

Abydos: Life and death at the dawn of Egyptian civil-ization

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w.f. base
inflectional morpheme

King Aha, "the **Fight-er**", was not **kill-ed** while **uni-fy-ing** the Nile-'s two **warr-ing** **king-dom-s**, nor while **build-ing** the capit-**al** of Mem-**phis**. No, one leg-**end** has it that the first **rul-er** of a **unit-ed** Egypt was **kill-ed** in a **hunt-ing** ac-**ci-dent** af-**ter** a reign of 62 year-**s**, un-**ceremoni-ous-ly** traml-**ed** to death by a **ramp-ag-ing** **hippo**-potamus. **New-s** of his de-**mise** brought a se-**parate**, spec-**ial** **terr-or** to his staff. For many, the honor of **serv-ing** the king in life would lead to the more **dubi-ous** **dis-tinct-ion** of **serv-ing** the king in death.

On the day of Aha'-s **burial** a solemn **pro-cess-ion** made its way through the **sacr-ed** pre-**cinct-s** of Abydos, royal necro-**polis** of Egypt'-s first king-**s**. Just be-**yond** the town'-s gate-**s** the **pro-cession** stopp-**ed** at a **monu-ment-al** **struct-ure** with **im-pos-ing** wall-**s** sur-**round-ing** an open plaza. In-**side** the wall-**s** the priest-**s** wad-**ed** through a cloud of in-**cense** to a small chap-**el**, where they per-**form-ed** **crypt-ic** rite-**s** to seal Aha'-s im-**mort-al-ity**.

Characterize the following compounds from various points of view.

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| (a) cliffhanger | derivational, idiomatic, exocentric |
| (b) deadline | simple, idiomatic, exocentric |
| (c) far-sighted | derivational, partially motivated (sighted), endocentric |
| (d) walkie-talkie | derivational, idiomatic, copulative/exocentric |
| (e) nightcap | simple, idiomatic, exocentric |
| (f) speedometer | with a linking element, motivated, endocentric |
| (g) happy-go-lucky | phrasal, motivated, endocentric (partially also copulative) |
| (h) U-turn | simple (U refers to the shape of the object of ELR), motivated, endocentric |
| (i) downfall | simple, partially motivated (fall, in one of its lexical meanings), endocentric |
| (j) mother-in-law | phrasal, partially motivated (mother), endocentric |
| (k) T-shirt | simple (T refers to the shape of the object of ELR), motivated, endocentric |
| (l) ill-natured | derivational, motivated, endocentric |

Freezing weather delays post-Christ/mas return to work

By Peter Walker and Martin Wainwright
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derivational affixes
conversion

compounding
inflection

The (post-Christmas) (return) to work, difficult enough at the best of times, was made even trickier for ^{O. English great multitude}thous/ands of ^{Latin}commuters this morning thanks to rail (delays) and cars immobilised by the (freezing) (weather). Rail ^{Old French passer-by}passe(n)g-ers experienced a series of ^{Latin}hold-ups, ^{Latin; PIE root}notab-ly those going to and from London's ^{O. English-pool w. muddy water}Liver/pool Street station, where an ^{O. French}over/run to ^{O. French}engine-^{O. English}ing works caused (delays) of up to an hour. ^{Med. Latin}Services run by National Express East Anglia and the ^{O. English}Stan/sted (Express) were ^{Latin}affected after a major ^{Old E.: -ter, compar. suff.}programme of (engineering) ^{Greek}projects planned for (Christmas) and the new year by ^{Latin}Net/work Rail was not ^{Latin}completed on time.

^{O. French}Despite the ^{Latin}conditions, the ^{Med. Latin}High/ways Agency said this (morning) that there were few (delays) on the roads. The one ^{Latin}exception was the ^{O. F.}south/bound M6, which was closed ^{Mercian 6th cent.}between ^{Latin}junctions 3 and 4a in the West ^{Latin}Midlands (after) two lorries ^{Latin}collided and caught fire. "Given the (weather), we are warning motorists to take care (even) if they think a road has been treated, and to plan their ^{Latin dies+urnus}journeys ^{Latin}properly," a (Highways) (Agency) ^{Old Engl.}spoke(s)/wo/man said.

(Thousands) of (motorists) had trouble (even) getting out onto the roads at all as (cars) left idle over (Christmas) ^{uncert. orig.}stubbornly ^{Vulg. Lat.}refused to start. "Just as we ^{Latin}expected it's been very, very busy out there, with ^{O. French}about four (times) the ^{Latin}number of calls we'd normal-ly get on a ^{Old Eng. day of the moon}Mon/day. There's a lot of ^{M. French}flat batter-ies and ^{L: part + dimin. suff.}non-starting vehicles. The (weather) we've got at the moment is ^{Latin}particular-ly punishing for (cars)," a ^{PIE}spoke(s)/man said. The ^{O. French}organ-ise-ation was ^{Latin}receiving (about) 2,000 ^{Old E. everich every + each}break/dow(n) (calls) ^{PIE}ever/y hour, which was (expected) to ^{O. French}rise to 3,500 an hour later in the day, he said.

^{O. Norse}Forecasters have warned that the ^{O. Engl.}snow and ice will keep Britain ^{Latin}shivering ^{Old Eng. fif + tyne}until well ^{O. Norse}in/to January, with temperatures ^{Latin}falling as low as ^{O. Engl.}-15C (5F) on high ground and heavy ^{O. Norse}snow/fall moving down the east coast to London.

Christ/mas – simple, idiomatic, exocentric
 thous/and – simple, idiomatic, exocentric
 hold-up – phrasal, part. idiomatic (up), endocentric
 Liver/pool – simple, idiomatic, exocentric
 over/run – simple, motivated, endocentric
 Stan/sted – simple, idiomatic, exocentric
 net/work – simple, part. idiom. (work), endocentric
 high/way – simple, part. idiom. (high), endocentric
 south/bound – simple, motivated, endocentric
 M/6 (motorway no.6) – phrasal with a clipped base,
 motivated, endocentric

spoke(s)woman – with a link. elem., mot., endocent.
 Mon/day (moon+day) – simp, part. idio. (moon), endo.
 spoke(s)man – with a link. elem., mot., endocent.
 break/down – phrasal, idiomatic, endocentric
 ever/y (ever+each) – simple, motivated, endocentric
 in/to – simple, motivated, endocentric
 15 (five+ten) – simple, motivated, exocentric
 snow/fall – simple, motivated, endocentric

Exercise 2. Form new lexemes based on the given ones by means of sound interchange.

- (a) think – thought
- (b) full – fill
- (c) broad – breadth
- (d) use – /ju:s/ - /ju:z/
- (e) lose – loss

- (f) deep – depth
- (g) house – /haus/ - /haʊz/
- (h) blood – bleed
- (i) belief – believe
- (j) strike – stroke

inter+network = CLIP

motorcar = CLIP

Despite Risks, **Internet** Creeps Onto **Car** Dashboards

By Ashlee Vance and Matt Richtel

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/ˈædvəkət/ - /ˈædvəkert/
= SOUND INTERCHANGE

LAS VEGAS — To the dismay of safety **advocates** already worried about driver distraction,

automobile+maker
= BLENDING

high+technology
= CLIPPING

automakers and **high-tech** companies have found a new place to put sophisticated Internet-connected computers: the front **seat**.

sit, sat = SOUND
INTERCHANGE

Integrated+Electronics
= BLENDING

Technology giants like **Intel** and **Google** are turning their attention from the desktop to the dashboard, hoping to bring the power of the **PC** to the (car). They see vast opportunity for profit in working with (automakers) to create the next generation of irresistible **devices**.

personal+computer
INITIALISM

/drˈvars/ - /drˈvaɪz/
= SOUND INTERCHANGE

This week at the Consumer Electronics Show, the neon-drenched annual trade show here, these companies are demonstrating the **breadth** of their ambitions, like 10-inch screens above the gearshift showing high-definition videos, **3-D** maps and Web pages.

broad = SOUND
INTERCHANGE

3+dimensional = graph.
abbr. + initialism

information+Entertainment
= BLENDING

technology
= CLIPPING

The first wave of these “**infotainment** systems,” as the **tech** and (car) industries call them, will hit the market this year. While built-in navigation features were once **costly options**, the new systems are likely to be standard equipment in a **wide** range of (cars) before **long**. They prevent drivers from watching video and **using** some other functions while the (car) is moving, but they can still pull up **content** as varied as restaurant reviews and the covers of music albums with the tap of a finger.

width = SOUND
INTERCHANGE

length = SOUND
INTERCHANGE

/juːs/ - /juːz/ = SOUND
INTERCHANGE

/ˈkɒntent/ - /kənˈtent/
= STRESS SHIFT

Safety (advocates) say the companies behind these technologies are tone-deaf to mounting research showing the risks of distracted driving — and to a growing national debate about the (use) of mobile (devices) in (cars) and how to avoid the thousands of wrecks and injuries this distraction causes each year.

Exercise 1. Identify lexical and grammatical components of meaning in the following words, phrases and sentences.

lexical
grammatical

- (a) seem-**ing-ly**
 (b) rag-**s** to rich-**es**
 (c) re-act-iv-ate-**s**
 (d) **will have been** work-**ing**
 (e) **When the cat's** away, the **mice** **will** play.
 (f) steel-work-**s**
 (g) beauti-ful-**ly**
 (h) act-(o)r-ess-**es**
 (i) beat the day-light-**s** out of sb
 (j) I was held host-age by the gun-men.

O. French

s. house = not large
 s. child = young
 s. changes = unimportant

all over the world = planet
 the Western World = countries
 the Roman world = period
 the business world = area of activity
 the next world = afterlife

Small world

social meaning

expressive meaning

only the first paragraph is analysed here

collocative meaning

by David Lodge (1984)

I dare you = I challenge you
 How dare you = you must not do it

a parking lot, the whole lot, a lot better, a bad lot

h. good = be true
 h. back = to hesitate
 h. on = wait
 h. still = be still
 h. a view = have a view

by the way, by the window, by tomorrow, by the look of it, pay by cheque, work by night

if I'll say this for sb.
 I dare say
 I'll say!
 let us say
 you don't say

a letter for me
 open this letter for me
 to work for sb
 be all for it
 word for word

I dare say a lot of people have been held up by the snow," he said coldly. "**Shocking**

weather for April. **Excuse me**, I see Busby waving urgently. **I expect** the potato crisps have run out,

his hair waves naturally, to wave sth aside = dismiss

burn sth to a crisp

or some such crisis. " He shuffled off.

to s. sb feet
 to shuffle the cards

to see a doctor
 I see what you mean
 wait and see
 see the light
 see to sth

to expect obedience from, she is expecting

run a business
 run aground
 run the hot tap
 run into
 run riot
 run along
 run off
 run through

"God!" said Dempsey, looking round the room. "What a shower! Why did I come?" The

question sounded rhetorical, but Dempsey proceeded to answer it at some length, and without apparently pausing for breath. "I'll tell you why, I came because I have family here, it seemed a good excuse to see them. My children, **actually**. I'm divorced, **you see**. I used to work here, in this Department, **believe it or not**. **Christ**, **what a retarded lot** they were, still are by the look of it. The same old faces. Nobody ever seems to move. Old Sutcliffe, for instance, been here forty years, man and boy. Naturally I got out as soon as I could. No place for an ambitious man. The last straw was when they gave a senior lectureship to Philip Swallow instead of me, though I had three books out by then, and he'd published practically nothing."