Figure 9.2 Morphology Terms Used in This Module

Morphemes fall into two broad categories: free morphemes and bound morphemes.

Free morphemes can stand alone as a word (e.g., *duck, do, farm*) and many can be altered by an affix (e.g., *duckling, redo, farmer*).

Bound morphemes cannot stand alone. Prefixes and suffixes are bound morphemes.

Affixes is a collective term used to describe both prefixes and suffixes.

Component	Definition	Example
Prefix	Prefixes are bound morphemes that appear at the beginning of a word and cannot stand alone (e.g., <i>un-</i> , <i>dis-</i> , <i>re-</i>).	<i>Hypo-</i> means "under," as in <i>hypodermic</i> (under the skin).
	A prefix is added to the beginning of a base word to create a new meaning.	
Suffix	Suffixes are bound morphemes that appear at the ends of words and cannot stand alone (e.g., -ed, -s, -es).	<i>-est</i> creates a superlative word, as in <i>tallest</i> .
	A suffix is added to the end of a root or base word to create a new meaning.	
Root	Often Latin or Greek in origin, these are bound morphemes that cannot stand alone as words. Prefixes and suffixes are also roots.	Aqua-, mal-, and -spect are examples of roots. They form words when affixes are added, such as aquatic, malady, and inspect.
Base Word	These are free morphemes that can stand alone as words. Base words can be added to other bases or affixes to make a new word.	Act meaning "to do" can be changed to action. Act can also stand by itself as a word.
Cognate	Two words having a shared ancestral language meaning.	Rehabilitation and rehabilitación both mean "to restore or improve."
Word Family	A group of words sharing a common morphemic element.	Judge, judgment, adjudicate, adjudication

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