

Carstairs-McCarthy (2004)

- Morphology study of morphemes
- Morpheme minimal meaningful unit

Carstairs-McCarthy (2004: 141)

 Allomorph – a variant pronunciation of a morpheme; the choice is determined by context (phonological, grammatical, or lexical)

Carstairs-McCarthy (2004: 144-145)

- Monomorphemic consisting of only one morpheme
- cat

- Polymorphemic consisting of more than one morpheme
- cats
- disorganized

allomorphy

- illegible
- irresponsible
- implausible, immature
- inexperienced

 free morpheme, free allomorph – one that occurs independently as a word

Bound morpheme, bound allomorph
one that does not occur
independently as a word

- asleep
- sleep free morpheme
- a- bound morpheme

Carstairs-McCarthy (2004: 143)

- A morpheme may have both free and bound allomorphs, e.g.
- wife free allomorph
- Wives wive- bound allomorph

Carstairs-McCarthy (2004: 142)

 Cranberry morph(eme) – morpheme (or allomorph) that occurs in only one word (more precisely, only one lexeme)

cranberry

Carstairs-McCarthy (2004: 144)

- root the morpheme that makes the most precise and concrete contribution to the word's meaning and is either the sole morpheme or else the only one that is not a prefix or a suffix. In English, especially in its inherited Germanic vocabulary; most roots are free; e.g.
- cat
- unhelpful (help)
- Visible, vision (vis-)

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 base – word or part of a word that is viewed as an input to a derivational or inflectional process, in particular affixation

Hartmann and James (1998: 25)

- Complex word a word formed of a simple word by the addition of one or more derivational affixes, e.g.
- facelessness