

Drama



GCSE

Key Vocabulary

Definitions and morphemic analysis



Introduction

This booklet helps support the explicit teaching of GCSE 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:

Ask students – what does it mean and how do you know?
Display the word with its definition or morphemic analysis.

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 topics? 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 Plus, a morphemic analysis and explicit vocabulary instruction platform.



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amplifier

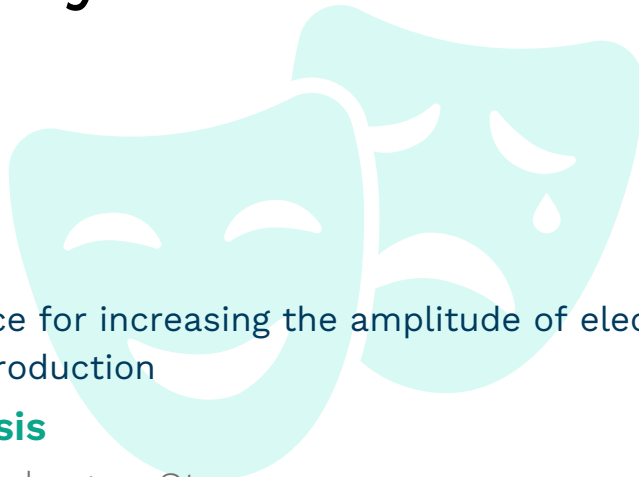
- an electronic device for increasing the amplitude of electrical signals, used chiefly in sound reproduction

Morphemic analysis

/ ampl / enough, enlarge - Stem

/ er / person or thing that performs an action - Suffix

/ fi / make into, become - Suffix



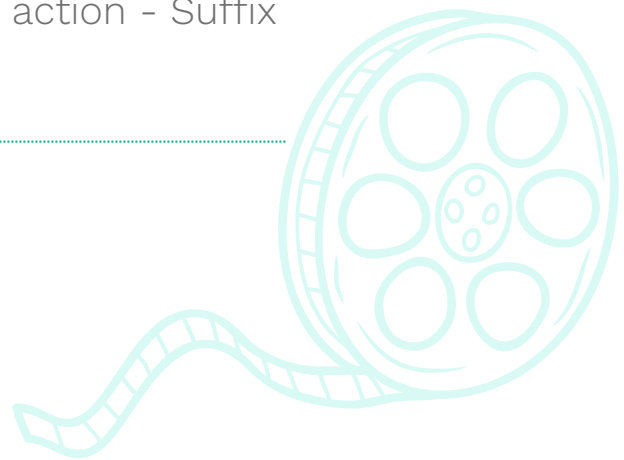
monologue

- a long speech by one person

Morphemic analysis

/ mono / one, single - Prefix

/ log / word, speech, reason - Stem



collaborate

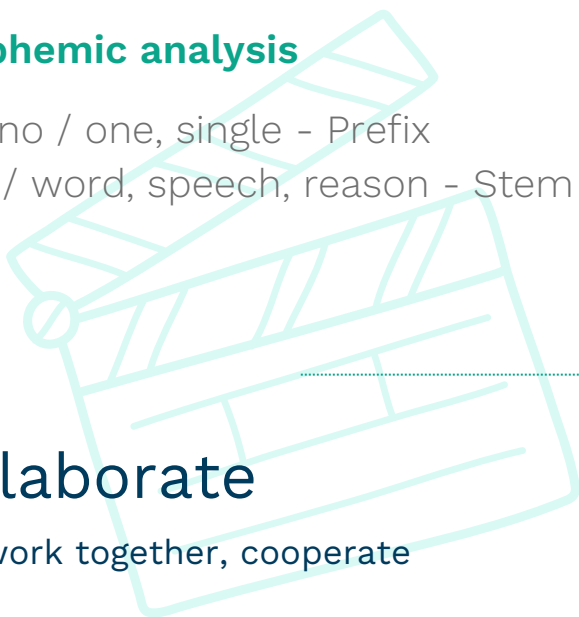
- to work together, cooperate

Morphemic analysis

/ col / together, with; altogether - Prefix

/ labor / work - Stem

/ ate / make into, become; put into action; treat with - Suffix



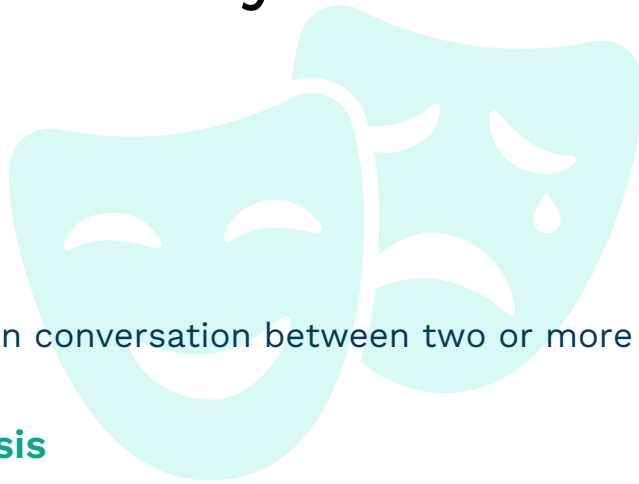
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dialogue

- a written or spoken conversation between two or more people



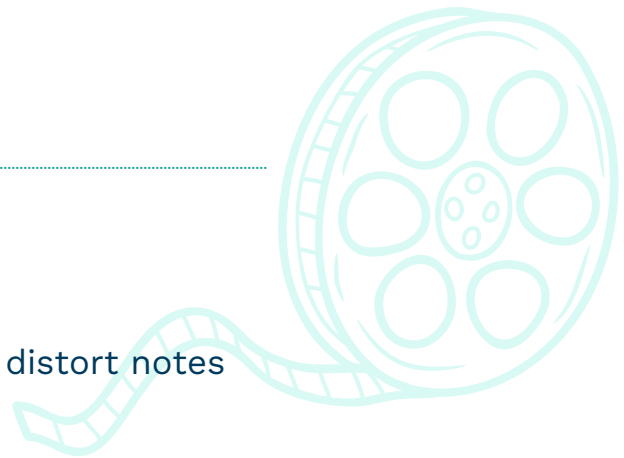
Morphemic analysis

/ dia / across, through, apart - Prefix

/ log / word, speech, reason - Stem

distortion

- an effect used on an electronic guitar to distort notes



Morphemic analysis

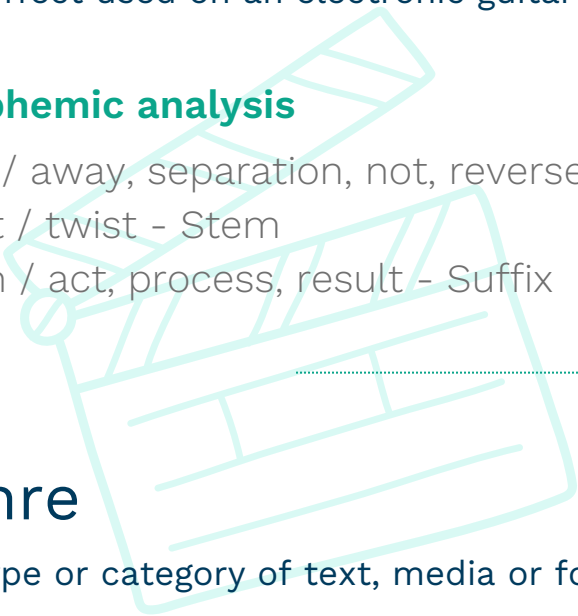
/ dis / away, separation, not, reverse - Prefix

/ tort / twist - Stem

/ tion / act, process, result - Suffix

genre

- a type or category of text, media or form, e.g. horror, romance, adventure



Morphemic analysis

/ gen / race, born, produced; kind - Prefix



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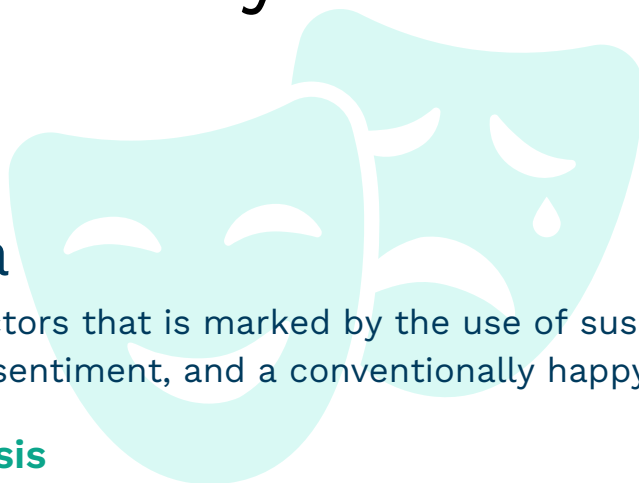


melodrama

- presentation by actors that is marked by the use of suspense, sensational episodes, romantic sentiment, and a conventionally happy ending

Morphemic analysis

/ melo / song - Prefix



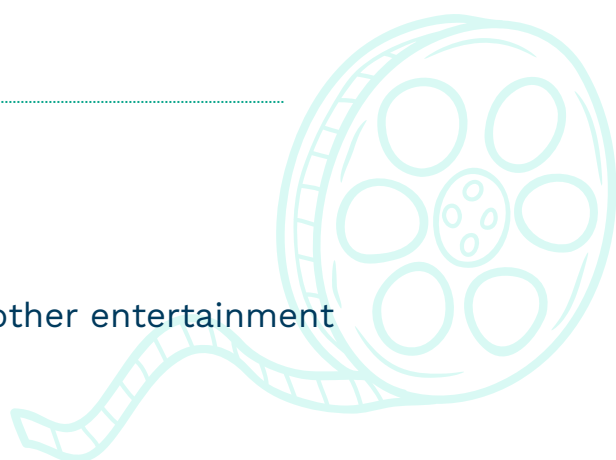
performance

- the act of presenting a play, concert or other entertainment

Morphemic analysis

/per / through; out of; thoroughly - Prefix

/ ance / quality, state, result of - Suffix



projection

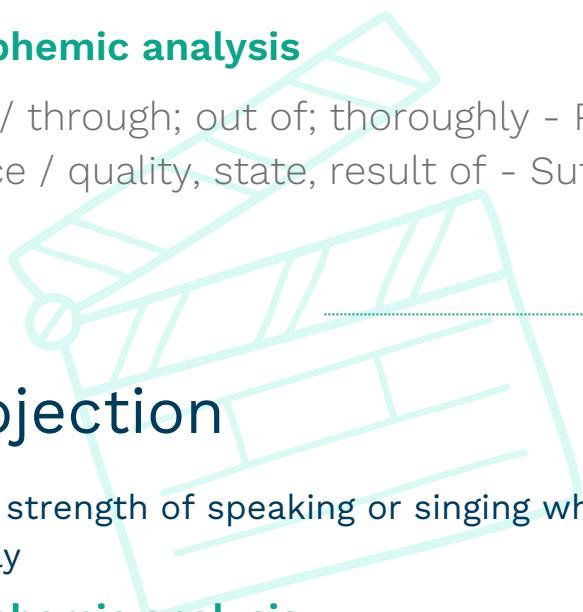
- the strength of speaking or singing whereby the voice is used powerfully and clearly

Morphemic analysis

/ pro / forward, in front, before; for, supporting - Prefix

/ ject / throw, cast - Stem

/ tion / act, process, result - Suffix



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specialism

- an area of activity, work, or study that someone concentrates on or is expert in

Morphemic analysis

/ speci / kind, sort - Prefix

/ al / to do with - Suffix

/ ism / belief, system, practice; condition of - Suffix



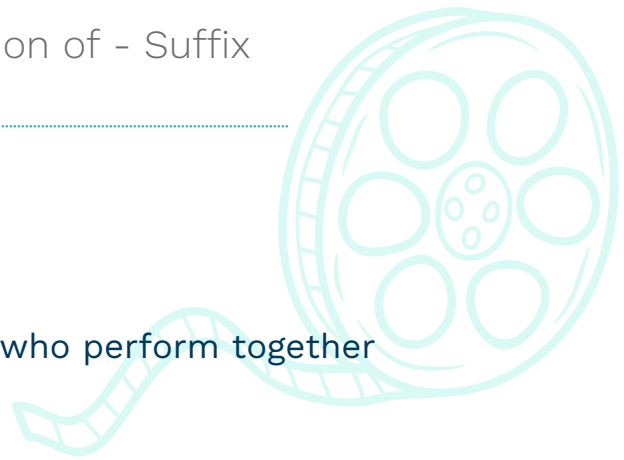
ensemble

- a group of musicians, actors, or dancers who perform together

Morphemic analysis

/ en / into, onto, inside, within - Stem

/ sem / as one, together, with - Suffix



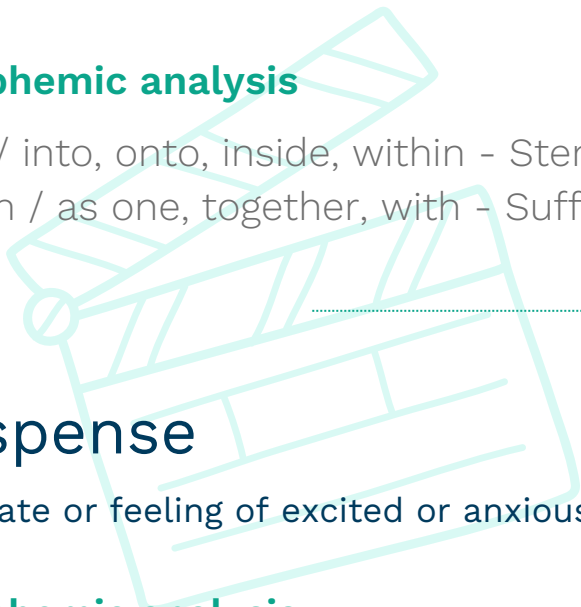
suspense

- a state or feeling of excited or anxious uncertainty about what may happen

Morphemic analysis

/ sus / under, below; less important; up to, towards - Prefix

/ pend / hang - Stem



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improvise

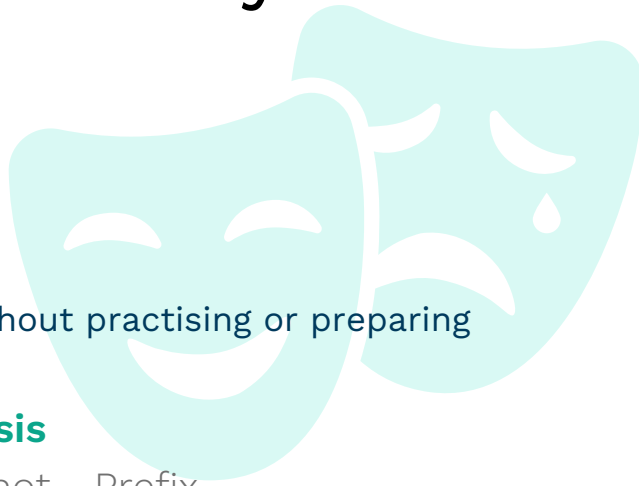
- to act or react without practising or preparing

Morphemic analysis

/ im / in, into, on; not - Prefix

/ pro / forward, in front, before; for, supporting - Suffix

/ vis / see, appear - Suffix



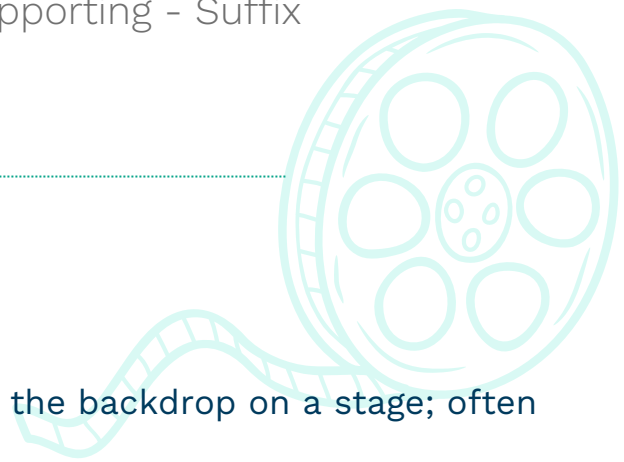
cyclorama

- a cloth pulled tightly into an arc used as the backdrop on a stage; often representing the sky

Morphemic analysis

/ cyc / circle, around - Prefix

/ rama / view - Suffix



narration

- the act of telling a story, describing events

Morphemic analysis

/ narr / tell, recite in detail - Stem

/ tion / act, process, result - Suffix

