

## X LINGUISTIC MARATHON

### TASK 2: What is visible and what is not? (Morphs and Morphemes) (6 pts)

In morphology there are two main terms: morpheme and morph. A morpheme is the smallest unit of the structure of the word. It corresponds to the minimal building block which carries meaning important for a given word. In a word, what you actually see, write or utter is a morph – a physical realization of a morpheme. Very often, one word can be built from a different number of morphemes and morphs *e.g.* the pronoun *he* has 1 morph [he] but it has 4 morphemes [3<sup>rd</sup> person] [singular] [masculine] [subjective case]. In this task you have to decide how many **morphemes** is there in each of the given words.

**Example:** dogs [DOG] + [Plural]

1/ (two) fish

[FISH]+[\_\_\_\_\_]

2/ czytałem

[CZYTAĆ]+[\_\_\_\_\_]

3/ better

[GOOD] + [\_\_\_\_\_]

4/ saw (verb)

[SEE] + [\_\_\_\_\_]

5/ (he) sings

[SING] + [\_\_\_\_\_]

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[SAM]+[O]+[CHÓD]+[\_\_\_\_\_]

KEY:

1/ (two) fish

[FISH] + [Plural]

2/ czytałem

[CZYTAĆ] + [Past, Singular, 1st, Masculine, Imperfective]

3/ better

[GOOD] + [Comparative]

4/ saw (verb)

[SEE] + [Past]

5/ (he) sings

[SING] + [3<sup>rd</sup> person]

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[SAM]+[O]+[CHÓD]+[Genitive, Singular, Masculine]