Affixes- suffix or prefix attached to a base word, stem or root

Prefixes- an affix attached at the beginning of a base word or word root that changes the meaning of a word

Suffixes- an affix attached at the end of a base word or word root

Orthography- the writing system of a language

Unaccented syllable- the syllable in a word that gets little emphasis and may have an indistinct vowel sound such as the first syllable in "about"

Morphemic- referring to morphemes

Base words- a word to which prefixes and/or suffixes are added

Morphemic analysis- the process of analyzing or breaking down a word in terms of its meaning units or morphemes

Syllable juncture- the transition from one syllable to the next

Inflectional endings- suffixes that change the verb tense

Compound words- words made up of two smaller words

Derivational affixes- affixes added to base words that effect the meaning

Bound morphemes- units of language that cannot stand alone as a word

Free morphemes- units of language that stand alone as words

Roots- words or word parts that are combined with other roots to form words

Generative- an approach to word study that emphasizes processes that apply to many words