

Derivational Constancy Stage

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Assimilated Prefixes

Assimilation with base words				
Sort # 1	<i>in</i> "not"			
	<i>in</i> + base	<i>il</i> + <i>l</i> -base		
	in + correct = incorrect	in + legal = illegal		
	in + numerable = innumerable			
	<i>im</i> + <i>m</i> -base	<i>ir</i> + <i>r</i> -base		
	in + mortal = immortal	in + relevant = irrelevant		
Assimilation with base words				
Sort # 2	<i>ad</i> "to, toward"	<i>com</i> "with, together"	<i>sub</i> "under, lower"	
	<i>ad</i>	<i>com</i>	<i>sub</i>	
	<i>ad</i> join	<i>com</i> passion	<i>sub</i> conscious	
	<i>account</i>	<i>col</i> league	<i>suffix</i>	
	<i>aff</i> ix	<i>com</i> note	<i>sup</i> press	
	<i>appro</i> ve	<i>cor</i> respond	<i>sur</i> round	
Assimilation with base words				
Sort # 3	<i>dis</i> "opposite of, apart"	<i>ex</i> "out, from"	<i>ob</i> "to, toward, against"	
	<i>dis</i>	<i>ex</i>	<i>ob</i>	
	<i>dis</i> advantage	<i>exter</i> minate	<i>ob</i> noxious	
	<i>diss</i> atisfy	<i>eff</i> use	<i>off</i> end	
	<i>diff</i> use		<i>opp</i> osition	
Assimilation with roots : <i>ad</i> , <i>com</i> , <i>in</i>				
Sort # 4	<i>ad</i>	<i>com</i>	<i>in</i>	
	<i>ad</i> hesive	<i>com</i> panion	<i>inc</i> ubate	
	<i>add</i> ict	<i>comm</i> emorate	<i>imate</i>	
	<i>accept</i>	<i>coll</i> ision	<i>il</i> luminate	
	<i>aff</i> able	<i>corr</i> uption	<i>immer</i> se	
	<i>app</i> rehend	<i>conn</i> ection	<i>irrig</i> ation	
Assimilation with roots: <i>dis</i> , <i>ex</i> , <i>sub</i> , <i>ob</i>				
Sort # 5	<i>dis</i>	<i>ex</i>	<i>sub</i>	<i>ob</i>
	disdain	excavate	subjugate	obstruct
	disseminate	efficient	succinct	occasion
	difference	eccentric	suffocate	offensive
			suggestion	opportunity

* A study of Greek/Latin roots will begin at the middle level.

If needed, refer to *Word Journeys*, pp. 181-184 for additional support.

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Word Study Sort # 3

(3.1 – 3.3)

Suggested Demonstration:

ASSIMILATED (ABSORBED) PREFIXES

Assimilation with Base Words

dis "opposite of, apart"

dis

*dis*advantage

*diss*atisfy

*diff*use

ex "out, from"

ex

*exter*minate

*eff*use

ob "to, toward, against"

ob

*ob*noxious

*off*end

*op*position

This sort contains words with assimilated prefixes. The prefix *dis-* can be assimilated to form *dif-*. These prefixes mean "opposite of, apart." Ask students to identify the meanings of words located in each sort. Students should conclude that the prefix *dis-* means "opposite of, apart" and that this prefix can come in other forms such as *dif-*. Teach students that the final letter of the prefix *dis-* is assimilated, or absorbed, into the base or root that follows it, resulting in a double consonant (*dis* + *fuse* = *diffuse*). This is true when the base word begins with the consonant letters *f*. The final letter of the prefix *ex-* can be assimilated to form *ef-* and *ec-*. These prefixes all mean "out, from." The final letter of the prefix *ob-* can be assimilated to form *oc-*, *of-*, and *op-*. These prefixes mean "to, toward, against."

3.1 – Easiest list (Recommended for intermediate)

3.2-- Average list (Recommended for late intermediate)

3.3-- Challenge list (Recommended for advanced intermediate or middle)

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Key Points:

- The prefixes *dis-* and *dif-* both mean “opposite of, attract.”
- The final letter of the prefix *dis-* is assimilated, or absorbed, into the base or root that follows it, resulting in a double consonant (dis + fuse = diffuse). This is true when the base word begins with the consonant letter *f*.
- The prefixes *ex-*, *ef-*, and *ec-* all mean “out, from.”
- The final letter of the prefix *ex-* is assimilated, or absorbed, into the base or root that follows it, resulting in a double consonant (com + relate = correlate). This is true when the base word begins with the consonant letters *f* and *c*.
- The prefixes *ob-*, *of-*, *op-*, and *oc-* all mean “to, toward, against.”
- The final letter of the prefix *ob-* is assimilated, or absorbed, into the base or root that follows it, resulting in a double consonant. This is true when the base word begins with the consonant letters *c*, *f*, and *p*.

Link to Assessment:

- Take Home Word List
- Word Study Games and Activities

disadvantage	distrust	exchange
obnoxious	dissatisfy	disprove
displease	effuse	exclaim
export	offend	opposition
dislike	disapprove	oblong
disinfect	oppose	
disagree		diffuse
	dislodge	

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opposition

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opposition	offend	oppress
dismount	dislodge	oblong
discomfort		disagreeable
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excommunicate	disappear	exclaim
disinfect	diffuse	
	disqualify	

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efflorescent	effuse	diffusion
diffraction	dissatisfied	opposition
disproportion	disorganize	disadvantage
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