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Morphology

Which are English words?

- cookie
- penguin
- antidisestablishmentarianism
- nifty
- dank
- hella

Which are English words?

- enchilada
- delish
- dude
- yo
- über
- phat

Which are English words?

- google
- doggie
- goom
- fosenth
- bluity
- moopoe

What is a word?

- Smallest pronounceable part of language
- Not broken up in speech
- Stored in the speaker's mind

Mohawk

- wa?katekhwahiatsherninon?

wa?	ka	te	khw	a	hia	tsher	a	hninon	?
FACTUAL	I	SELF	meal	LINKER	set	NOUN	LINKER	buy	PST
‘I bought a table’									

Morphemes

- **Morpheme**: smallest unit with meaning or function
- redo
 - *re-do*
- cookies
 - *cookie-s*
- unbelievable
 - *un-believe-able*
- dragged
 - *drag-ed*
- lens
 - *lens*
- biggest
 - *big-est*

Morphemes

- Bob's
 - *Bob-'s*
- faster
 - *fast-er*
- silver
 - *silver*
- subtraction
 - *subtract-tion*
- decoder
 - *de-code-er*
- drivers
 - *drive-er-s*
- happiness
 - *happy-ness*
- antidisestablishmentarianism
 - *anti-dis-establish-ment-ary-an-ism*

Meanings can vary

- *driver, baker, teacher, plumber*
 - What does *-er* mean?
- *overnighter, one-liner, quarter pounder, sundowner, threeer*
 - What does *-er* mean?
- *youngster, prankster, trickster, pollster, gangster, mobster, roadster, dragster, webster, dumpster, Napster*
 - What does *-ster* mean?



Not just any ol' morpheme...

- blueness
- *bluity
- *bluedom
- *bluehood

Word formation

- **Reduplication:** repeat all or part of word. *chu-chu, chit-chat, hokey pokey*
- **Compounding:** combine words. *blackberry, couch potato, three-time loser, pumpkin bus*
 - *eye+water, eye+foot, fire+mountain, hand+paper*
- **Blending:** combine pieces of words. *brunch, motel, infomercial, ginormous, gaydar, fergalicious*
- **Clipping:** clip off part. *exam, bot, blog*
- **Acronyms:** put together first letters. *laser, NASA, lol*
- **Proper names:** *kleenex, coke, scotch tape*