

Morphology Homework 3

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Question 1

-v is found suffixed to words denoting non-living concepts, and *-s* is found suffixed to words denoting living concepts. This is a case of lexical conditioning.

Question 2

This appears to be strong suppletive allomorphy with lexical conditioning.

Question 3

It appears that the 3rd person singular marker alternates between *-s* and *-a*, the former in the present and the latter in the aorist, which would be a case of morphological conditioning.

Question 4

1. The dative singular marker alternates between a stem-changing *-s* (which deletes the *i*, found in words ending in *i*), and a concatenative *-s* (found otherwise). This is a case of phonological allomorphy.
2. The ergative singular marker alternates between a stem-changing *-ma* (which deletes the *i*, found in words ending in *i*), and a simple concatenative *-m* (found otherwise). This is a case of weakly suppletive allomorphy.