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What is Morphology?

- Morphology is the knowledge of word structure of our language.
- It involves inflections (to change number and tense) and derivations (to change word forms).
- It incorporates principles of phonology and orthography.

Reading – Morphology Connection

- Morphological knowledge increases vocabulary skills, which in turn, contribute to successful reading comprehension.
- Knowledge of morphemes and their spellings fosters quicker recognition of word parts and, thus, more efficient decoding.

Morphological Student Explanation

We are going to be learning about words and word parts in a way that will help you become a better reader and speller. Words can be broken up into parts that have meaning and we call those parts morphemes. ‘Morphing’ words means changing them to change meaning. Have you heard of base words and suffixes before? A base word can stand all by itself and has meaning. It’s the power of the word and tells us what the word is about. A base word might be “read”. Then we can add a suffix to that base to help us change the meaning a little bit. The suffix can make a change. An example would be –er, so we change ‘read’ to ‘reader.’