

Causality in language

Lexicalisation of causality

What we've looked at so far

- Causative connectors (the Botany Bay text)
- Lexicalisations of cause in the vocabulary (the Maternal health text)

Causal connectors

Between sentences

consequently
as a result
thus
therefore *so*
hence
as a consequence

Within sentences

because *if*
when *since*
so that *in order to*
so as to
as a result / consequence of
due / owing to
on account of
as

The leading causes of maternal mortality.

Postpartum Hemorrhage (PPH) is excessive bleeding and loss of blood after childbirth. A skilled health care provider can stop the bleeding. But, if a healthcare provider with the proper knowledge and skills is not available, a mother can die from losing too much blood. PPH is responsible for approximately 27 percent of all maternal deaths.

High Blood Pressure and Eclampsia. Prenatal care and testing usually pick up issues such as high blood pressure and protein in the urine. With good medical care, doctors can treat and monitor pre-eclampsia. But, without care, it can become dangerous and lead to death. Hypertensive disorders are responsible for 14 percent of pregnancy-related deaths.

Infection. Women can get an infection from unsafe abortion, an unsanitary delivery, or a very long labour. A lack of understanding and information on personal hygiene and how to care for the body after childbirth can also put a mother at risk of infection. About 11 percent of maternal deaths are the result of an infection.

Termination of Pregnancy An unsafe abortion is a leading cause of death among women who have an unintended pregnancy. It is the reason that approximately 68,000 women die each year. Termination of pregnancy accounts for 8 percent of the maternal deaths.

Pulmonary Embolism (PE) is a blood clot in the lungs. PE can develop after delivery, and the risk is higher with a cesarean section. About 3 percent of maternal deaths are due to a pulmonary embolism.



«In spite of their natural selfishness and rapacity,»
business people «are led by an invisible hand ...
and thus without intending it, without knowing it,
advance the interest of the society»

Adam Smith believed that the accumulated self-interested actions of individuals could give rise to beneficial social and economic outcomes. None of these individuals intends to bring about these outcomes. Smith used the metaphor of **the Invisible hand** to characterize the mechanisms through which these outcomes come about.



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In a 90 second 'guide' to Adam Smith's theory, what do you expect to hear about? Make a list

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1u771-5fVCc>

Now listen again: what language of causality can you hear? Make a note

- Adam Smith **popularised** many of the ideas ...
- Smith's innovations included **minimizing** government intervention and
- The butcher, brewer and baker make money **by selling** products that people want
- The system works for the citizens who seek **to better themselves** and their finances ..
- Smith's book helped **drive** the move from land-based wealth to wealth **created by** assembly line production methods
- His work **led to** revelations ..

Causative suffixes

-ize / -ise -itate -en -ify

simple

-ize / -ise

necessary

weak

-itate

public

orchestra

-en

sterile

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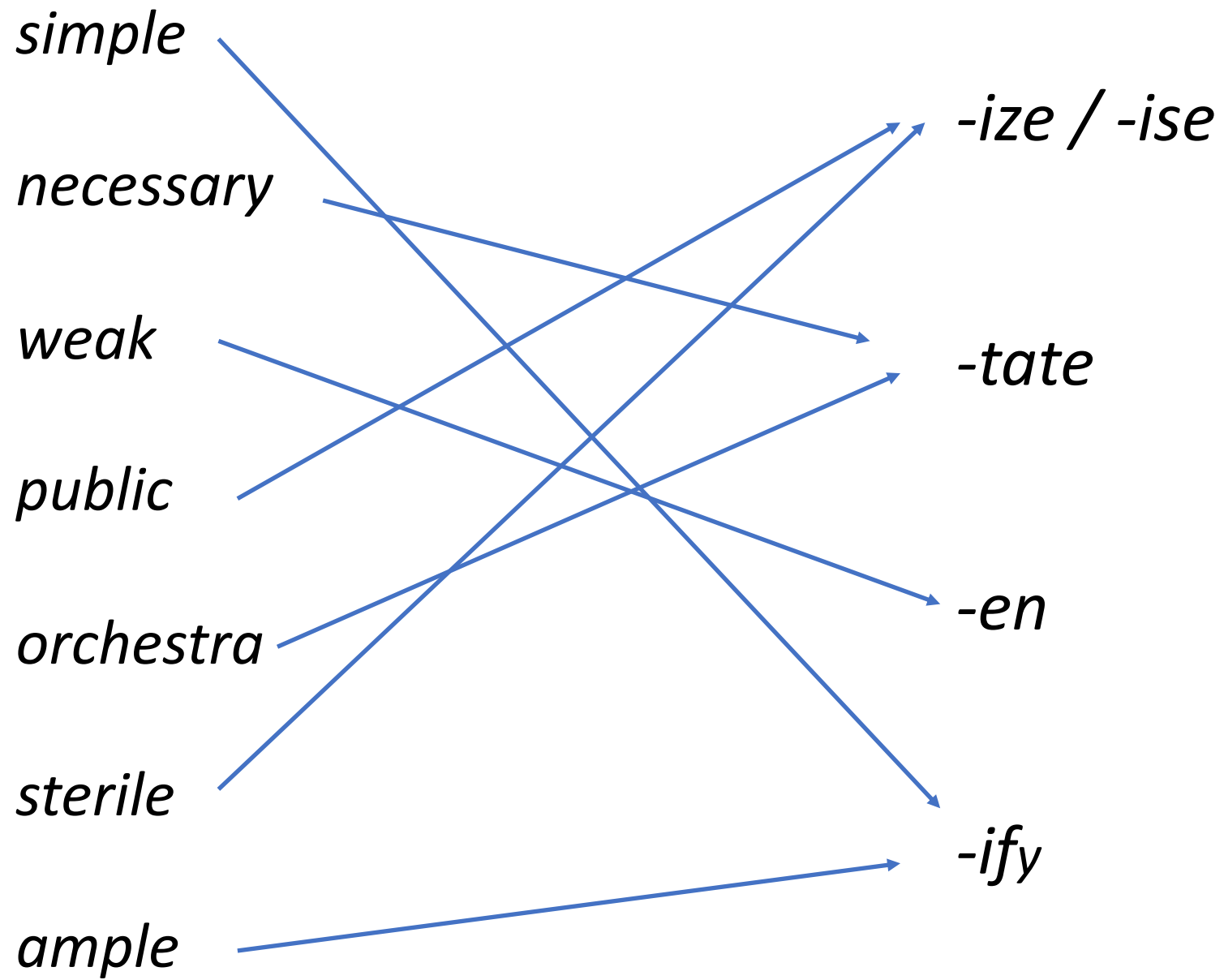
ample

-ize / -ise

-tate

-en

-ify



*to amplify to weaken to publicize to orchestrate
to sterilize to simplify to necessitate*

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Causative verb prefixes : en- / em-

- *to empower = to make powerful*
- *to enchain = to put in chains*
- *to encircle = to surround in a circle (i.e. put in a circle)*

To em-

To en-

code

danger

force

large

gender

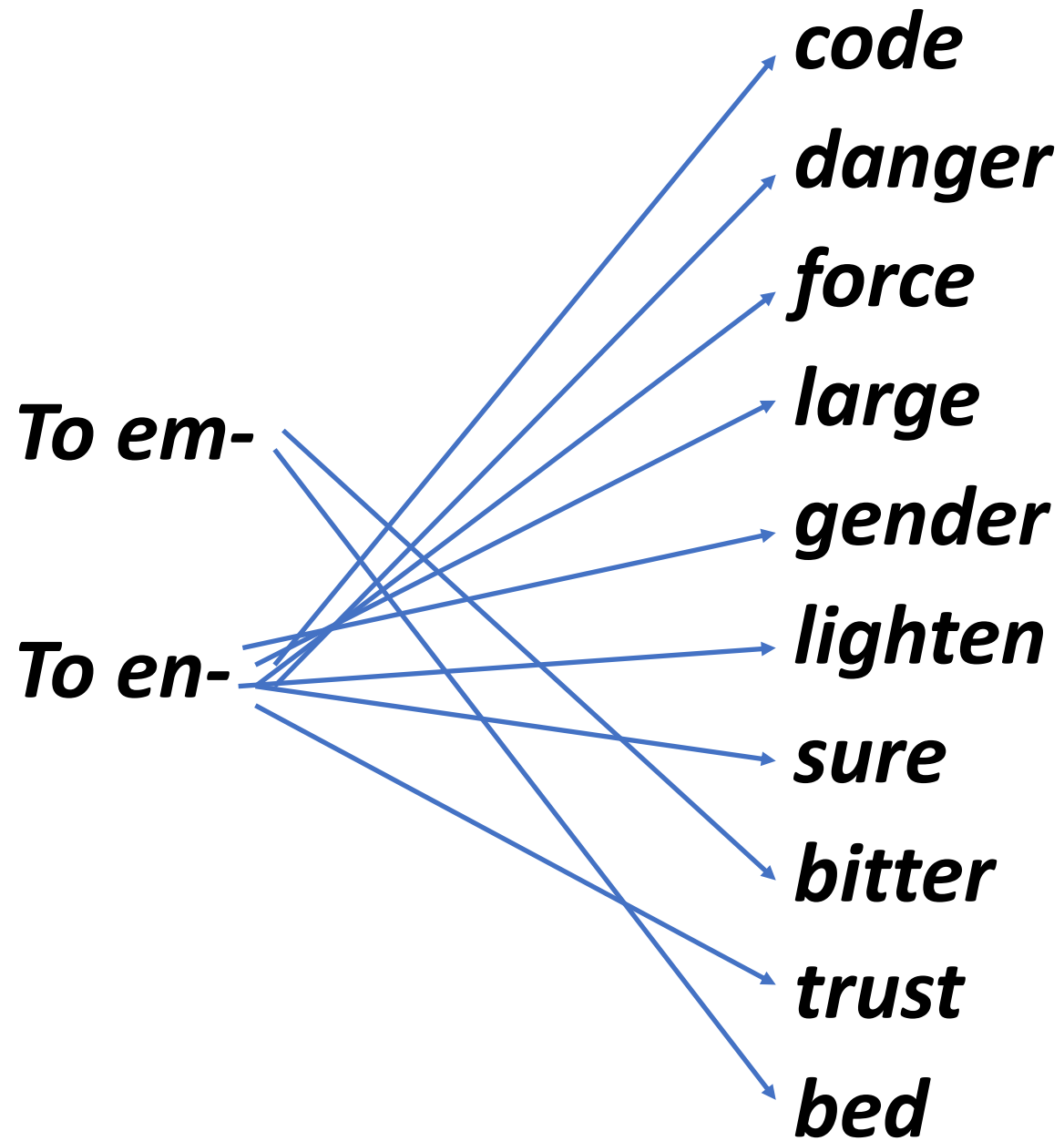
lighten

sure

bitter

trust

bed



to embitter, to enlighten, to enforce, to enlarge, to engender, to embed, to endanger to encode

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- Language ***encodes*** meanings.
- I do not understand why – perhaps you could ***enlighten*** me?
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Who said it?

- *History repeats itself, first as tragedy, second as farce ...*
- *Democracy is the road to socialism*
- *Religion is the opium of the masses*
- *Nothing can have value without being an object of utility*
- *Revolutions are the locomotives of history*
- *Reason has always existed, but not always in a reasonable form*





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You are going to listen to the Economist's short video «Was Karl Marx right?»

What information do you expect to hear?

What conclusion do you expect to hear?

Make notes before you listen.

Now check if you were right ...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMmDebW_OBI

What word is missing?

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(text here and on the following slides from the UN SDG 2015-30 progress report)

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