

Morphing Around - Understanding how words work 4

Our focus words are **crypt**, **cryptic** and **encrypt**.

Down in the dark **crypt**, there was a **cryptic**, **encrypted** message .

The words crypt, cryptic and encrypt, all contain the morpheme **crypt** which means hidden or secret.

Let's start by looking at some word sums.

Crypt + ic = cryptic

crypt means hidden or secret; **ic** means like or relating to.

A cryptic message is one with a hidden meaning.

En + crypt + ed = encrypted

en means made of or to do with; **crypt** means hidden or secret; **ed** means a particular state.

Now let's try to build some words connected to **crypt** as well as words which contain **script**, which has a similar sound, but a different meaning. **Script** means written. **Crypt** meaning hidden is spelled with a y. **Script** meaning written starts with an s and is spelled with an i.

Prefix	Base	Suffix
re again	write	s Plural or third person singular verb
pre before, in front		ing Continuous state
		er A person who...

Crypt	crypts	crypted	cryptic	encrypted	encrypting
Description					
Conscript	conscripts	conscripted	conscripting	conscription	
Prescript	prescripts	prescription	prescriptions		

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