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Word-Formation Exercises (1)

I. Examine the words presented below. In each case, do the following activities: (a) identify whether the word consists of a single morpheme (SM) or several morphemes (PM); (b) if the word consists of more than one morpheme, indicate whether the morphemes are free (FM) or bound (BM); (c) if the morpheme is free, say whether it is a lexical (LM) or a grammatical morpheme (GM).

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| a) organization _____ | h) additionally _____ |
| b) primarily _____ | i) immigration _____ |
| c) America _____ | j) hunger (n) _____ |
| d) uneasy _____ | k) independents _____ |
| e) measuring (v.) _____ | l) acquaintances _____ |
| f) kingdom _____ | m) feelings _____ |
| g) brother _____ | n) differently _____ |

II. Examine the words presented below. In each case, do the following activities: (a) indicate whether the word has affixes (AFF.) or roots (RT); (b) if it has affixes, identify the type of affix, namely prefix (PREF.) or suffix (SUFF.); (c) if it is a suffix, say whether it is a derivation (DERIV.) or an inflection (INFL.).

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| a) requirements _____ | h) nationality _____ |
| b) interviewed _____ | i) reinforced _____ |
| c) evenly _____ | j) negatively _____ |
| d) identification _____ | k) psychology _____ |
| e) security _____ | l) unfairly _____ |
| f) remembrance _____ | m) phonology _____ |
| g) mistake (v.) _____ | n) atypical _____ |

III. Examine the words presented below. In each case, do the following activities: (a) indicate the grammatical category (or part of speech) (i.e., N= noun, V= verb, Adj.= adjective, Adv.= adverb, Prep.= preposition, Det.= determiner, Conj.= conjunction, Pron.= pronoun) of the whole word (i.e., the word with its affixes or stem); (b) indicate the grammatical category of the root (i.e., the word without its affixes); (c) indicate what new grammatical category the root word changes to after adding each affix. Follow the example.

Example: uncertainty: N, certain: Adj., uncertain: Adj., _____

- a) primarily _____
- b) characterize _____
- c) fortunately _____
- d) possibility _____
- e) institutionalize _____
- f) unworkable _____
- g) sentimentalize _____
- h) journalese _____
- i) engineers _____
- j) disengagement _____

IV. Indicate the morphological structure of the words given above in Exercise III by drawing trees or by using brackets. Follow the example.

Example: [[un- [certain]] -ty]

