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**Task 1**

Isolate the affixes and stems in the following groups of words. Then name the part of speech class of the root word to which the stem belongs, and say whether the affixation results in a word belonging to a different part of speech class (and if so, which class).

- a. spiteful
- b. unsure
- c. retake
- d. stoppable

**Task 2**

Describe the morphological structure of the word *disappearance*.

**Task 3**

Examine the following data from Isthmus Zapotec, a language spoken in Mexico. Answer the questions which follow:

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|------------|------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. [palu]  | 'stick'    | 7. [spalube]  | 'his stick'    | 13. [spalulu]  | 'your stick'    |
| 2. [kudba] | 'dough'    | 8. [skudbabe] | 'his dough'    | 14. [skudbalu] | 'your dough'    |
| 3. [tapa]  | 'four'     | 9. [stapabe]  | 'his four'     | 15. [stapalu]  | 'your four'     |
| 4. [geta]  | 'tortilla' | 10. [sketabe] | 'his tortilla' | 16. [sketalu]  | 'your tortilla' |
| 5. [bere]  | 'chicken'  | 11. [sperebe] | 'his chicken'  | 17. [sperelu]  | 'your chicken'  |
| 6. [do?o]  | 'rope'     | 12. [sto?obe] | 'his rope'     | 18. [sto?olu]  | 'your rope'     |

a. Isolate the morphemes that correspond to the following English translations:

\_\_\_\_\_ possession (genitive)

\_\_\_\_\_ 3rd person singular

\_\_\_\_\_ 2nd person plural

b. List all the allomorphs for the following translations:

\_\_\_\_\_ 'tortilla'

\_\_\_\_\_ 'rope'

\_\_\_\_\_ 'chicken'

#### Task 4

Swedish is a Germanic language with morphological marking of nouns similar to that of English, but with some significant differences. Consider the following forms of nouns and answer the questions.

1. en lampa	'a lamp'	12. en bil	'a car'
2. stolen	'the chair'	13. bilar	'cars'
3. en tidning	'a newspaper'	14. kattarna	'the cats'
4. lampan	'the lamp'	15. en katt	'a cat'
5. bilen	'the car'	16. soffor	'sofas'
6. en stol	'a chair'	17. tidningarna	'the newspapers'
7. sofforna	'the sofas'	18. bilarna	'the cars'
8. katten	'the cat'	19. lamporna	'the lamps'
9. tidningen	'the newspaper'	20. stolarna	'the chairs'
10. kattar	'cats'	21. en soffa	'a sofa'
11. tidningar	'newspapers'	22. soffan	'the sofa'
		23. lampor	'lamps'

- What Swedish word corresponds to the English indefinite article?
- What are the allomorphs of the definite morpheme? Where do they appear?
- How is the indefinite plural formed? The definite plural?
- How would you say the forms of the following words?

		<b>Definite</b>	<b>Plural</b>	<b>Definite plural</b>
en flicka	'a girl'	_____	_____	_____
en klänning	'a dress'	_____	_____	_____
en blomma	'a flower'	_____	_____	_____
en buss	'a bus'	_____	_____	_____

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