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 conceptual difference between 'lexeme' and 'morpheme'?

5. What is the difference between a root and a stem? Provide a relevant example in Spanish.

6. What is a paradigm? Provide at least one example in English.

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: 43-46) and try to answer the following questions:

1) Are DOG meaning "a canine, a pet" and DOG meaning "to follow closely and persistently" the same lexeme? Justify your answer.
2) What is a lexeme, according to Aronoff & Fudeman? Provide two examples.
3) What is a paradigm? Provide at least TEN members of the paradigm of the Spanish verb *cantar*.
4) Define what a lexical stem is and provide one English example different from the one mentioned in the text.