Homework Assignment 1: Morphemes

For the following exercises make sure that you identify morphemes clearly using curly brackets or a similar method. If the English spelling can indicate more than one meaning, make sure that you indicate which meaning you are referring to.

A. Identify the base morpheme.

1. interior ___________________________
2. phonetic ___________________________
3. eaten ___________________________
4. inconceivable ___________________________
5. organisational ___________________________
6. superior ___________________________
7. security ___________________________

B. Identify the free morpheme.

1. surrendering ___________________________
2. retirement ___________________________
3. dishonest ___________________________
4. reconstruction ___________________________
5. expansion ___________________________
6. wombat ___________________________

C. Identify the bound morphemes.

1. absentee ___________________________
2. overpowering ___________________________
3. bitter ___________________________
4. danger ___________________________
5. older ___________________________
6. worker ___________________________
D. Identify the bolded affixes and bases by type.

1. deadly
2. dissenting
3. irresponsible
4. liabilities
5. geese
6. consent

E. Identify the derivational morphemes.

1. projections
2. wasteful
3. consent
4. Californian
5. nonconformist
6. democracy
7. enrich

F. Identify the inflectional morphemes.

1. hung
2. sleeps
3. eaten
4. ate
5. older
6. working
G. Identify the inflectional morphemes in the bolded words.

1. They **wasted** their time. ___________________________
2. They had **wasted** their time. ___________________________
3. I saw the **cats’** toys in the other room. ___________________________
4. He **thinks** we’re ready. ___________________________
5. I **work** out twice a week. ___________________________
6. They **haven’t** seen the whole film. ___________________________
7. That’s the biggest diamond I have ever **seen**. ___________________________