

A Christmas Carol



GCSE English Literature Key Vocabulary

Definitions and morphemic analysis

Introduction

This booklet helps support the explicit teaching of English Literature vocabulary. The words have been chosen for their relevance to the subject as well as their morphemic analysis.

Students undoubtedly need to understand subject specific vocabulary for their studies, but knowing the morphemic analysis will also allow students to make connections across the subject, across the curriculum and hand them the ability to find meaning at the point of need.

Each of the Key Vocabulary booklets could be handed to the students for their own study, but below are some possible teaching ideas.

Some teaching ideas:

Display the word without definition or morphemic analysis
Ask students – what does it mean and how do you know?
All students discuss the potential meanings

Display the morphemic analysis
Explore how understanding the morphemes (prefixes, suffixes and stems) allows them to find the meaning and develop a gist understanding without having to have a full definition

Explore vocabulary with shared morphemes. Are there common morphemes shared within particular genres? Where else have they encountered vocabulary with those morphemes?

Use new vocabulary in their own writing, both narrative and academic.

If you're interested in exploring the explicit teaching of vocabulary visit enquiries@lexonik.co.uk and ask about Lexonik Vocabulary, a cloud-based morphemic analysis and explicit vocabulary instruction platform.



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B	A	H
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misanthropic

- having or showing a dislike of other people

Morphemic analysis

/ anthropo / human · prefix

/ mis / wrong, bad · prefix

/ ic / to do with, like · suffix

inequality

- the state of not being equal in some way, perhaps difference in size, degree or circumstances

Morphemic analysis

/ equ / equal, balance · prefix

/ in / not · prefix

/ ity / state, condition, quality · suffix

benevolence

- the quality of being well meaning; kindness

Morphemic analysis

/ bene / good, kind · prefix

/ vol / wish, will · stem

/ ence / state, quality · suffix



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omniscience

- possessing knowledge of all things, having universal knowledge

Morphemic analysis

/ omni / all, every · prefix

/ sci / know · stem

/ ence / state, quality · suffix

disenfranchised

- deprived of a right or privilege

Morphemic analysis

/ dis / not · prefix

/ en / in, into · prefix

/ franc / free · stem

/ ise / make into, become · suffix

redemption

- the action of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil

Morphemic analysis

/ re / back · prefix

/ emp / to take; distribute · stem

/ tion / act, process, result · suffix



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apparition

- a ghost or other human- like spirit

Morphemic analysis

/ ap / into · prefix

/ par / come in sight · stem

/ tion / act, process, result · suffix

transformation

- the act of changing the appearance of someone or something

Morphemic analysis

/ trans / across, through · prefix

/ form / shape · stem

/ tion / act, process, result · suffix

preposterous

- absurd or ridiculous

Morphemic analysis

/ post / after · prefix

/ pre / before · prefix

/ ous / by nature, full of · suffix



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anaphoric

- to do with repetition of a word or phrase at the beginning of successive clauses, building up emphasis

Morphemic analysis

/ ana / again, thoroughly · prefix

/ phor / bear, carry · prefix

/ ic / to do with · suffix

exophoric

- to do with repetition of a word or phrase occurring outside of the discourse

Morphemic analysis

/ exo / outside · prefix

/ phor / bear, carry · prefix

/ ic / to do with · suffix

cataphoric

- to do with a word or phrase referring to something mentioned later in the discourse

Morphemic analysis

/ cata / down; concerning · prefix

/ phor / bear, carry · prefix

/ ic / to do with · suffix



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condescension

- an attitude of disdainful superiority

Morphemic analysis

/ con / altogether · prefix

/ de / down · prefix

/ sion / act, process, result · suffix

/ cend / climb, jump · root

reverential

- to do with worshiping or having deep respect

Morphemic analysis

/ re / thoroughly · prefix

/ verer / stand in awe, fear · stem

/ ence / state, quality · suffix

/ tial / to do with · suffix

juxtaposition

- the act or result of placing two contrasting words or images next to each other to create an effect

Morphemic analysis

/ juxta / next to · prefix

/ pos / place, put · stem

/ tion / act, process, result · suffix

