

Derivational Constancy Stage

Feature T

Assimilated Prefixes

Assimilation with base words				
Sort # 1	<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 # 5

(5.1 – 5.3)

Suggested Demonstration:

ASSIMILATED (ABSORBED) PREFIXES

Assimilation with Roots

dis, ex, sub, ob

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This sort contains words with assimilated prefixes. The prefixes *dis-*, *ex-*, *sub-* and *ob-* are included. Introduce the sort by having students examine words containing a form of the prefix *ob-*. They are likely to notice that some have a double consonant and some do not and that all of the words start with the letter *o*. Due to its disguise, students may not realize that the prefix *ob-* is in all of the words. Suggest thinking about the meaning of the words to have students discover that they all have a meaning connection (in this case "toward, against"). Because speech tended to blend the last letter of the prefix in some words with the beginning of the base or root, the spelling eventually changed to match the way people pronounced the word. Repeat this process introducing the words containing a form of the prefixes *dis-*, *sub-* and *ex-*.

4.1 – Easiest list (Recommended for intermediate)

4.2-- Average list (Recommended for late intermediate)

4.3-- 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. 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*.
- The prefixes *sub-*, *suc-*, *suf-*, *sup-*, and *sur-* all mean “under, lower.”
- The final letter of the prefix *sub-* 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*, *p*, and *r*.

Link to Assessment:

- Take Home Word List
- Word Study Games and Activities

(Feature T) Sort # 5.1

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disdain	suffice	success
difficult	different	excerpt
subsequent	suggestion	expand
effect	opposite	opponent
offer	effigy	eccentric
obstruct	occur	occupy
occasion	opportunity	
	suffocate	oblige

Dear Family,

Your child is studying the following words as part of a word study program. Please help your child practice the words listed below.

Assimilation with Roots

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dis-, *dif-*

ex "out, from"

ex-, *ef-*, *ec-*

ob "toward, against"

ob-, *oc-*, *of-*, *op-*

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discern	different	suggestion
sufficient	suffocate	difficulty
excavate	efficient	succinct
suffice	effectual	opposite
opportunity	subsequent	offensive
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suggestion

disseminate	opportunity	succumb
difference	suggestion	suffocate
subpoena	differentiate	expansion
offering	oblige	occupancy
eccentricity	efficacious	opprobrium
subjugate	occlusion	occurrence
discern	obstruct	
		occurring

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