



**Title:** Making Morphology Matter

**Audience:** K-12 educators, literacy specialists, and speech language pathologists who have a strong background in morphological knowledge.

**Instructional Level:** Intermediate to Advanced

**Course Description:**

You're aware that studies have highlighted the importance of morphological awareness for positive outcomes in both oral and written language. You know your students need these skills to improve their reading and spelling accuracy, to express themselves effectively and to build a literate lexicon to comprehend what they read. But your students just aren't getting it. They might spell *jumped* as "jumpt", *action* as "akshun" or *comfortable* as "cumftruble"; they might not recognize the link between related words like *act*, *react*, and *active*. If you are struggling with how to incorporate effective morphological word study earlier and/or more cohesively, attend this two-session Learning Lab to develop those skills!

This interactive course will provide you with the practical reasons why morphology matters and some workable means to making morphology matter for your students. In the first session, we'll start with a brief review of the extant literature, hone your knowledge on morphemes, and offer two options for building the skills before launching into hands-on activities targeting how to fold morphological awareness into authentic reading activities as early as kindergarten. Session one will provide opportunities to examine texts of a variety of instructional levels, identify multimorphemic words, and plan morphological activities to boost knowledge of letter-meaning relationships and increase oral language skills.

In the second session of this Learning Lab, we will focus on integrating components of explicit morphological instruction into lessons that target base word spelling patterns to establish greater connectivity of sounds-letters-meanings and enhance student achievement. Take advantage of this opportunity to flex your morphological muscles—plan



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multi-linguistic word study activities, create word lists to target specific morphological skills, and let your inner word nerd run free!

### **Key Benefits of Attending:**

1. Refine your understanding of the importance of morphological awareness.
2. Know the SPELL-Links to Reading & Writing progression of morphological instruction and two options to modify/augment your instruction.
3. Boost confidence in your ability to introduce morphological concepts earlier and facilitate morphological knowledge.

### **Learning Objectives:**

1. Explain the importance of morphological awareness to oral and written language outcomes.
2. Define and identify free morphemes and bound morphemes—including inflectional and derivational morphemes.
3. Describe methods to incorporate morphological awareness and explicit morphological knowledge including rules for altering base word spellings.
4. Identify morphemes in school-age texts and use these to explain word meanings in student-friendly terms.
5. Select word lists to facilitate mastery of letter-meaning relationships and spelling rules.
6. Prepare morphological extension activities to augment word study lessons.

