

Homework 6

Recap: *Morphemes and Allomorphs*

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1. Definitions

a) What is a morpheme? b) What is a combining form? c) What is a cranberry morpheme?
Provide examples!

2. Types of morphemes

2. What basic types of morphemes are there? Provide your own examples!

3. Allomorphs

Are these allomorphs or different morphemes? What determines the choice of allomorph?

a) Ger. *Haus*, *Häus*-(as in *Häuser*)

b) Eng. *sing*, *sang*, *sung*, *song*

c) Eng. *un-*, *in-*, *non-*, *dis-* (as in *unhappy*, *impolite*, *non-alcoholic*, *dishonest*)

d) Eng. *in-*, *im-*, *ij-*, *il-* (as in *intolerant*, *imperfect*, *inconclusive*, *illogical*)

4. Classifying morphemes

Analyse the following English words. Specify each morpheme's function and say whether it is free or bound.

a) *singer*

b) *greater*

c) *hamburger*