

The Sign of Four



GCSE English Literature
Key Vocabulary

Definitions and morphemic analysis



Introduction

This booklet helps support the explicit teaching of English Literature vocabulary. The words have been chosen for their relevance to the subject as well as their morphemic analysis.

Students undoubtedly need to understand subject specific vocabulary for their studies, but knowing the morphemic analysis will also allow students to make connections across the subject, across the curriculum and hand them the ability to find meaning at the point of need.

Each of the Key Vocabulary booklets could be handed to the students for their own study, but below are some possible teaching ideas.

Some teaching ideas:

Display the word without definition or morphemic analysis
Ask students – what does it mean and how do you know?
All students discuss the potential meanings

Display the morphemic analysis

Explore how understanding the morphemes (prefixes, suffixes and stems) allows them to find the meaning and develop a gist understanding without having to have a full definition

Explore vocabulary with shared morphemes. Are there common morphemes shared within particular genres? Where else have they encountered vocabulary with those morphemes?

Use new vocabulary in their own writing, both narrative and academic.

If you're interested in exploring the explicit teaching of vocabulary visit enquiries@lexonik.co.uk and ask about Lexonik Vocabulary, a cloud-based morphemic analysis and explicit vocabulary instruction platform.



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colonialism

- control by one power over a dependent area or people

Morphemic analysis

/ col / together, with; altogether · prefix

/ ism / belief, system, practice; condition of · suffix

/ colony / · root

xenophobia

- dislike of people from other countries; literally 'fear of strangers'

Morphemic analysis

/ xeno / stranger · prefix

/ phobia / fear of · suffix

ambiguity

- the state of having more than one interpretation, being inexact

Morphemic analysis

/ ambi / both, all around · prefix

/ ity / state, condition, quality · suffix



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narrative perspective

- the point of view from which a story is told

Morphemic analysis

/ narr / tell, recite in detail · stem
/ ive / tending to, by nature · suffix

/ per / through · prefix
/ spec / look, see, appear - can be 'spic' · stem
/ ive / tending to, by nature · suffix

antipathy

- to feel intense dislike towards someone or something

Morphemic analysis

/ anti / against, opposite - can be 'ant' · prefix
/ path / feel, suffer, disease · stem
/ y / like, full of · suffix

automaton

- a mechanism that is relatively self-operating

Morphemic analysis

/ auto / self, own · prefix
/ mot / move · stem



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deprivation

- the lack of something considered to be a necessity.

Morphemic analysis

/ de / away, not · prefix

/ priv / separate, single · stem

/ tion / act, process, result · suffix

lustrous

- something that has of a soft shine, a sheen, or a gloss

Morphemic analysis

/ lustre / light, enlighten · stem

/ ous / by nature, full of · suffix

philanthropist

- a person who seeks to promote the welfare of others, especially by the generous donation of money to good causes

Morphemic analysis

/ anthropo / human · prefix

/ philo / love; tendency to · prefix

/ ist / someone performing an action; a follower in a system · suffix



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infallibility

- the state of never being wrong or mistaken

Morphemic analysis

/ in / not - can be 'en' · prefix

/ fall / deceive, make false, corrupt · stem

/ ible / can be done · suffix

/ ity / state, condition, quality · suffix

malevolence

- the state or quality of causing or wanting to cause harm or evil

Morphemic analysis

/ mal / bad, wrong · prefix

/ vol / wish, will · stem

/ ence / state, quality · suffix

plethoric

- a large or excessive amount of something

Morphemic analysis

/ ple / fill - can be 'pli' 'plete' or 'plen' · stem

/ ic / to do with, like · suffix



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stagnation

- the state of being inactive, staying still or the same, ceasing to move or change

Morphemic analysis

/ ate / make into, become; put into action;

treat with · suffix

/ tion / act, process, result · suffix

/ stagnate / · root

querulous

- complaining, whining

Morphemic analysis

/ quer / ask, seek · stem

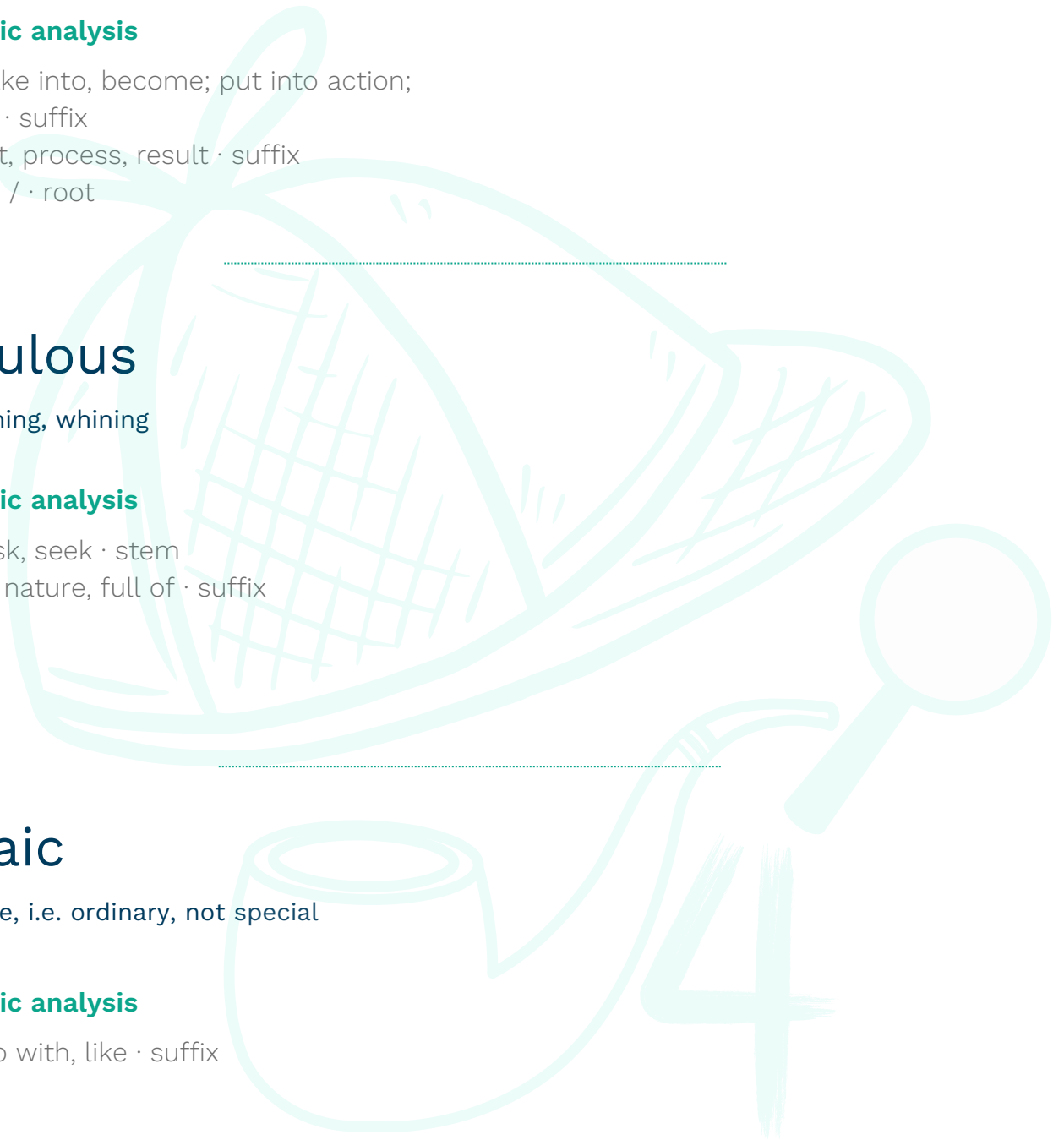
/ ous / by nature, full of · suffix

prosaic

- like prose, i.e. ordinary, not special

Morphemic analysis

/ ic / to do with, like · suffix



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stoicism

- to put up with pain or hardship without complaining or showing your feelings

Morphemic analysis

/ sta / stand, fixed, make firm - can be 'stat'
'statu' or 'stant' · stem
/ ism / belief, system, practice; condition of ·
suffix

ubiquitous

- seeming to be everywhere; from Latin 'ubique' - 'everywhere'

Morphemic analysis

/ ous / by nature, full of · suffix

transcendentally

- relating to things that lie beyond the practical experience of ordinary people

Morphemic analysis

/ trans / across, through · prefix
/ cend / climb · suffix
/ al / to do with · suffix
/ ly / in this way · suffix

