General Linguistics & Comparative Philology
Topic 4: Morphology

Does Morphology exist?

[Different frameworks account for what is often termed 'morphology' in different ways; some ascribe its working to syntax, others to the lexicon. Compare and contrast some points of view, and give evidence in favour or against a 'separate' morphology.]

The following are introductory books:
Aronoff, M. and Fudeman, K. (2010) *What is Morphology?*, second edition, Oxford: Blackwell.

Matthews, P. (1991) *Morphology*, second edition, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Haspelmath, M. (2012) *Understanding Morphology*, second edition, London: Arnold.

These books are more framework-specific, but worth a read:
Aronoff, M. (1994) *Morphology By Itself*, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

Stump, G. (2001) *Inflectional Morphology*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [Not an easy read, but ch. 1 in particular is worthwhile.]

Here are some papers that may add to the picture; don't feel like you have to read all of them, but try to look at the ones in bold.
Bazell, C. (1966) "On the problem of the morpheme," in E. Hamp; F. Householder; and R. Austerlitz (eds.), *Readings in Linguistics, vol. 2*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 216–226.

Blevins, J. (2006) "Word-based morphology," *Journal of Linguistics* 42, 531–573.

Booij, G. (1998) "Allomorphy and the autonomy of morphology," *Folia Linguistica* 31, 25–56.

Bybee, J. (1988) "Morphology as lexical organization," in M. Hammond and M. Noonan (eds.), *Theoretical Morphology. Approaches in Modern Linguistics*, New York: Academic Press, 119–141.

Carstairs-McCarthy, A. (1994) "Inflection classes, gender, and the principle of contrast," *Language* 70, 737–788.

——— (2001) "Grammatically conditioned allomorphy, paradigmatic structure, and the ancestry constraint," *Transactions of the Philological Society* 99, 223–245.

Maiden, M. (2004) "Morphological autonomy and diachrony," *Yearbook of Morphology* , 137–175.

Robins, R. (2001) "In defence of WP [= reprint from 1959]," *Transactions of the Philological Society* 99, 116–144.

Spencer, A. (2001) "The paradigm-based model of morphosyntax," *Transactions of the Philological Society* 99, 279–313.