin] 14. [eljike] 15. [denizlerimizder] 16. [evjiklerimizde]	to a little hand in our oceans		
1. Give the turk translations.	ish morpheme that co	orresponds to each of	the following		
	ocean	in	my		
	house	to	of		
			our		
2. What is the order of morphemes in a Turkish word (in terms of noun, plural marker, etc.)?					
3. How would one say 'of our little hands' in Turkish?					

Answer key:

[deniz]	ocean	[de]	in	[im]	my
[ev]	house	[e]	to	[in]	of
[el]	hand	[den]	from	[imiz]	our
[diš]	tooth	[ler]	(plural marker)		
[jik]	little				

- 2. [noun-adjective-plural marker-possessive pronoun-preposition]
- 3. [eljiklerimizin]

Michoacan Aztec (Jannedy, Poletto & Weldon, 1994, p. 155)

Examine the following words from Michoacan Aztec, a language of Mexico, and answer the questions that follow. 1. [nokali] my house [mopelo] your dog 2. [nokalimes] my houses 7. [mopelomes] your dogs 3. [mokali] 8. [ikwahmili] his cornfield your house my cornfield 4. [ikali] my house 9. [nokwahmili] 5. [nopelo] 10. [mokwahmili] your cornfield my dog 1. Fill in the blanks with the corresponding Michoacan morphemes. house dog confield his (plural marker) 2. What is the English translation for the Michoacan word [ipelo]? 3. How would one say 'his confields' in Michoacan? 4. If the word meaning 'friend' in Michoacan is [mahkwa], then the word meaning 'my friends' is?

Answer key:

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	[kali]	house	[no]	my	
	[pelo]	dog	[mo]	your	
	[kwahmili]	confield	[i]	his	
l.	[mes]	(plural marker)			

- 2. his dog
- 3. [ikwahmilimes]
- 4. [nomahkwames]

3. Allomorph

- What is an allomorph?
- » A phoneme is pronounced as one of two or more complementary phones (phonetic sounds) in different phonological environments. These phones are called allophones.
- » A morpheme is realized as one of two or more complementary morphs (surface forms) in different phonological or morphological environments. These morphs are called allomophs. That is, an allomorph is a variant of a morpheme with the same meaning or grammatical function.
- » A morpheme is concerned with the meaning and structure of a word; An allomorph is concerned with the pronunciation of the word.
- » The allomorphs of a morpheme are derived from phonological rules that may apply to that morpheme, or morphophonemic rules.
- » A morphophonemic rule has the form of a phonological rule, but its application is restricted to a particular morphological environment.

Steps to Solve Morphophonemic Rules

• Determine the allomorphs of a morpheme.



• Determine the conditioning environments for each of the allomorphs.



- Decide on the underlying (or "elsewhere") form of this morpheme from which the other allomorphs are derived.
 - » Basic allophone: Found in the widest variety of conditioning environments.
 - » Restricted allophone: Found in only a specific conditioning environment.



• Write a morphophonemic rule.

English

DIRECTIONS: Examine the following words in English.

 impossible
 ineligible
 intolerant
 ingrate

 imbalance
 inactive
 indeterminate
 incongruous

 infamous
 insecure

 injury
 injudicious

- a. Determine the allomorphs of the derivational prefix, meaning "not". Keep in mind that the allomorphs are concerned with pronunciation.
- b. Determine and describe the conditioning environments for each allomorph.
- c. Decide on the basic form of the morpheme from which the other allomorphs are derived. Justify the base form.
- d. Write a morphophonemic rule, specifying the underlying form, allomorphs, and conditioning environments.

Answer key

- a. [Im], [In], [Iŋ]
- b. [Im] before a labial sound; [Iŋ] before a velar sound; [In] elsewhere
- c. /in/ is the basic form of the morpheme because /in/ occurs in wider phonetic environments (before vowels as in *inaudible* and *inevitable* as well as before alveolar and palatal consonants) and than the other allomorphs.