

Homework Assignment #5

Morphology — Finding morphemes; word structure

Due **M Oct 9 at the beginning of class**. Please write or type your assignment on a separate paper, not on this assignment sheet. Write your recitation number on your paper.

- *CL* is your textbook, *Contemporary Linguistics*

I. Exercises from *CL* (Ch 4, pp 154–160)

- **Q1.** Do Ch 4, Exercise (5) | Morphological analysis of Persian
 - Answer the questions as given in the textbook.
- **Q2.** Do Ch 4, Exercise (1) | Morphological analysis of English
 - **Use these modified instructions:** For items (f), (g), and (q) **only**:
 - i. List **all** the morphemes found in the word.
 - ii. If there is more than one morpheme in the word, then for each morpheme, give **another word** of English that contains the **same** morpheme.

II. Word trees and word-formation rules

- **Q3.** Draw a **tree structure** for the word *deconstruction's* (as in, *The deconstruction's effect was huge*)

Then, for every affix in your tree, write a **word-formation rule** that characterizes the word category of the affix's base, the word category of the base+affix combination, and (as well as you can) the meaning of the affix.

- Hint: See lecture slides for examples of word-formation rules, and see **Table 4.6** (p 131) and **Table 4.15** (p 138) in *CL* for information about frequently occurring affixes in English.