

# Preface

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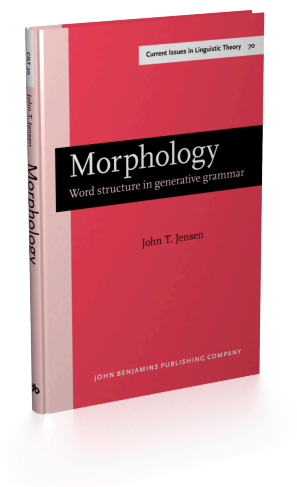
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This work is a response to a perceived need for an up-to-date introduction to the field of morphology within the framework of generative grammar. I have presented it within the framework of the lexicalist hypothesis of Chomsky (1970) and the more recent development of lexical phonology and morphology in the works of Paul Kiparsky and others. I have noted the existence of other approaches, but I have not undertaken a systematic comparison of various approaches to morphology, since I prefer to present a unified, consistent theory and push it to its limits. In fact, I feel that this theory fares well with respect to a considerable body of data from a wide variety of languages.

The work is intended to be as self-contained as possible; however, by necessity, reference is frequently made to other areas of theoretical linguistics, primarily to phonology and syntax, and to a lesser extent semantics. I refer to formal elements such as phonological distinctive features and formal rule-writing conventions throughout, in most instances explaining those aspects that I feel may be unfamiliar.

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stages of development, and some offered suggestions for improvement. Nevertheless, the responsibility for any remaining errors, omissions, or commissions remains mine alone.

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For this third printing I have taken advantage of the opportunity to correct a number of misprints. I am grateful to Vanessa Tveitane for her assistance in pointing out a number of these to me. Remaining errors, of course, are still my responsibility.

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