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# Morphology

## Morphemes

### BOUND MORPHEMES

Bound morphemes are subcategorized into ....

\* AFFIXES

\* BOUND BASES

\* Contracted Forms

### BOUND BASES

A **bound base morpheme** is a root that cannot stand alone as a word but carries the core meaning of the word. It must be attached to another morpheme (such as a prefix or suffix) to form a complete word.

□ Example:

- **-ceive** in *receive*, *perceive*, *deceive*
- **-mit** in *submit*, *permit*, *transmit*
- **-tain** in *contain*, *maintain*, *retain*

unique morphemes "cranberry morphemes"

cranberry cran + berry *cran*

lukewarm luke + warm *luke*

twilight twi + light *twi*

## EXAMPLES

### Bound Base Morphemes أمثلة إضافية على

أمثلة كلمات

الجزر (Bound Base)

inspect, respect, suspect

-spect-

transfer, refer, confer

-fer-

describe, prescribe, inscription

-scribe- / -script-

produce, reduce, conduct

-duce- / -duct-

expel, compel, repel

-pel-

express, suppress, compress

-press-

compose, expose, oppose

-pose-

receive, perceive, accept

-ceive- / -cept-

*(submit, permit, transmit).*

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## \* Contracted Forms

In morphology, a **contracted form** is a **word form created by combining morphemes** (like a base + auxiliary or a base + suffix) **where some sounds or letters are omitted** for ease of pronunciation.

In other words, it's when **morphemes are merged and reduced**, often keeping the essential meaning but shortening the word.

| Morphemes Involved   | Contracted Form | Original Form |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| pronoun + auxiliary  | I'm             | I + am        |
| pronoun + auxiliary  | you're          | you + are     |
| auxiliary + negative | don't           | do + not      |
| pronoun + auxiliary  | he'll           | he + will     |
| pronoun + auxiliary  | I'd             | I + would     |