

## Mini Morphology Question Bank

**A) Choose the correct answer:**

1- A root is .....

a) a morpheme that cannot stand alone.

**b) a morpheme that conveys the main meaning of a word.**

c) a morpheme that can change the lexical category of the word.

d) a morpheme that changes a word into a noun.

2- The relationship between the words **good / better** can be described as .....

a) conversion   **b) suppletion**   c) internal change   d) cliticization

3- The relationship between the words sing / sang can be described as .....

a) conversion    b) suppletion    **c) internal change**    d) cliticization

4- The relationship between the words I am / I'm can be described as .....

a) conversion    b) suppletion    c) internal change    **d) cliticization**

5 - The word **speakers** consists of .....

a) one morpheme                      b) two morphemes

c) three morphemes

6- The word '**elephant**' consists of .....

a) one morpheme                      b) two morphemes

c) three morphemes                      d) four morphemes



15- Which of the following words is classified as an exocentric compound?

- a) wisdomtooth      b) caveman      c) walkman      d) dogfood

16- A **compound** is .....

- a) a word with more than one affix.  
b) a morpheme that contains an infix.  
c) a morpheme that can change the lexical category of a word.  
d) a word that contains more than one lexical items.

17- **Allomorphs** are .....

- a) affixes which create nouns.  
b) variations of the same morpheme.  
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d) meaningful parts within a word.

18- Which of the following sentences is correct?

- a) The player **dropped kick** the ball.  
b) The player drop kicked the ball.  
c) The player **dropped kicked** the ball.  
d) All of the above

19- “**Greenhouse**” belongs to the category .....

- a) verb compound      b) noun compound  
c) adjective compound      d) adverb compound

20- “**nationwide**” belongs to the category .....

a) verb compound

b) noun compound

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21- The relationship between the words **housekeeper / housekeep** can be described as .....

a) conversion

b) clipping

**c) backformation**

d) Blending

22- The relationship between the words **breakfast / lunch / brunch** can be described as .....

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23- The relationship between the words **professor / prof** can be described as .....

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24- Which of the following sentences describes **Blending**?

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**B) Decide whether the following sentences are true(t) or false(f):**

26- Affixes that attached to the front of a base is called suffixes. ( **F** )

27- The main task of morphology is to study the meanings of words and sentences. ( **F** )

28- Morphology is the collection of principles defining how to put together a sentence. ( **F** )

29- The root of a word can be the base of the same word. ( **T** )

30- The base of the word '**activation**' is '**active**'. ( **F** )

31-The addition of the suffix **-ity** to the base **sane** triggers a phonological change to the base. ( **T** )

32-Derivational affixes can change the syntactic category of the word they attach to. ( **T** )

33- The suffix **-ant** can combine only with Latin base. ( **T** )

34- The suffix **-en** can combine only with monosyllabic base that ends in an obstruent. ( **T** )

35-The suffix **-en** cannot combine with the adjective **blue** to get the verb **blueen**. ( **T** )

36-The base with which the “-er” combines in the word “worker” is the noun “work”. ( F )

37- The meaning of an exocentric compound can be determined from the meaning of the components of the compound. ( F )

38- Grammar is the collection of principles defining how to put together a sentence. ( T )

39- In English compound words, the rightmost morpheme determines the category of the entire word. T

40- The base for the word **optionality** is **option**. ( F )

41- In endocentric compounds, the meaning of the entire word can be determined from its component. ( T )

42- The root for the word **blackened** is **black**. ( T )

43- The word **black’board** is a compound word. ( F )

44- The word **steamboat** is an endocentric compound word. ( T )

45- The relationship between the words **I am / I'm** can be described as cliticization. ( T )

46- Inflection takes place before derivation is completed. ( F )

47- Inflectional affixes are characterized by the relative freedom with which they can combine with bases of the appropriate category. ( T )

48- The affix “s” can be used as an Inflectional affix for verbs. ( T )

49- The relationship between the words **finger (N) / finger (V)** can be described as conversion. ( T )

50- The word **nylon** is an example of the borrowing process. ( F )

**A) Choose the correct answer:**

1- The word **'elephant'** consists of -----.

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2- The word '**modernized**' consists of -----.

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3- The suffix -er in the word **'Londoner'** means -----.

- [illegible]

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5- The relationship between the words **foot/feet** can be described as -----.

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6- The relationship between the words **teach** / **teacher** can be described as -----.

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- a) ss                      b) sh                      c) re                      d) ch

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