Morphology Homework

1. Draw tree diagrams for each of the following words:
   a. disappearance
   b. impersonal
   c. reconstruction
   d. restatement
   e. inflammability
   f. unmistakable
   g. insincerity
   h. unrespectable
   i. overgeneralization
   j. reformer

2. Consider the two columns of words below. What do the words in each column have in common? Come up with two more words that go in each column. Do the words in both columns have the same suffix, or do the words on the right have a different suffix from those on the left? Justify your answer.

   teacher    stapler
   baker      juicer
   singer     copier
   writer     toaster
   fighter    hole-puncher
   painter    lighter

3. Isthmus Zapotec

   Examine the following data from Isthmus Zapotec, a language spoken in Mexico.
   Answer the questions that follow.

   a. [palu] ‘stick’    g. [spalube] ‘his stick’    m. [spalulu] ‘your stick’
   c. [tapa] ‘four’     i. [stapabe] ‘his four’     o. [stapalu] ‘your four’
   e. [bere] ‘chicken’  k. [sperebe] ‘his chicken’ q. [sperelu] ‘your chicken’

   i Isolate the morphemes that correspond to the following English translations:

   __________ possession (genitive)
   __________ third person singular
   __________ second person plural

   ii List the allomorphs for the following translations:

   ____________ ___________ ‘tortilla’
   ____________ ___________ ‘rope’
   ____________ ___________ ‘chicken’

   iii What phonological environment triggers the alternation between these allomorphs?