**Group Assignment: Exploring Morphology**

**Course:** Linguistics: Levels of Analysis  
**Duration:** 2 Weeks  
**Group Size:** 3–4 students

**Objective**

This assignment aims to deepen your understanding of morphology by applying theoretical concepts to real-world language data. Through collaborative research, analysis, and presentation, you will explore how morphemes function in word formation, compare morphological processes across languages, and create original examples.

**Tasks**

**Part 1: Morpheme Analysis (Week 1)**

1. **Word Deconstruction**
   * Select 10 complex English words (e.g., "unpredictability," "internationalization").
   * Break each word into its constituent morphemes and label them as free/lexical, free/functional, bound/derivational, or bound/inflectional.
   * *Example:* "Disagreement" → dis- (bound/derivational) + agree (free/lexical) + -ment (bound/derivational).
2. **Cross-Linguistic Comparison**
   * Each group member chooses a different language (e.g., Spanish, Arabic, Mandarin, Swahili).
   * Identify 5 words from each language and analyze their morphological structure. Compare how affixation, compounding, or reduplication differs from English.

**Part 2: Creative Word Formation (Week 2)**

1. **Coin New Words**
   * Use at least 3 different word-formation processes (e.g., blending, derivation, borrowing) to create 5 new "words."
   * *Example:* "Zoomify" (blend of "Zoom" + "modify") = to adapt something for virtual meetings.
2. **Morphological Rules in Context**
   * Write a short paragraph (5–7 sentences) using your coined words. Annotate how each word was formed and its intended meaning.
3. **Mini-Presentation**
   * Prepare a 5-minute presentation summarizing your findings from Parts 1 and 2. Include visual aids (e.g., morpheme trees, charts comparing languages).

**Submission Guidelines**

* **Format:** PDF or PowerPoint (for presentations).
* **Include:**
  + A table for morpheme analysis (Part 1).
  + Definitions of word-formation processes used (Part 2).
  + Reflection (1 paragraph per member) on challenges and insights.