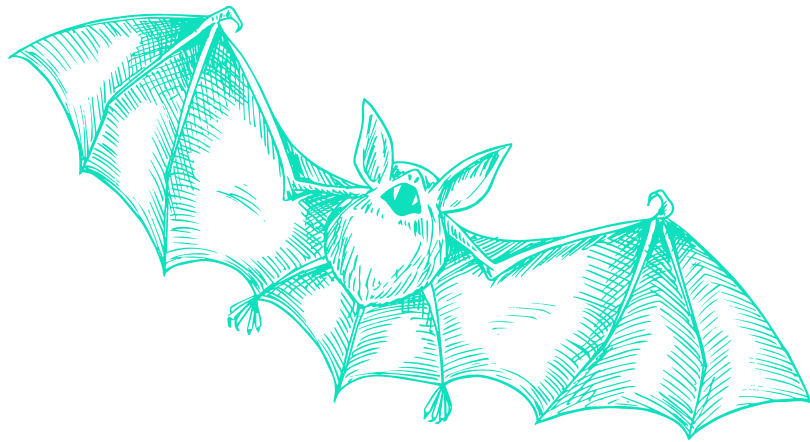


Gothic Literature



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.



Key Vocabulary

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verisimilitude

- the state of appearing to be real or true; the appearance of truth or reality.

Morphemic analysis

/ simil / same · prefix

/ veri / true · prefix

/ tude / state, condition · suffix

enlightenment

- the state of having knowledge or understanding

Morphemic analysis

/ en / into, inside, within · prefix

/ ment / state, result of an action · suffix

/ light / · root

ritualistic

- invariably performed in the same way

Morphemic analysis

/ ist / someone performing an action; a follower in a system · suffix

/ ic / to do with · suffix

/ ritual / · root



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corruption

- dishonest behaviour; the act or result of turning someone else to dishonesty

Morphemic analysis

/ cor / together, with · prefix
/ rupt / break, burst · stem
/ tion / act, process, result · suffix

liminality

- the state of transition between one stage and the next, especially between major stages in one's life or during a rite of passage

Morphemic analysis

/ lim / end; boundary · stem
/ al / to do with · suffix
/ ity / state of · suffix

sensibility

- the ability to sense or perceive; capacity for higher feelings or refined emotion

Morphemic analysis

/ sense / · root word
/ ible / can be done · suffix
/ ity / state of · suffix



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psychological

- affecting the mind; having a mental cause rather than a physical one

Morphemic analysis

/ psycho / mind · prefix
/ ical / to do with, like · suffix
/ ology / study of · suffix

delineate

- describe or portray something precisely

Morphemic analysis

/ de / down, away · prefix
/ line / · root word
/ ate / make into, become; put into action · suffix

intertextuality

- the use in one text of references to another text, e.g. quotation, allusion, parody, etc.

Morphemic analysis

/ inter / among, between · prefix
/ text / woven, a web · stem
/ al / to do with · suffix
/ ity / state, condition, quality · suffix



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destabilising

- to cause unrest, to upset the stability in a country or situation

Morphemic analysis

/ de / away, down, reverse, not · prefix

/ sta / stand, fixed, make firm · stem

/ ise / make into, become, put into action · suffix

diffusion

- the action of spreading out knowledge; blurring or disguising reality

Morphemic analysis

/ dif / away · prefix

/ fus / pour · stem

/ sion / act, process, result · suffix

necromancy

- the supposed practice of communicating with the dead, especially in order to predict the future

Morphemic analysis

/ nec / dead · prefix

/ mania / madness, frenzy; obsession · stem

/ cy / state, quality, condition · suffix



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morality

- the judging of what is right and wrong; a system of accepted standards of conduct in society

Morphemic analysis

/ mor / custom, habit; manners · stem

/ al / to do with · suffix

/ ity / state, condition, quality · suffix

opulence

- wealthy; lavish, luxurious

Morphemic analysis

/ opul / wealth · stem

/ ence / state, quality; result of an action · suffix

unconscious

- unaware, not marked by conscious thought

Morphemic analysis

/ un / not, reverse · prefix

/ con / together, with · prefix

/ sci / know · stem

/ ous / by nature, full of · suffix

