

## **Unit 1. Introduction to basic morphological concepts**

1. How would you define the difference between a lexeme and a word?
2. What is the difference between polysemy and homonymy?
3. Briefly describe the three types of derivation in English.
4. What is the main difference between a lexeme and a morpheme?
5. What is the difference between a base and a stem?
6. What is a paradigm? Provide at least one example.
7. What is syncretism? Provide one example from English morphology.
8. What is morphological productivity? Give one example of a productive operation and one example of an unproductive one.

## **Reading and Understanding Morphological Theory**

Read Aronoff & Fudeman (2011: 54-57) and try to answer the following questions:

- 1) Summarize and explain the two main views on the lexicon presented in these pages.
- 2) Which one do you think Aronoff & Fudeman favour? Mention the relevant examples (not necessarily all of them).
- 3) A third approach to the lexicon is mentioned. What is it? What do you think is its relative importance as compared to the other two?