**12.3 LIST OF SOME ENGLISH BOUND MORPHEMES**

***12.3.1 Negative affixes***

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| *un-*  Germanic | *unable, unabridged, unclothed, unadvanced, unadorned, unambiguous, unambitious, unaffected, unaltered, uneducated, unfinished, unhurried, unknown,*  *unloved, unread, unspoken, untouched, unwelcome* |
| *in-*  Latin/French | 1. *inability, inadequate, inaccessible, inarticulate, inhospitable, intolerable, insatiable, invisible* 2. *imperfect, impossible, improbable, implacable, immature, immoral, immobilized, immoderate, imbalance, impassionate, immortal* 3. *irresistible, irreclaimable, irregular, irreligious, irrelevant, irreparable, irresolute, irresponsible, irresistible, irrational,* 4. *illogical, illegal, illegible, illiterate, illusion, illiberal* |
| *non-* | *nonsense, nontoxic, nonstop, nonconformist, nonevil, nonprofit, nontaxable, nonphenomenal*  *non-American vs. un-American* |
| *dis-* | *disarm, disagree, disabled, disadvantage, discourage, disease, dishonor, disgrace,*  *disgusting, discredit, disloyal, distrust, discontented, dissolved, disregard, dispose, disapprove, disinherit* |
| *-less* | *baseless, artless, careless, effortless, friendless, graceless, fearless, helpless, homeless,*  *hopeless, noiseless, powerless, sleepless, tasteless, voiceless, trackless, weightless* |
| *-less+ness* | *carelessness, effortlessness, hopelessness, sleeplessness, shamelessness, lifelessness,*  *restlessness* |

***12.3.2 Some of the more frequent English suffixes***

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| *-able* | 1. *capable, bearable, agreeable, acceptable, comfortable, enjoyable, transferable, laughable, manageable, portable* 2. *terrible, forcible, horrible, edible, transmissible, visible* |
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| *-ad(a/e)* | *parade, brigade, barricade, marinade, cannonade, tirade, cavalcade, decade,*  *lemonade, serenade, myriad* |
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| *-age* | *carriage, courage(ous), marriage, marriage(able), envisage* |

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|  | *salvage, storage, pillage, visage* |
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| *-al* | *sensual, autumnal, animal, aural, cerebral, decimal, gradual, intellectual, infernal, internal, manual, mental, natural, optional, oral, spiritual, technical, usual,*  *phenomenal* |
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| *-ance/y*  *-ence/y* | 1. *alliance, elegance, reluctance, intolerance, relevance, resistance, assistance, attendance, allowance, endurance, vigilance, militancy* 2. *difference, competence, conference, existence, influence, obedience, patience,*   *fluency, urgency* |
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| *-a/e/ory* | 1. *N: factory, memory, dictionary, burglary, depository, dormitory, bakery, bravery, bribery, repertory, witchery* 2. *Adj: necessary, primary, voluntary, obligatory, stationary* |
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| *-ate* | *advocate, dedicate, educate, abbreviate, deviate, enumerate, exaggerate, fascinate,*  *segregate, emancipate* |
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| *-dom* | *boredom, Christendom, dukedom, earldom, freedom, kingdom, martyrdom,*  *whoredom, wisdom* |
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| *-ee*  recipient | *employee, referee, invitee, hiree, divorcee, appellee, biographee,*  *devotee, deportee, fiancée, mortgagee, nominee, refugee, trustee, expellee* |
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| *-en* | 1. *silken, frozen, oaken, woolen, wooden, golden, brazen* 2. *broaden, brighten, hasten, heighten, lighten, roughen, soften, frighten* |
| *N→A*  *A/N→V* | *made of N; silk+en = made of silk,*  *made st. A/N; to light+en = to make it light* |
| *-er* | 1. *baker, fighter, dancer, killer, toiler, wrecker, painter* 2. *hanger, breather, bomber* |
| *-or/-ar* | *actor, beggar, radiator, carburetor, censor, debtor/creditor, doctor, editor, jailor,*  *liar, professor, rector, sailor, tractor* |
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| *-(e/a)sis* | *Analysis, genesis, hypnosis, neurosis, psoriasis, symbiosis* |
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| *-ful* | *frightful, careful, doubtful, graceful, grateful, fearful, beautiful, dutiful, helpful, joyful,*  *pitiful, restful, shameful, tearful, tactful* |
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| *-fy* | *diversify, fortify, ratify, simplify, terrify, testify, verify, unify, amplify, solidify,*  *intensify, modify, typify* |
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| *-ian* | *Cuban, African, Dominican, Ethiopian, Italian, Jamaican, Somalian, Libyan,*  *Mongolian, Liberian, Syrian, Tunisian, Ugandian, Australian* |
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| *-ic* | *poetic, endemic, barbaric, acidic, geologic, metallic, drastic, heroic, majestic, prosaic,* |

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|  | *patriotic, strategic, satanic, emphatic, realistic* |
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| *-ile* | *domicile, docile, agile, fertile, fragile, imbecile, juvenile, infantile, mobile, projectile,*  *senile, reptile, sterile, volatile, versatile* |
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| *-ine* | 1. *divine, saturnine, supine* 2. *feminine, genuine, masculine, routine* |
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| *-ise/-ize* | *modernize, memorize, centralize, liberalize, penalize, nationalize, privatize,*  *acclimatize, familiarize, fertilize* |
|  | *ise >>> isa(+tion)* |
| *-ish* | *brutish, foolish, childish, clownish, amateurish, bluish, bookish*  *Scottish, Irish, Swedish, Danish, Polish, Turkish, Jewish* |
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| *-ism* | *alcoholism, baptism, barbarism, colloquialism, despotism, heroism, Nazism, nihilism,*  *plagiarism, romanticism, terrorism* |
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| *-ite* | *Israelite, Semite, suburbanite, favorite, exquisite, dynamite, meteorite,*  *graphite, stalagmite, stalactite* |
| → N // -A | native of, quality of, mineral product // property of |
| *-ity* | *clarity, absurdity, debility, ambiguity, authority, captivity, ability, charity, complexity,*  *dignity, eternity, fraternity, humanity* |
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| *-ive* | *explosive, declarative, affirmative, additive, aggressive, assertive, authoritative,*  *cohesive, abusive, cooperative, exhaustive* |
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| *-ment* | *instrument, apartment, achievement, statement, testament, government* |
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| *-oid* | *asteroid, Negroid, thyroid, tabloid* |
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| *-ous* | *serious, delicious, gracious, homogenous, mysterious, obvious, spacious, malicious,*  *nervous, tremendous, voracious, obnoxious, ridiculous* |
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| *-ship* | *hardship, friendship, apprenticeship, authorship, scholarship, fellowship, lordship,*  *ladyship, championship, citizenship, dictatorship* |
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| *-(s/t)ion* | *diction, celebration, action, injection, formation, infection, function, junction,*  *limitation, location, option, partition, question, reflection, suspension, verification* |
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| *-tude* | *attitude, gratitude, multitude, solitude, similitude, latitude, longitude* |
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| *-ure* | *censure, exposure, future, legislature, overture, literature, picture, prefecture,*  *pressure, procedure, tenure, temperature, culture* |
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| *-y* | *cheery, catty, arty, crafty, furry, dreary, faulty, dirty, foxy, hairy, itchy, misty, rosy,*  *salty, sleepy, wary* |
| N→A | tends/inclines to have the property of the N |

***12.3.3 Prefixes of Germanic origin***

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| *be-* | *beloved, bedeck, bemused, bewail, bequest, betoken, benighted, bestow,*  *bereave* |
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| *for-* | *forward, forego, forget, foresee, foretell* |
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| *with-* | *without, withstand, withdraw* |
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| *out-* | *outcome, outrun, outrageous, outswim, outlast, outtalk, output* |
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| *over-* | *overcome, overrule, oversee, overact, overestimate* |
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***12.3.4 Non-German prefixes***

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| *ab-* | *absolve, abnormal, abbreviate, abdicate, absorb, abstract, abstain* |
| *amb-* | *ambivalent, ambiguous, ambidextrous* |
|  | *around, about, both* |
| *ad-* | *adaptable, addict, adequate, adhere, adjacent, adjunct, advance, advocate,*  *administer* |
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| *ante-* | *antecede(nt), antedate, antemeridian, antebellum* |
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| *bi(n/s)-* | *biceps, bicycle, bimonthly, bifocal, bigamy, bilabial, bilingual* |
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| *co(n)-* | *cooperation, correlate, coherence* |
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| *de-* | deprive, deform, debark, denude, depose |
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| *di-* | dichotomy, diameter, dilemma, diphthong, dioxide |
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| *en-* | 1. *entrap, encamp, encourage, endanger, enroll* 2. *embark, embrace, embitter, embody, embellish* |
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| *ex-*  *e-* | 1. *extract, exclaim, extend, exclude, excavate, exception* 2. *elaborate, eject, evaluate* |
| *in-* | 1. *interior, influx, inhale* 2. *impress, imprison, immigrate* |
| *post-* | *postfix, postmeridian, postmortal, postnatal, postpone, postgraduate* |
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| *pro-* | *proclaim, project, prolific, pronoun, protect, provision* |
|  | *Gr. pro (→ forward, before)* |
| *sub-* | *subdivide, subscribe, submarine, submission, subject* |
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| *sys-*  *syl/m/n-* | *system, syllogism, syllable, symbol, symmetry, symphony, syndrome, synonym,*  *synthesis* |
|  | with, together |
| *trans-* | *transatlantic, transportable, translate, transform, transmit, transplant* |
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| *re-* | *rebuild, recall, reflect, regain, reiterate, rejoin, relate, relive, remind, remarry,*  *repay, resell, return, reverse, rewrite* |
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***12.3.5 Some morphemes of Greek origin***

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| auto- | autobiography, autocracy, automat, automatic, automobile, autonomy, autonomous |
|  | *Gr. autos (→ self)* |
| -chron- | chronic, chronicle, chronology, synchronic |
|  | *Gr. chronos (→ time)* |
| -itis | bronchitis, arthritis, appendicitis |
|  | *Gr.: ‘inflammatory disease’ (in Greek: derived feminine Adjective* |
| -drome- | airdrome, hippodrome, syndrome |
|  | *Gr. dromos (→ running)* |
| eu- | euphony, eureka, euphemism, euphoria, euthanasia, eurhythmics |
|  | *Gr. (→ well, good)* |
| hypo- | hypochondria, hypocrite, hypothetical |
|  | *Gr. (→ sub, under, less)* |
| mon(o) | monarchy, monogamy, monologue, monotony |

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|  | *Gr. monos (→ one, alone)* |
| -ped- | 1. pedagogue, pedophilia, pediatrics 2. pedestrian, pedometer, orthopedian, pedestal |
|  | *Gr. paidos (→ boy =child/foot )* |
| -phil- | philologist, philosophy, philodendron, philanthropy, philharmonic, Philadelphia |
| -soph- | Sophia, sophisticated, sophomore, philosopher |
|  | *Gr. sophos (→ wisdom)* |
| -the(o)- | theocracy, theocentric, theology, theologist, atheist |
|  | *Gr. theos (→ God)* |

***12.3.6 Some of the more frequent roots of Latin origin***

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| -ali/ter- | alien, alienable, alter (ego)r, alternation, alternative |
|  | *Lat. ali, allo, alter (→ other)* |
| -a/enni/u- | annual, per annum, annuity, anniversary, biennial, triennial... |
|  | *Lat. annus (→ year)* |
| -aud- | audible, auditor, audience, auditorium, inaudible, audibility, audiovisual |
|  | *Lat. audire (→ hear/listen)* |
| cap/cep(t)- | capable, caption, captive, accept, deception, exception, perceptive, |
|  | *Lat. capere (→ take)* |
| cise/cide | circumcise, precise, homicide, suicide |
|  | *Lat. caesus (→ kill, cut)* |
| -cla(i)m- | reclaim, claimable, declaim, proclaim, exclamatory, unclaimed |
|  | *Lat. clamare (→ call out)* |
| -clud/s- | conclusion, recluse, exclude, inclusive, seclusion, preclusion, occlusion |
|  | *Lat. claudere (→ shut)* |
| -fac(t)-  -fic(t)-  -fec(t)- | 1. fact, factory, faculty, manufacturer 2. efficient, certificate, personification, proficient 3. affect, defective, effective |
|  | *Lat. facer (Lat. clamare to make, the deed, construct)* |
| -fer- | coniferous, circumference, deference, fertile, fertilization, conference, reference,  inference, preference, transfer |
|  | *Lat.→ferre (→ bring, bear, yield)* |
| -fin- | final, finish, finite, affinity, confine, define, definitive, infinite |
|  | *Lat. finis (→ end)* |
| -gen- | gene, genetics, genial, genius, generic, general, generate,  genitals, gender, genre, genuine, progeny |
|  | *Lat. genus (→ race, kind)* |
| -id | morbid, splendid, horrid, tepid |

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| *V→ ADJ* | *Lat.(French): ADJ ‘having the quality of the Verbs’. In ModE: frozen* |
| -ist | artist, biologist, chemist, dentist, evangelist, violinist, humanist, legalist, monarchist,  naturalist, pianist, racist, communist |
| *N→ N N→ ADJ* | *Lat. ‘advocate of X’ (co-occurs with -ism) (anarchist) ‘practitioner of X’ (violinist, \*drumist)*  *‘advocating X’ (sexist)* |
| -mem- | memory, remember, memoir, memorandum, memento, commemoration |
|  | *Lat. meminisse (→ remember)* |
| mitt/ss | mission, missile, admission, submission, commit, submit, transmit, permit |
|  | *Lat. mittere, missus (→ send)* |
| -nat-, -nasc- | native, nation, nativism, internationalism, nature, natural, naturalize, innate, renascence |
|  | *Lat. natus (→ be born)* |
| -omni- | omnibus, omnipotent, omnipresent, omnicompetent |
|  | *Lat. omnis (→ all)* |
| -port- | port, porter, portable, export, importer, exportation, deportee, report, reporter,  reporting, support |
|  | *Lat. portare (→ carry)* |
| -spond/s | sponsor, respond, response, responsible, correspond, irresponsible |
|  | *Lat. spondere (→ pledge, answer)* |
| -scrib/p | describe, script, transcript, ascribe, prescribe |
|  | *Lat. scribere/scriptus (→ write)* |
| -tempo- | temporary, contemporary |
|  | *Lat. tempus (→ time)* |
| -tend/s | intend, intention, tense, intensity, intensification, attention, detention |
|  | *Lat. tensus (→ stretch, strain)* |
| -trib- | tribute, attribute, contribute, distribute |
|  | *Lat. tribuere (→ pay, bestow)* |
| -vin.c(t)- | victory, victim, convict, convince, invincible |
|  | *Lat. vincere (→ conquer)* |
| -vis- | visa, vis-à-vis, visage, visible, vision, visionary, vista, visual, visualize,  invisible, evident, providential |
|  | *Lat. visus (→ see)* |
| -viv(i)/-ta | vital, vitamin, vivacity, revive, survive, vivisection |
|  | *Lat. vita (→ alive, life)* |
| -voc/k- | voice, vocal, vocabulary, vocation, invoke, evoke, provoke |
|  | *Lat. vox, vocis (→ voice, call)* |