

Morphemes Matter:

The Power of Morphology Instruction in Primary Classrooms



Morphology is the study of words and their parts. It provides the framework of spoken and written words in English. Most preschool children's vocabulary includes words with affixes (e.g., playing, bigger, unfair, cats), so it is logical to teach morphology right from the beginning of literacy instruction.

In this workshop, we will cover key definitions, "big ideas", and practical teaching suggestions appropriate for primary classrooms. Topics include the relationship between spelling and morphology, suffixing conventions, and concrete ideas for representing morphemes in spoken and written words. Our goal is to assist educators in developing a deeper understanding of morphology, and how to tailor instruction to be suitable for younger learners.



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Key Workshop Concepts

- general context/curriculum context
- key definitions and "big ideas"
- the importance of morphology in early literacy instruction
- understanding bases and affixes, along with corresponding spelling conventions
- visual cues for representing morphemic structures
- practical ideas for introducing morphology in the primary classroom
- supporting games and activities

Workshop Resources

This workshop includes access to a shared Google Folder, along with links to various resources to support instruction. Shared files include:

- printable affix cards
- games and extension activities
- sample word family morpheme cards
- links to reference materials



In-Person Dates:

Saturday, April 12, 2025: 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15, 2025: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.



Location:

1110 Stellar Drive, Unit 102,
Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 6H6



Online Date:

Tuesday, May 27, 2025: 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.



Price

\$30 per person

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