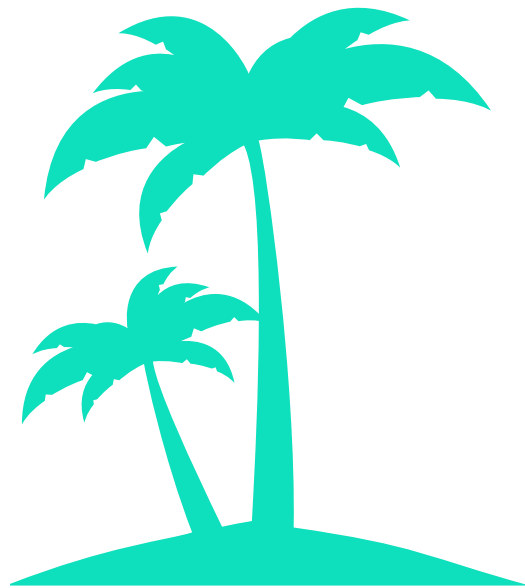
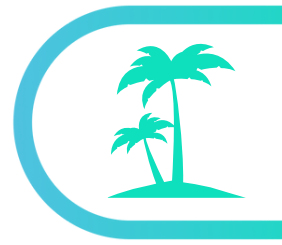


# Lord of the Flies



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?

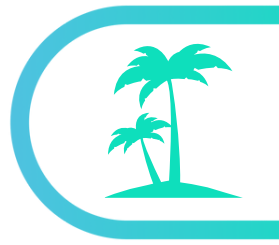
Use new vocabulary in their own writing, both narrative and academic.

If you're interested in exploring the explicit teaching of vocabulary visit [enquiries@lexonik.co.uk](mailto: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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## distopia

- an imaginary place where everything is bad, socially, politically or environmentally

### Morphemic analysis

/ dys / bad, wrong, difficult · prefix

/ top / place, a position, region · stem

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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

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## civilisation

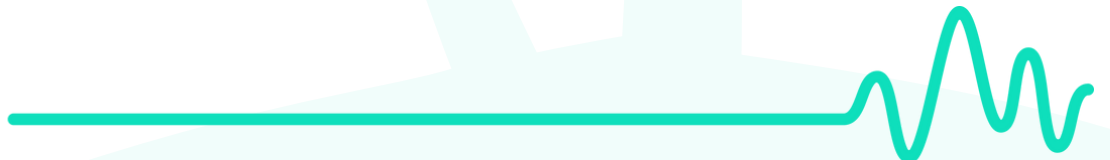
- a human society which is developed in culture, society and industry

### Morphemic analysis

/ civ / citizen · prefix

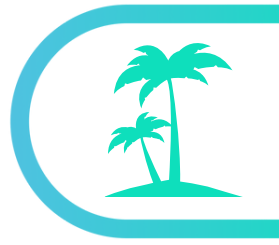
/ ise / make into, become, put into action · suffix

/ tion / act, process, result · suffix



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## dictatorship

- a form of government in which the leader has absolute power and authority

### Morphemic analysis

/ dict / speak, declare · stem

/ or / a person or thing performing a task · suffix

/ ship / condition, status, job, skill · suffix

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## totalitarianism

- the belief in a system of centralised government that is dictatorial and rules all areas of life

### Morphemic analysis

/ ism / belief, system, practice; condition of · suffix

/ rian / a person or thing who advocates or believes something · suffix

/ total / · root

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## oppression

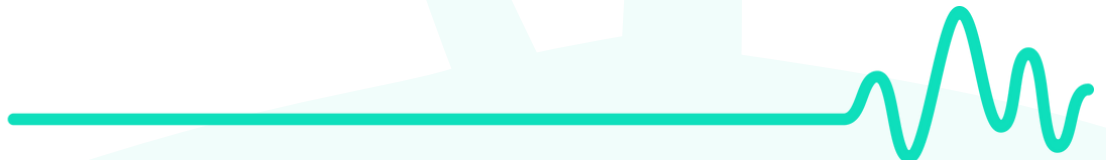
- when a person or group in a position of power controls the less powerful in cruel and unfair ways

### Morphemic analysis

/ op / towards, facing, blocking · prefix

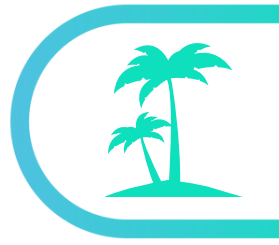
/ press / squeeze, press down · stem

/ sion / act, process, result · suffix



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## inhumane

- without compassion for suffering; cruel

### Morphemic analysis

/ in / not · prefix

/ human / · root

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## allegorical

- pertaining to a story which can be interpreted to reveal a hidden moral meaning

### Morphemic analysis

/ allo / other · prefix

/ ory / a place for a specific activity · suffix

/ ical / to do with · suffix

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## symbolism

- the use of symbols and images to represent something else

### Morphemic analysis

/ sym / together, with · prefix

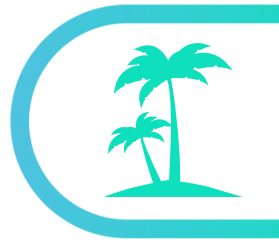
/ ism / belief, system, practice; condition of · suffix

/ symbol / · root



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## ebullience

- anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen

### Morphemic analysis

/ e / thoroughly · prefix

/ bull / bubble, boil · stem

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

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## incredulous

- unwilling or unable to believe something

### Morphemic analysis

/ in / not · prefix

/ cred / believe; confidence; trust · stem

/ ous / full of · suffix

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## recriminations

- accusations made in reply to accusations made against you

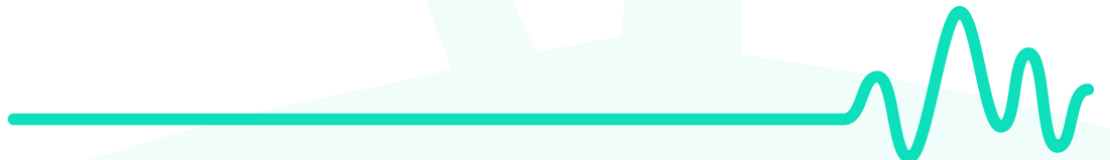
### Morphemic analysis

/ re / again, back · prefix

/ ate / put into action; treat with · suffix

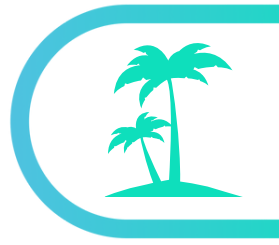
/ tion / act, process, result · suffix

/ crime / · root



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## antagonistic

- showing or feeling active opposition or hostility towards someone or something

### Morphemic analysis

/ anti / against, opposite - can be 'ant' · prefix

/ agon / contest, struggle · stem

/ ic / to do with, like · suffix

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## lamentation

- the passionate expression of grief or sorrow; weeping

### Morphemic analysis

/ tion / act, process, result · suffix

/ lament / wail, weep · root

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## incantation

- a series of words said as a magic spell or charm

### Morphemic analysis

/ in / in, into · prefix

/ cant / sing · stem

/ tion / act, process, result · suffix

