

Morphology I

Forrest Davis

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Colgate University

Fostering Community

- Mixing up the seating chart to foster community
- Here is the chart for September

				Projector Screen	
Grace	1	Table			18 Sadie
Josh	2				17 Idona
Chloe	3				16 Madison
Sofia	4				15 Marino
Stella	5				Forrest
Daniel	6				14 Zoe
Kate	7				13 Michael
Alyssa	8				12 Hayden
		9	10	11	
		Sammy	Tessa	Laila	

Warmup Data

'ride'	[ɹaɪd]	'right'	[ɹaɪt]	'rye'	[ɹaɪ]
'aid'	[eɪd]	'ate'	[eɪt]	'bay'	[beɪ]
'lobe'	[loʊwb]	'lope'	[loʊp]	'low'	[loʊ]
'teethe'	[t ^h iːð]	'teeth'	[t ^h iθ]	'tea'	[t ^h i]
'save'	[seɪv]	'safe'	[seɪf]	'say'	[seɪ]

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 2. *Morphological Rules*: The collection of rules that govern the formation of words in our language

Flavor of the Mental Lexicon

Dog

- Phonemes: /dag/
- Part of Speech: Noun
- Meaning: a canine pet

Cat

- Phonemes: /kæt/
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Sleep

- Phonemes: /slip/
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- “Forrest is a classic daxter”

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