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## Lesson One Review of Elements: Prefixes, Bases, and Suffixes

1 **Elements** are the smallest parts that add meaning to written words. For instance, *repainted* contains three elements: *re+paint+ed*. The element *re-* at the front of the word adds the meaning "again." The element *-ed* at the end of the word adds the meaning "in the past" or "action completed." The element *paint* in the middle of the word gives the word its basic meaning, "paint."

Elements like *re-* at the front of words are called **prefixes**. Elements like *-ed* at the end of words are called **suffixes**. And elements like *paint* that give the word its basic meaning are called **bases**.

Bases like *paint* that can stand free as separate words are called **free bases**. But many bases cannot stand free as words – for instance, the base *cept* occurs in words like *reception, perception, concept, intercept*, and *accept*, but we do not have a word spelled <cept>, so *cept* is not a free base. Bases like *cept* that cannot stand free as separate words are called **bound bases**.

2 Each of the following words contains three elements – a prefix up front, a free base in the middle, and a suffix at the end. Analyze each word into its three elements as we have done with *repainted*:

Word	= [	Prefix	+ F	ree Base	+ Suffix
repainted	=	re	+	paint	+ ed
unlucky	=	un	+	luck	+ <i>y</i>
informer	=	in	+	form	+ er
overcooked	=	over	+	cook	+ ed
restriction	=	re	+	strict	+ ion
preschooler	=	pre	+	school	+ er
undoubted	=	un	+	doubt	+ ed
disclaimer	=	dis	+	claim	+ er
exactness	=	ex	+	act	+ ness
mistakes	=	mis	+	take	+ s
requested	=	re	+	quest	+ ed
misjudges	=	mis	+	judge	+ s

All of the words you just analyzed contained **free bases** that could stand alone as separate words. But there are many bases that cannot stand alone as separate words. Before these **bound bases** can stand free as words, they must have other elements added to them. Each of the following words contains a prefix, a bound base, and a suffix. Analyze each word into its three elements as we have done with *addiction*:

Word	=	Prefix	+ Fre	e Base	+ Suffix
addiction	=	ad	+	dict	+ ion
abruptly	=	ab	+	rupt	+ ly
products	=	pro	+	duct	+ s
instructor	=	in	+	struct	+ or
completeness	=	com	+	plete	+ ness
compliment	=	com	+	pli	+ ment
reception	=	re	+	cept	+ ion
perfected	=	per	+	fect	+ ed
recruiter	=	re	+	cruit	+ er
commits	=	com	+	mit	+ s
repeating	=	re	+	peat	+ ing
exceeded	=	ex	+	ceed	+ ed

- 4 a. The smallest parts that add meaning to written words are called <u>elements</u>.
  - b. Elements that are added to the front of words are called *prefixes*
  - c. Elements that are added to the end of words are called *suffixes*
  - d. Elements that give the basic meaning to words are called <u>bases</u>
  - e. Bases that can stand free as words are called <u>free bases</u>.
  - f. Bases that cannot stand free as words are called <u>bound bases</u>.

Item 1. Elements, free bases, and suffixes are introduced in Book 1, Lesson 28. Prefixes are introduced in Book 2, Lesson 40. Bound bases are introduced Book 3, Lesson 43.

Item 3. The bound base *pli* in *compliment* is related to the base *ply* in *comply*. It carries the root meaning "fill."

## Lesson Two Review of Stems and Simple Addition

If we start with the word *repainted* and take away the prefix *re*-, we have the base and suffix left, *painted*. But if we start with the word *repainted* and take away the suffix *-ed*, we have the prefix and base left, *repaint*. In either case, the part that we have left after we take away the prefix or suffix is called the **stem**. The **stem** is whatever we have left when we take away prefixes or suffixes. Notice that what the stem is in a word depends on what we are taking away from the word.

A stem always has to contain at least one base. It may or may not contain prefixes or suffixes, but it always must contain a base. A **free stem** can stand free as a separate word; a **bound stem** cannot.

We also use the word *stem* to refer to the base plus any other elements to which we are going to add a prefix or a suffix. So if we wanted to add the meaning "in the past" to the verb *repaint*, we could add the suffix *-ed* to the stem *repaint*. And if we wanted to add the meaning "again" to the verb *painted*, we could add the prefix *re-* to the stem *painted*.

Analyze each of the following words into prefix or suffix and stem as directed in the Formula column. Some of the stems will be free and some will be bound:

Word	Formula	Analysis
disclaimer	Prefix+stem	dis+claimer
disclaimer	Stem+suffix	disclaim+er
instructor	Prefix+stem	in+structor
instructor	Stem+suffix	instruct+or
reduction	Prefix+stem	re+duction
reduction	Stem+suffix	reduct+ion
uncooked	Prefix+stem	un+cooked
uncooked	Stem+suffix	uncook+ed
perfected	Prefix+stem	per+fected
perfected	Stem+suffix	perfect+ed
preschooler	Prefix+stem	pre+schooler
preschooler	Stem+suffix	preschool+er

3 Usually when elements combine to make new words, they simply add together, with no change in spelling. This process is called **simple addition**, and the Rule of Simple Addition is the biggest, simplest, and most important spelling rule:

The Rule of Simple Addition. Unless you know some special reason for making a change, when you add two elements together to spell a word, simply add them together and don't make any changes in their spelling.

4 Below you are given some elements – prefixes, bases (both free ones and bound ones), and suffixes. Combine them to make words. They all combine by simple addition:

Elements	= Word
dis+claim+er	= disclaimer
ab+rupt+ly	= abruptly
phys+ic+s	= physics
re+cept+acle+s	= receptacles
intro+duct+ion+s	= introductions
re+cept+ion+ist	= receptionist
sub+ject+ive+ly	= subjectively
re+com+mend+er	= recommender
un+doubt+ed+ly	= undoubtedly
per+fect+ion+ist+s	= perfectionists
in+ex+act+ly	= inexactly
pro+duct+ion	= production

5 Usually when elements combine to make words, they go together by <u>simple</u>

<u>addition</u>. A stem always contains at least one <u>base</u>. Two things that can be either free or bound are <u>bases</u> and <u>stems</u>.

#### **Teaching Notes.**

Item 1. Stems and free stems are introduced in Book 3, Lesson 5, bound stems in Book 3, Lesson 43.

## Lesson Three Review of Twinning

1 The Rule of Simple Addition says that elements combine without change unless you know some special reason for making a change. One special reason is **twinning**:

**Twinning Rule.** You twin the final consonant of a free stem that has one vowel sound in it when you add a suffix that starts with a vowel and the stem ends in the pattern CVC. You twin the final consonant of a free stem that has more than one vowel sound in it when you add a suffix that starts with a vowel and the stem ends CVC only when there is stress on the last vowel of the stem before and after the suffix is added:

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twin + ing = twin + n + ing = twinning

occur + ence = occur + r + ence = occurrence
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2 Analyze each of the following words into free stem plus suffix. Show any cases of twinning in your analysis. Then answer the questions in the columns on the right. Assume that in any free stems that have only one vowel sound, that vowel is stressed:

Word	= Free Stem + Suffix	Does the suffix start with a vowel?	Does the stem end in the pattern CVC?	Is there stress on the last vowel in the stem before you add the suffix?	Does the stress stay on the last vowel of the stem after you add the suffix?
twinning	= twin + n + ing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
occurrence	= occur+r+ence	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
kidnapper	= kidnap+p+er	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
lucky	= luck+y	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
committed	= commit+t+ed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
symbolic	= symbol+ic	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
commitment	= commit+ment	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
displayed	= display+ed	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
limiting	= limit+ing	Yes	Yes	No	No
exceeding	= exceed+ing	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

Word	= Free Stem + Suffix	Does the suffix start with a vowel?	Does the stem end in the pattern CVC?	Is there stress on the last vowel in the stem before you add the suffix?	Does the stress stay on the last vowel of the stem after you add the suffix?
cooking	= cook+ing	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
repellant	= repel+l+ant	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
compelling	= compel+l+ing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
logical	= logic+al	Yes	Yes	No	No
informer	= inform+er	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
submits	= submit+s	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
exacting	= exact+ing	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
recruiter	= recruit+er	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

3 Look over the results of your work. You should find that for each word in which twinning occurred you have "Yes" in all four columns on the right. You should also find that for each word in which twinning did not occur you have at least one "No" in the columns on the right. If things did not work out that way, check over your work. If you get stuck, don't be afraid to ask for some help.

Twinning Rule. You twin the final consonant of a free stem that has one vowel sound in it when you add a <u>suffix</u> that starts with a <u>vowel</u> and the stem ends in the pattern <u>CVC</u>. You twin the final consonant of a free stem that has more than one <u>vowel sound</u> in it when you add a <u>suffix</u> that starts with a <u>vowel</u> and the stem ends in the pattern <u>CVC</u> only when there is stress on the last <u>vowel</u> of the stem before and after the suffix is added.

4 Combine the following free stems and suffixes. Show any cases of twinning:

Free stem + Suffix	x = Word
commit + t + ee	= committee
complex + ity	= complexity
remark +able	= remarkable
logic + ian	= logician
symbol + ism	= symbolism
occur+r + ence	= occurrence
refer + ence	= reference
recruit + ing	= recruiting
repel+/ + ing	= repelling
overlook + ed	= overlooked
republic + an	= republican
reveal + ing	= revealing
compel+/ + ing	= compelling
resubmit+t + ed	= resubmitted
kidnap+p + ing	= kidnapping

#### **Teaching Notes.**

Item 1. The treatment of twinning is quite abbreviated here. For a more detailed and extended introduction to twinning, see Book 1, Lessons 34-37 (for twinning in stems with a single vowel sound) and Book 3, Lessons 45-47 (for twinning in stems with two or more vowel sounds). For more on twinning see *AES*, pp. 161-76.

Item 4. Re: *complexity*. Since final <x> always spells the complex sounds [ks], free stems that end in <x>, even though in terms of letters they seem to end CVC, in terms of sounds they end CVCC and thus do not twin. We never twin the letter <x>.

### Lesson Four Review of Final <e> Deletion

1 Another change that can occur when elements combine involves silent final <e>. Usually when we add a suffix that starts with a vowel to a free stem that ends with a silent final <e>, we delete the final <e>: delete + ion = deleté + ion = deletion. If we did not delete the final <e>, we would end up with the incorrect spelling \*deleteion.

**Final <e> Deletion Rule**. You delete a silent final <e> that marks a soft <c> or soft <g> when you add a suffix that starts with an <e>, <i>, or <y>. Except for a few stems that end in <oe> or <ee>, you delete all other silent final <e>'s anytime you add a suffix that starts with any vowel.

2 Combine the stems and suffixes. Make sure that your description of the process shows any final <e> deletion that occurs:

Free Stem + Suffix	Process	Word
delete + ion	deleté + ion	deletion
complete + ion	completé+ion	completion
accommodate + ion	accommodaté+ion	accommodation
observe + er	observé+er	observer
collapse + ed	collapsé+ed	collapsed
advantage + ous	advantage+ous	advantageous
sacrifice + ing	sacrific <b>é</b> +ing	sacrificing
agree + able	agree+able	agreeable
illuminate + ed	illuminaté+ed	illumninated
assimilate + ion	assimilat <b>é</b> +ion	assimilation
canoe + ing	canoe+ing	canoeing
agree + ed	agre <b>∉</b> +ed	agreed

3 Analyze each word into a free stem plus suffix. Show any final <e> deletion that occurred when the stem and suffix combined. Answer "Yes" or "No" in the right hand column:

Word	Free stem + suffix	Was there final <e> deletion?</e>
assurance	assuré + ance	Yes
accumulating	accumulaté+ing	Yes
horseshoer	horseshoé+er	Yes
alleged	alleg <b>∉</b> +ed	Yes
courageous	courage+ous	No
admirable	admiré+able	Yes
mistaking	mistaké+ing	Yes
peaceable	peace+able	No
education	educat <b>é</b> +ion	Yes
observer	observé+er	Yes
squeezing	squeez <b>é</b> +ing	Yes
judgement	judge+ment	No

4	Final <e> Deletion</e>	n Rule. Yo	u delete a silent fina	l <e> that mark</e>	s a soft <c> or soft</c>
<g< th=""><th>&gt; only when you ad</th><th>d a suffix t</th><th>hat starts with an <u>&lt;</u></th><th><u>e&gt; , <i> ,</i></u> or</th><th><y> Except for</y></th></g<>	> only when you ad	d a suffix t	hat starts with an <u>&lt;</u>	<u>e&gt; , <i> ,</i></u> or	<y> Except for</y>
a t	few stems that end i	n <u><ee></ee></u>	or <u><oe></oe></u> , you delet	e all other siler	nt final <e>'s</e>
an	ytime you add a	suffix	that starts with any	vowel .	

Item 1. Final <e> deletion is discussed in detail in Book 2, Lessons 20-21; Book 3, Lessons 32, 35, 39, 41; Book 4, Lesson 19. Deleting final <e> in stems that end in <ee> and <oe> is discussed in Book 6, Lessons 1-3.

Item 3. There are two accepted spellings *judgment* and *judgement*, of which the former is the more common. However, since the suffix does not start with a vowel, there is no motivation for deleting the final <e>. The Principle of Preferred Regularity encourages us to prefer the spelling that fits the relevant rules or patterns, so we prefer the spelling *judgement*. For more on the Principle of Preferred Regularity, see *AES*, pp. 25-26.

### Lesson Five Review of Assimilation

1 Three important rules that govern the way elements combine to spell words are the Rule of Simple Addition, the Twinning Rule, and the Final <e> Deletion Rule. A fourth important rule governs the changes that occur in the final consonants of some prefixes when they are added to certain stems. The consonants change their sound and spelling to be more like, or similar to, the first sound and letter in the stem. When sounds and letters change this way to be more similar to a sound or letter near them, the process is called **assimilation**.

For instance, the word assimilate actually contains an assimilated spelling of the prefix ad-: ad + similate = ad + s + similate = assimilate. The sound [d] and the letter <d> in ad- change to [s] and <s> to be more similar to – or in this case, exactly the same as – the first sound and letter in the stem similate.

2 All of the following words start with some form of the prefix *ad*-. Sometimes the prefix assimilated when it combined with the stem; sometimes it combined by simple addition. Analyze each word into its prefix and stem. Be sure that your analysis shows any assimilation that took place when the prefix and stem combined.

Word	Prefix + Stem	
assimilate	ad + s + similate	
accelerate	aø+c+celerat	
affectionate	ad+f+fectionate	
admirable	ad+mirable	
allegation	a <b>d</b> +l+legation	
addicted	ad+dicted	
approximately	a <b>d</b> +p+proximately	
advisor	ad+visor	
assurance	ad+s+surance	
accumulate	a <b>d</b> +c+cumulate	
advantage	ad+vantage	
adult	ad+ult	
applause	aø+p+plause	

Word	Prefix + Stem	
advancing	ad+vancing	
accomplish	a <b>d</b> +c+complish	

3 Other prefixes that often assimilate the way *ad*- does are *sub*-, *in*-, *ob*-, *com*-, and *ex*-. Each one of the following words starts with one of these five prefixes. Sometimes they have assimilated, and sometimes they have combined by simple addition. Analyze each word into its prefix and stem. Be sure that your analysis shows any assimilation that has taken place:

Word	Prefix + Stem
accomplished	ad +c+complish
collapse	com+l+lapse
corruption	corh+r+ruption
compliment	com+pliment
incredible	in+credible
exclusively	ex+clusively
effortless	ex+f+fortless
immigrant	iท+m+migrant
observance	observé+ance
illuminate	iท+l+luminate
opportunity	ob+p+portunity
offensive	ob+f+fensive
irregular	iń+r+regular
effectively	ex+f+fectively
occurred	ob+c+curred

4 When the last consonant in a prefix changes its sound and spelling to be more similar to the sound and spelling at the beginning of the stem, the process is called assimilation .

Item 1. Assimilation is treated in more detail in the following lessons: Book 4, Lessons 12-14 (especially the prefix *ad-*); Book 4, Lesson 23 (especially 'tt' spellings); Book 4, Lessons 34-38 (especially *sub-*, *in*<sup>1,2</sup>, and *ob-*); Book 5, Lesson 3 (a review); Book 5, Lessons 4-6 (especially *com-*); Book 5, Lessons 11-13 (especially *ex-*); Book 6, Lesson 13 (especially 'rr' spellings); Book 6, Lessons 36-38 (especially *dis-* and *syn-*).

## Lesson Six Full and Partial Assimilation

- 1 When the consonant sound and letter at the end of the prefix change to be exactly the same as the sound and letter at the beginning of the stem, the process is called **full assimilation**. In many words the consonant sound and letter in the prefix change enough to be more similar to the sound and letter at the beginning of the stem but not exactly like it. This process is called **partial assimilation**. For instance, com + crete = com + n + crete = concrete. Like full assimilation, partial assimilation makes the word easier to pronounce.
- 2 All of the following words contain the prefix *com*-. Sometimes the prefix and stem combined by simple addition, sometimes by full assimilation, sometimes by partial assimilation. Analyze each one to show the process involved when the prefix and stem combined:

Word	Prefix + Stem
college	com/ + l + lege
conscious	com + n + scious
commentary	com + mentary
congress	com/ + n + gress
collapsed	com + I + lapsed
confession	con/n + n + fession
correctly	com + r + rectly
contracts	com/ + n + tracts
companion	com + panion
correspondent	conh + r + respondent
community	com + munity
condemned	com/ + n + demned
complexion	com + plexion
conscience	com/ + n + science
commission	com + mission
conventional	com/ + n + ventional

Word	Prefix + Stem
consistent	con/n + n + sistent
committee	com + mittee
compelling	com + pelling
collected	com/ + I + lected

2 The following words contain some special cases of partial assimilation. Analyze each one as best you can and be ready to talk about why you think these words are spelled the way they are:

Acquaintance, acquire, acquiesce, and acquit contain a partially assimilated form of the prefix ad- and stems that star with <qu>. Analyze them:

Word	Prefix + Stem
acquaintance	ad + c + quaintance
acquire	ad + c + quire
acquiesce	aø + c + quiesce
acquit	aø + c + quit

3 *Ecstasy* contains a partially assimilated form of the prefix *ex*- and a stem that starts with <s>:

Word	Prefix + Stem
ecstasy	ex + c + stasy

4 When the last consonant in a prefixes changes to be exactly like the first consonant in the stem, the process is called <u>full assimilation</u>. When the last consonant in a prefix changes to be more like, but not exactly like, the first consonant in the stem, the process is called <u>partial assimilation</u>.

Item 1. The increased ease of pronunciation has to do essentially with the position in the mouth in which adjacent sounds are pronounced: The [m] in *com*- is a bilabial sound, pronounced out at the lips. The [k] at the front of *crete* is a velar sound, pronounced back deep in the mouth, at the velum. From the lips to the velum is a long movement. By changing the [m] to an [n], which is an alveolar sound, pronounced with the tongue against the back of the tooth ridge, the movement is shortened and pronunciation eased.

Item 2. The discussion should bear on how [dk] would be a difficult sequence, but <qq> is not allowed in our language, so we use hard <c>, spelling the same [k] as does <q>. Another way of saying it is that <cq> is a kind of double-<q>. The base in acquaint is quaint which is a Middle English respelling of an Old French that came from Latin and carries the root meaning "know." Acquaint comes from the same Latin word that gave us recognize and cognitive. The development of senses in quaint is a tangled and somewhat obscure story, told well in the OED.

The base *quire* in *acquire* comes from a Latin word that meant "to seek, to seek to obtain, to make inquiry about" and also gave us the words *query* and *question*. The base in *acquiesce* is *qui*, which carries the root meaning "quiet" and is closely related to *quiescent* and *quiet*. The base of *acquit* is the free base *quit* and carries the root meaning "free, clear."

Item 3. The base of *ecstasy* is *stas* "to place, to cause to stand." The prefix *ex*-, of course, means "out." So the sense of *ecstasy* is close to our phrases like "out of his mind" or an "out of body experience." *Ecstasy* comes from a Greek word that meant "trance, distaction."

## Lesson Seven Review of Vowel and Consonant Patterns

1 In each of the following words find the vowel letter marked with a 'v'. Then mark the next two letters – 'v' for a vowel, 'c' for a consonant. If you come to the end of the word before you have marked all three letters, use the tic-tac-toe sign (#) to mark the end of the word:

confession	accommodate	judgement	illuminate
VCC	VCV	VCC	VCV
ecstasy	disagree	courageous	excelling
VCC	vv#	VCV	VCC
legal	mystical	republican	calculator
VCV	VCC	VCC	VCV
consistent	collapsing	symbol	equip
VCC	VCC	VCC	vc#
rhythmic	zodiac	acquired	acquiesce
VCC	VCV	VCV	VCC
tissue	canoe	picnic	maniac
VCC	vv#	vc#	vc#

In the words with the pattern VV# the second vowel is always the same letter. What letter is it? \_\_\_\_\_\_. For that reason we will call this the Ve# pattern.

2 Now sort the twenty-four words into the following matrix:

		Words with t	he pattern	
	VCC	VC#	VCV	Ve#
Words in which the marked vowel is short	confession judgement ecstasy excelling mystical republican consistent collapsing symbol rhythmic acquiesce tissue	equip picnic maniac		
Words in which the marked vowel is long			accommodate illuminate courageous legal calculator zodiac acquired	disagree canoe

3	A vowe	el sound	will usua	ally be sl	short if it is the first vowel in the patterns <u>VCC</u>
	1.00	,	•		
or	VC#	<u>:                                    </u>	A vowe	sound	will usually be long if it is the first vowel in the
ра	tterns _	VCV	or _	Ve#	

4 Each of the following words contains two vowel letters side by side. Sometimes the two work together to spell a single vowel sound – as in *play* and *gauze*. Sometimes they spell two separate vowel sounds – as in *diet* and *fluid*.

Put a '1' after words in which the two vowel letters spell a single sound and a '2' after those in which they spell two separate sounds.

recruit	1	peaceful	1	defiant	2	poetry	2
society	2	obedience	2	acquiesce	2	realize	2

recruit	1	peaceful	1	defiant	2	poetry	2
entertain	1	acquaint	1	displayed	1	friendly	1
celestial	1	scientist	2	burial	2	suicide	2
annual	2	violence	2	idea	2	undoubted	1

5 Sort the twenty words into these two groups:

Words in which the two vowel letters spell . . .

Torus in which the two vower letters spen					
two separate	two separate vowel sounds				
society	acquiesce	recruit			
annual	burial	entertain			
obedience	idea	celestial			
scientist	poetry	peaceful			
violence	realize	acquaint			
defiant	suicide	displayed			
		friendly			
		undoubted			

6	In those words in which the two v	owel letters	spell two	separate	vowel	sounds,	is the
firs	st vowel sound long or is it short?	long					

7	V.V. Rul	<b>e</b> . When	two	vowel	soun	ds are	side	by side	e and	spell	two	separa	te s	ound	3,
th	e first lette	er will sp	ell a	lon	<u>g</u>	vowel	sound								

The period in "V.V" is to remind us that there are two separate vowel sounds there.

- Item 1. The Ve# pattern is introduced in Book 3, Lesson 16.
- Item 2. The VCC and VCV contrast is introduced in Book 1, Lesson 24. The CVC# pattern is introduced in Book 1, Lesson 26.
- Item 4. Concerning *celestial*: *Webster's 3<sup>rd</sup> Unabridged* shows the minor pronunciation [səlestēəl] with two rather than one vowel sounds spelled by <ia>>, but most dictionaries show only [səleschəl], which is the one assumed in this table.
- Item 5. The V.V pattern is introduced in Book 5, Lesson 7.

## Lesson Eight Test One

Words	Analysis
1. compelling	Prefix + bound base + suffix = <u>com + pel + l + ing</u>
2. disclaimer	Prefix + free base + suffix = <u>dis + claim + er</u>
3. displayed	Prefix + bound base + suffix = dis + play + ed
4. instructor	Prefix + bound base + suffix =  in + struct + or
5. overcooked	Free base + free base + suffix = <u>over + cook + ed</u>
6. perfectly	Prefix + bound base + suffix = per + fect + ly
7. preschooler	Prefix + free base + suffix <sup>1</sup> + suffix <sup>2</sup> = <u>pre + school + er + s</u>
8. recruitment	Prefix + bound base + suffix = re + cruit + ment
9. reduction	Prefix + free base + suffix = <u>re + duct + ion</u>
10. <i>undoubted</i> ly	Prefix + free base + suffix <sup>1</sup> + suffix <sup>2</sup> = <u>un + doubt + ed + ly</u>

**Teaching Notes.** Re: *displayed*.: The bound base *play*<sup>1</sup> is a homophone and homograph with the free base *play*<sup>2</sup>, as in "to play the game." Other than their spelling and pronunciation, the two words are not related: The bound base *play*<sup>1</sup> comes from a Latin word meaning "to fold" which also is the source of the bases in such words as *apply, complicate, employ, explicate. Play*<sup>2</sup> is from an Old English word that meant pretty much what *play* means today.

Re: reduction. The base is the free base duct, as in "air duct." It carries the root meaning "lead, direct" and is closely related to the bound base duce (produce, introduce, educate).

### Lesson Nine How Do You Spell [k]?

1 The sound [k] is spelled many different ways. Underline the letters that you think are spelling [k] in the following words. Then write the letters that spell [k] in the blanks. You should find that [k] is spelled eleven different ways!

Word	[k] =	Word	[k] =
zodia <u>c</u>	<c></c>	a <u>cq</u> uired	<cq></cq>
remar <u>k</u> able	<k></k>	<u>kh</u> an	<kh></kh>
e <u>q</u> ually	<q></q>	sa <u>cch</u> arine	<cch></cch>
ho <u>ck</u> ey	<ck></ck>	boo <u>kc</u> ase	<kc></kc>
s <u>ch</u> emer	<ch></ch>	tre <u>kk</u> ie	<kk></kk>
a <u>cc</u> ommodations	<cc></cc>		

2 In spite of all these different spellings of [k], more than nine times out of ten [k] will be spelled either <c>, <k>, or <ck>. And we can usually predict which of these three spellings to choose. Underline the letters that spell [k] at the beginning of each of the following words:

<u>c</u> ounterfeit	<u>k</u> itchen	<u>c</u> rime	<u>c</u> ommunity
<u>c</u> areer	<u>c</u> avity	<u>k</u> indly	<u>c</u> limate
<u>c</u> ondemn	<u>c</u> ampaign	<u>c</u> ongress	<u>c</u> apital
<u>k</u> ey	<u>c</u> limate	<u>k</u> ettle	<u>c</u> onscience

3 Sort the sixteen words into these two groups:

Words in which [k] is spelled . . .

<k></k>	<(	>
k <u>e</u> y	c <u>o</u> unterfeit	c <u>r</u> ime
k <u>i</u> tchen	c <u>a</u> reer	c <u>o</u> ngress

<k></k>	<(	>
k <u>i</u> ndly	c <u>o</u> ndemn	c <u>o</u> mmunity
k <u>e</u> ttle	c <u>a</u> vity	c <u>l</u> imate
	c <u>a</u> mpaign	c <u>a</u> pital
	c <u>l</u> imate	c <u>o</u> nscience

4 Underline the letter that comes right after the <c> or <k> in each of the sixteen words above. Then sort the words into this matrix:

Words in which [k] is spelled . . .

words in which [k] is spelled						
		<c></c>	<k></k>			
Words with an <i>or <e> right after the [k]</e></i>			key kitchen kindly kettle			
Words with no <i>or <e> right after the [k]</e></i>	counterfeit career condemn cavity campaign climate	crime congress community climate capital conscience				

5	In each of these word	ds is there a [k] sound at the	he beginning of the word, in	the
mi	ddle, or at the end? _	At the beginning		

6 You should have seen that each time a word starts with [k] with an <i> or <e> right</e></i>
after it, the [k] is spelled <k>. Otherwise, [k] at the beginning of a word is spelled <c>.</c></k>
Have you ever seen a word begin with <ck>? <u>No</u> If you saw one, like maybe</ck>
<ckurp>, wouldn't it look odd? <u>Yes</u></ckurp>
7 At the beginning of a word, [k] is never spelled $\underline{\langle ck \rangle}$ ; it is usually spelled $\underline{\langle c \rangle}$ or
_ <k> If the [k] has an <i> or an <e> right after it, it is usually spelled _<k>_;</k></e></i></k>
otherwise, it is usually spelled $\underline{}$ .

Item 7. The *usually's* in this conclusion are important in two ways:

- 1. As the students have already seen, [k] can be spelled several different ways, and this conclusion only speaks of those words that have an initial [k] that is spelled either <c> or <k>. It says nothing yet about words like *queen* or *chrome*, in which initial [k] is spelled some way other than <c> or <k>. This lesson and the following are concerned only with sorting out <c>, <k>, and <ck>, which are far and away the most common spellings of [k].
- 2. There are a number of words, though very few that are commonly used, that have initial [k] spelled <k> with something other than the <e>, <i>, or <y> following that the conclusion calls for. In most cases they are quite recent adoptions that still reflect the spelling patterns of their source languages: kangaroo (Australian), kayak (Eskimo), kona (Hawaiian). Some are from Greek and still have the Greek kappa translated as <k>: kaleidoscope, krypton. Kleptomania, also Greek, has the more regular spelling cleptomania. Krypton has the same Greek base as cryptic and crypt but retains the older spelling with <k>, probably because it is used only in technical language (and, of course, Superman), and technical language tends to be conservative in its treatment of words and their spelling. Kaleidoscope is somewhat similar: The Greek base kal(l)-means "beautiful" and is appears, with a different, and more regular, spelling, in such words as calligraphy and callisthenics.

For more on the spelling of [k], see AES, pp. 355-72.

# Lesson Ten Spelling [k] at the End of Words

1 All of the following words end in the sound [k]. Underline the letters that spell the final [k] in each word. Final <e>'s are not part of the spelling of [k]:

remar <u>k</u>	economi <u>c</u>	brea <u>k</u>	seismi <u>c</u>
wre <u>ck</u>	shrie <u>k</u>	o'clo <u>ck</u>	spe <u>ck</u>
mista <u>k</u> e	scientifi <u>c</u>	broo <u>k</u>	hoo <u>k</u>
stru <u>ck</u>	kno <u>ck</u>	rebu <u>k</u> e	provo <u>k</u> e
unmas <u>k</u>	overloo <u>k</u>	earthqua <u>k</u> e	shar <u>k</u>

2 Sort the twenty words into these three groups:

Words in which the final [k] is spelled . . .

<c></c>	<ck></ck>	<k></k>		
economic	wreck	remark	brook	
scientific	struck	mistake	rebuke	
seismic	knock	unmask	earthquake	
	o'clock	shriek	hook	
	speck	overlook	provoke	
		break	shark	

3 Now sort the twenty words into these two groups:

Words with a consonant sound right in front of the final [k]	Words with a vov	vel sound right in ne final [k]
remark	economic	shriek
unmask	scientific	overlook

Words with a consonant sound right in front of the final [k]	Words with a vov front of th	vel sound right in ne final [k]
shark	seismic	break
	wreck	brook
	struck	rebuke
	knock	earthquake
	o'clock	hook
	speck	provoke
	mistake	

4 Here are some words with short vowel sounds: *bat, bet, bit, bog, book, but.* And here are some with long vowel sounds: *bait, beet, bite, boat, boot, beaut.* Now sort into this matrix the seventeen words from Item 3 with a vowel sound in front of the final [k]:

Words in which the final [k] is spelled . . .

	<c> or <ck></ck></c>	<k></k>
Words with a short vowel sound spelled with a single letter in front of the [k]	wreck struck economic scientific knock o'clock seismic speck	
Words with a short vowel sound spelled with a digraph in front of the [k]		overlook brook hook

	<c> or <ck></ck></c>	<k></k>
Words with a long vowel sound in front of the [k]		mistake shriek rebuke break earthquake provoke

5 How is the final [k] spelled in the three words that have a consonant sound in front of it?  $\underline{\langle k \rangle}$  How is it spelled in the five words that have a long vowel in front of it?  $\underline{\langle k \rangle}$  How is it spelled in the three words that have a short vowel spelled with a digraph right in front of it?  $\underline{\langle k \rangle}$ 

6 At the end of a word, [k] will usually be spelled <k> if it has a <u>long</u> vowel or consonant sound or a short vowel sound spelled with a digraph right in front of it; but it will usually be spelled <u><ck></u> or <u><c></u> if it has a <u>short</u> vowel sound right in front of it spelled with a single vowel letter.

#### **Teaching Notes.**

Item 5. The statement that a final [k] preceded by a consonant is a good and strong one. But there are a few holdouts, usually new and quite rare: arc, disc (also disk), franc, narc (also nark), sync (also synch), talc, zinc

## Lesson Eleven Words That End in <c> and <ck>

1 Below are some words that end with the sound [k]. Underline the letters that spell the final [k] in each of them. Don't worry yet about the columns labeled 'Sounds':

Word	Sounds	Word	Sounds	Word	Sounds	Word	Sounds
poeti <u>c</u>	3	wre <u>ck</u>	1	specifi <u>c</u>	3	spe <u>ck</u>	1
stru <u>ck</u>	1	athleti <u>c</u>	3	elasti <u>c</u>	3	enthusiasti <u>c</u>	5
scientifi <u>c</u>	4	qui <u>ck</u>	1	zodia <u>c</u>	3	che <u>ck</u>	1
kno <u>ck</u>	1	si <u>ck</u>	1	economi <u>c</u>	4	sympatheti <u>c</u>	4
traffi <u>c</u>	2	seismi <u>c</u>	2	schlo <u>ck</u>	1	patrioti <u>c</u>	4

- 2 Now pronounce each word carefully. Listen for the number of vowel sounds in each word. In the 'Sounds' columns write that number. Eight of the words have one vowel sound. Two have two vowel sounds. Five have three vowel sounds. Four have four vowel sounds, and one has five.
- 3 Now sort the twenty words into this matrix:

Words with the final [k] spelled . . .

	<c></c>	<ck></ck>
Words with only one vowel sound		struck knock wreck quick sick schlock speck check

		<c></c>	<ck></ck>
Words with more than one vowel sound	poetic scientific traffic athletic reissue specific	elastic zodiac economic enthusiastic sympathetic patriotic	

- 4 If a word ends in [k] with a short vowel sound in front of it, the [k] will usually be spelled either  $\underline{<ck>}$  or  $\underline{<c>}$ . If the word has only one vowel sound, the [k] will usually be spelled  $\underline{<ck>}$ . If the word has more than one vowel sound, the [k] will usually be spelled  $\underline{<c>}$ .
- 5 The following words all contain two vowel sounds but still end in <ck>. Be ready to discuss why they can be analyzed to show that they actually do not contradict the conclusion that in words with only vowel sound final [k] will usually be spelled <ck>:

Word	Analysis
horseback	horse + back
aftershock	after + shock
o'clock	o' + clock
airsick	air + sick
thunderstruck	thunder + struck
yardstick	yard + stick

Item 4. There are *usually*'s in these statements because there are a very few holdouts to these generalizations: *attack*, for instance, and *tic, sic, sac.* 

Item 5. The discussion should point out that each of the long words in the table are compounds that end with a free stem that has one vowel sound and ends <ck>: back, shock, etc.

## Lesson Twelve Review of <c>, <k>, and <ck>

1 **Spelling A Final [k]**: These twenty words all end in the sound [k]. Sort them into the matrix:

zodiac	struck	hook	o'clock	sympathetic
provoke	shriek	picnic	school	unmask
shark	milk	rebuke	break	brook
remark	traffic	knock	seismic	enthusiastic

Words with final [k] spelled . . .

	<c></c>	<ck></ck>	<k></k>
Words with final [k] after a consonant			shark remark milk unmask
Words with final [k] after a long vowel			provoke shriek rebuke break
Words with final [k] after a short vowel spelled with a digraph			hook schnook brook
Words with final [k] after a short vowel spelled with one letter	zodiac traffic picnic seismic sympathetic enthusiastic	struck knock o'clock	

2 A final [k] following a consonant is usually spelled  $\underline{\langle k \rangle}$ . A final [k] following a long vowel is usually spelled  $\underline{\langle k \rangle}$ . A final [k] following a short vowel spelled with a

digraph is usually spelled  $\underline{<k>}$ . A final [k] following a short vowel spelled with one letter is usually spelled  $\underline{<ck>}$  or  $\underline{<c>}$ . If there is only one vowel sound in a word that ends with a [k] following a short vowel sound, the [k] is usually spelled  $\underline{<ck>}$ . If there is more than one vowel sound in a word that ends with a [k] following a short vowel sound, the [k] is usually spelled  $\underline{<c>}$ .

3 **Spelling An Initial [k]**: Here are twenty words that start with the sound [k]. Sort them into the matrix:

campaigned	conscience	kinship	kept	climate
collapsed	kettle	kidnapper	capital	committed
kindliness	community	courageous	crocodile	counterfeit
conventions	correspondent	keyboard	kitchens	kissed

Words that start with [k] spelled . . .

	<c></c>			<k></k>
Words with an <i> or <e>following the [k]</e></i>			kindliness kettle kinship kidnapper keyboard kept kitchens kissed	
Words with no <i> or <i> following the [k]</i></i>	collapses c conventions c conscience c	capital crocodile climate committed counterfeit		

<sup>5</sup> If an initial [k] has an  $\underline{\langle e \rangle}$  or an  $\underline{\langle i \rangle}$  right after it, the [k] is usually spelled  $\underline{\langle k \rangle}$ ; otherwise it will usually be spelled  $\underline{\langle c \rangle}$ .

Item 5. Again remember the importance of the *usually*'s here and that this series of lessons deals only with choosing among the <c>, <k>, and <ck> spellings of [k]. The other eight [k] spellings were identified in lesson 9. The spellings discussed in lessons 20 and 21 are a separate issue.

## Lesson Thirteen Spelling [k] in the Middle of Words

1 Often when a [k] is in the middle of a word, it is actually at the beginning or the end of a shorter word, or free stem, inside the longer one. For instance, there is a [k] in the middle of *recall*. But *recall* actually is made up of the prefix *re-* and the free stem *call*: recall = re + call. The [k] in *call* behaves just the way it is supposed to at the front of a word: It is spelled <c> rather than <k> because it does not have an <e> or <i> after it, and it is not spelled <ck> because words don't start with <ck>.

The word *darkroom* has a [k] in the middle. But *darkroom* is a compound that analyzes to the two free stems *dark* and *room*: *darkroom* = *dark* + *room*. So the [k] in *darkroom* is really at the end of the free stem *dark* – and it behaves just as it is supposed to: It is spelled <k> rather than <c> or <ck> because of the consonant in front of it.

2 All of the following words have a [k] somewhere in the middle. Each of the words actually contains a free stem that has the [k] either at the beginning or the end.

First, underline the letters that spell [k].

Second, analyze each word enough to show the free stem that begins or ends with [k].

Third, be ready to talk about why the [k] is spelled the way it is in the free stems.

Word	Analysis
che <u>ck</u> out	check + out
un <u>c</u> onscious	un + conscious
un <u>k</u> indly	un + kind + ly
remar <u>k</u> able	remark + able
in <u>c</u> onsistent	in + consist + ent
unenthusiasti <u>c</u> ally	unenthusiastic + al + ly
tri <u>ck</u> iest	trick + у∕ + i + est
pass <u>k</u> ey	pass + key
brea <u>k</u> fast	break + fast

Word	Analysis
musi <u>c</u> ality	music + al + ity
en <u>c</u> ourage	en + courage
tri <u>ck</u> ster	trick + ster
si <u>ck</u> eningly	sick + en + ing + ly
wre <u>ck</u> age	wreck + age
mista <u>k</u> enly	mistaké + en + ly
ja <u>ck</u> knife	jack + knife
boo <u>kc</u> ase	book + case
schlo <u>ck</u> iest	schlock + ½ + i +est
bac <u>kc</u> ast	back + cast
unlu <u>ck</u> ily	un + luck + ⅓ + i + ly

3 **<K>-insertion.** In a very few words there is a <ck> spelling that occurs when a free stem that ends in <c> has a suffix added to it that starts with <e>, <i>, or <y>: A <k> is inserted after the <c>: For instance, panic + ed = panic + k + ed = panicked. The <k> is inserted to avoid having the <c> look as if it should be pronounced as a soft <c>, [s], before the <e>, <i>, or <y>, as it would in \*paniced.

Here are some other words with <k> insertion. Analyze each one to show how the the <k> was inserted:

Word	Analysis: Free stem + suffix
panicked	panic + k + ed
panicky	panic + k + y
picnicking	picnic + k + ing
trafficker	traffic + k + er
bivouacked	bivouac + k + ed
sicked*	sic + k + ed

<sup>\*</sup> As in "He sicked his dog on the burglar."

Item 2. Notice that in *jackknife* the second <k> is part of the <kn> spelling of [n]. *Bookcase* and *backcast* are both shown in dictionaries with two [k] sounds: [būk-kās] and [bak-kast]. But it seems likely that in relaxed everyday speech the two [k]'s merge into one. This merging would make for some odd spellings of [k]: <kc> and <ck>.

Item 3. Forms of the verb *sic* have variant spellings, the less regular *sicced*, *siccing*. Again, we invoke the Principle of Preferred Regularity to choose the more ruly of variants: *sicked*, *sicking* with the regular <k>-insertion.

# Lesson Fourteen Elements with [k] in the Middle

- 1 You've seen that when [k] comes at the end or the beginning of a word, you can usually predict when to use <c>, <ck>, or <k> to spell it. You've seen, too, that when the [k] is at the end or the beginning of a free stem inside a word, you can usually predict among <c>, <ck>, and <k>. The same pattern holds when the [k] is in the middle of a word but is not at the beginning or end of a stem; that is, when [k] is in the middle of an element, as in *skip* and *scold*.
- 2 All of the following words contain a [k] in the middle of an element. In each word underline the letter or letters that spell that [k]. Then sort the words into the three groups described below:

contra <u>ct</u> or	subje <u>ct</u> s	s <u>ke</u> leton	sa <u>cr</u> ifice
pi <u>cn</u> ics	perfe <u>ct</u> ly	colle <u>ct</u> s	fun <u>ct</u> ion
instru <u>ct</u> ion	an <u>kl</u> e	affe <u>ct</u> ionate	pi <u>ct</u> ure
infe <u>ct</u> ion	des <u>cr</u> ibe	pi <u>ckl</u> e	ele <u>ct</u> rician
restri <u>ct</u> ion	spe <u>ct</u> a <u>c</u> le	cro <u>co</u> dile	intelle <u>ct</u> ual
trans <u>cr</u> iption	produ <u>ct</u> ion	introdu <u>ct</u> ion	instin <u>ct</u> ive
chu <u>ckl</u> e	s <u>ki</u> rts	don <u>ke</u> y	wrin <u>kl</u> es
s <u>ke</u> tches	s <u>ky</u> s <u>cr</u> aper	s <u>ki</u> es	ta <u>ckl</u> e

Words with the [k] in the middle of an element and spelled . . .

<(	<c></c>		<ck></ck>
contractor	skyscraper	sketches	chuckle
picnics	collects	ankle	pickle
instruction	affectionate	skirts	tackle
infection	crocodile	skyscraper	
restriction	introduction	donkey	
transcription	sacrifice	skies	
subjects	function	wrinkles	

<(	>	<k></k>	<ck></ck>
perfectly	picture	skeleton	
describe	electrician		
spectacle	intellectual		
production	instinctive		

3 Now underline the letter that **follows** that middle [k] sound in each of the words above and sort the words into this matrix:

Words with the [k] in the middle of an element and spelled . . .

		<c></c>	<k></k>	<ck></ck>
Words with <e>, <i>, or <y> following the [k]</y></i></e>			sketches skirts skyscraper donkey skies skeleton	
Words with no <e>, <i>, or <y> following the [k]</y></i></e>	instruction infection restriction transcription subjects perfectly describe spectacle	crocodile introduction sacrifice function picture electrician	ankle wrinkles	chuckle pickle tackle

4 When the sound [k] is in the middle of an element and is followed by <e>, <i>, or <y>, it will usually be spelled  $\underline{<k>}$ . If it is not followed by <e>, <i>, or <y>, it will usually be spelled  $\underline{<c>}$ .

Item 2. Be sure the youngsters realize that they only have to worry here about the [k] sounds that are not at the beginning or end of free stems.

Items 3-4. Sharp-eyed students may notice that *ankle, wrinkles, chuckle, pickle,* and *tackle* don't fit the conclusion in Item 4 very well. As usual, words that end in <le> form a regular little subgroup, as will be examined in the next lesson.

The reservations and complications mentioned earlier apply here, too: There are a number of words with medial [k] spelled <k> in front of something other than the <e>, <i>, or <y> the conclusion calls for. Some of them are recent adoptions that still retain their foreign spellings: vodka (Russian), ukulele (Hawaiian), swastika (Sanskrit), polka (German or French), pekoe (Chinese), paprika (Hungarian), okapi (African), mazurka (French and Polish), skunk (American Indian). Some are odd, made-up words: bazooka and kazoo. Some are only apparent problems, since the [k] actually comes at the end of a word that has fallen out of use: awkward [awk+ward] and cockney [cock+ney, probably]. Jackal probably got mistakenly associated with the name Jack, oakum perhaps with the word oak. Others are less easy to account for: skull, skate, reckon, cuckoo, hickory, hackney – all of which once had more regular spellings that for some reason were abandoned in favor of the current ones.

# Lesson Fifteen The Sound [k] before <le>#

1 Here are some words that have [k] right in front of an <le> that comes at the end of the word. Sometimes the [k] is spelled <k>, sometimes <ck>, sometimes <c>. Sort the words into the two groups described below:

wrinkle	ankle	sparkle	trickle	tackle
spectacle	tickle	barnacle	miracle	obstacle
particle	cycle	chronicle	twinkle	vehicle
icicle	chuckle	freckle	article	bicycle
pickle	heckle	shackle	receptacle	oracle

Words in which the [k] follows a . . .

vowel consonant			consonant
<u> </u>	TOWER	<u> </u>	Consonant
spéctacle	héckle	árticle	wrinkle
párticle	bárnacle	recéptacle	ankle
ícicle	chrónicle	táckle	sparkle
píckle	fréckle	óbstacle	twinkle
tíckle	sháckle	véhicle	
cýcle	tríckle	bícycle	
chúckle	míracle	óracle	

- 2 In words in which [k] follows a consonant and is in turn followed by an <le> that comes at the end of the word, the [k] is spelled  $\underline{<}k>$ \_.
- 3 Read aloud each of the words in which the [k] follows a vowel. In each word mark the vowel that has strong stess on it, like this: *wrinkle* and *spéctacle*. The vowel with strong stress will not always be the vowel right in front of the [k]. If you get confused, don't be afraid to ask for help or to look words up in your dictionary.
- 4 Now sort the words you just marked into these two groups:

Words in which the vowel right in front of the [k] . . .

has stro	ng stress	does not have	strong stress
pickle	shackle	spectacle	vehicle
cycle	tackle	particle	barnacle
heckle	freckle	article	bicycle
tickle		icicle	miracle
chuckle		obstacle	receptacle
trickle		chronicle	oracle

- 5 In words that have a [k] right in front of an <le> that comes at the end of the word and a vowel that does not have strong stress right in front of the [k], the [k] is spelled \_ <c> \_.
- 6 Now read over your list of words with a vowel with strong stress right in front of the [k]. Sort the words into these two groups:

Words in which the vowel right in front of the [k] is . . .

short			long
pickle	chuckle	tackle	cycle
heckle	trickle	freckle	
tickle	shackle		

- 7 In words that have a [k] right in front of an <le> that comes at the end of the word and a vowel with strong stress right in front of the [k], the [k] is spelled <ck> if the vowel is short, and it is spelled <c> if the vowel is long.
- 8 In words that have a [k] right in front of an <le> that comes at the end of the word:
  - (i) If there is a stressed short vowel right in front of the [k], the [k] is spelled \_
- - (ii) If there is a weak vowel or a strong long vowel right in front of the [k], the [k] is spelled < c >; and

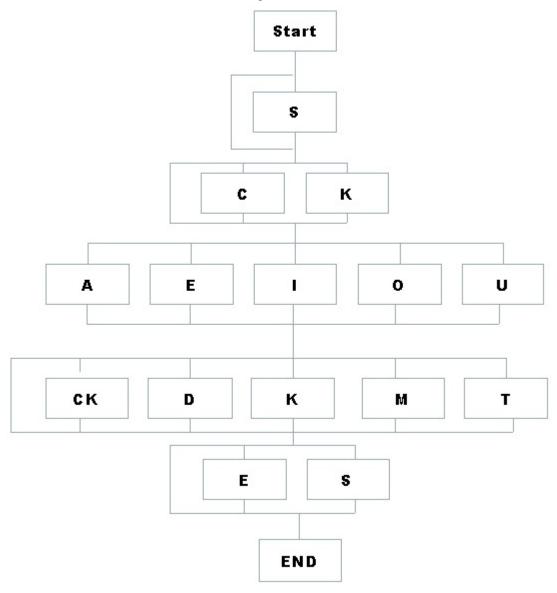
Item 2. The statement that [k] is spelled <k> between a consonant and word-final <le> is a good one, but there are two glaring holdouts: *circle* and *uncle*. *Circle* comes from the Latin *circulus* and appeared in Old English as *circul*. During the Middle English period it was spelled with <k> as often as with <c>, as for instance, *cerkle*, *cirkle*, *cerkil*, *serkle*, *serkell*. The spelling with <cle> became standard during the 16<sup>th</sup> century's enthusiasm for making the spelling of English words reflect their Latin roots. *Uncle* comes from the Old French *uncle*, which in turn came from the Latin *avunculs* "mother's brother." During Middle and Early Modern English *uncle* suffered even a wider variety of spellings with <k> than did *circle*: *unkle*, *unckle*, *unkel*, *vnkel*, *unkell*, *unkyl*, *hunckyl*, *ownkyll*, *onkill*, *unckall*....

Though the <le> is not at word's end, nuclear could also be seen as somewhat odd.

This pattern is discussed in more detail in *AES*, pp. 366-67 and 149-51. (If you are particularly interested, there is still more information referenced at the item "VC'C'*le*" in the index.)

# Lesson Sixteen Practice with [k] Spelled <c>, <ck>, and <k>

With this Word Flow you can trace out more than fifty words that contain the sound [k], spelled either <c>, <k>, or <ck>. As you find the words, list them in the three columns described below. Some words will go into more than one column.



Words with [k] spelled . . .

	<c></c>	<k></k>	<ck></ck>
cad	cute	uke	cock
cads	scads	coke	cocks
cam	scam	kick	kick
cams	scams	kicks	kicks
came	scat	kid	sack
cat	scats	kids	sacks
cats	Scot	kit	sick
cock	Scots	kits	sock
cocks	scud	kite	socks
cod	scuds	sake	suck
cods	scum	skate	sucks
code	scums	skid	
come		skids	
cot		skim	
cots		skims	
cud		skit	
cuds		skits	
cuke			
cut			
cuts			

**Teaching Notes.** I'm pretty sure that there are other words that could legitimately produced by this Word Flow.

### Lesson Seventeen Test Two

Words	Analysis
1. collapsed	[k] = <c> Prefix + free base + suffix = corh+l+lapsé+ed</c>
2. zodiac	[z] = <u><z></z></u> [ē] = <u><i></i></u> [k] = <u><c></c></u>
3. communities	Prefix + bound base + suffix <sup>1</sup> + suffix <sup>2</sup> = <u>com+muné+ity</u> +i+es
4. remarkable	[k] = <k>_ Prefix + free base + suffix = re+mark+able</k>
5. conscience	[k] = <c> Prefix + free stem = corh+n+science</c>
6. picnicked	$[k] = \underline{\langle c \rangle} \& \underline{ck \rangle}$ Free stem + suffix = $\underline{picnic + k + ed}$
7. courageous	$[k] = \underline{c} > [j] = \underline{g} >$ Free stem + suffix = $\underline{courage} + ous$
8. knocked	$[k] = \underline{ck} > [n] = \underline{\langle kn \rangle}$ Free stem + suffix = $\underline{knock + ed}$
9. capital	[k] = <c> Bound base + suffix = capit+al</c>
10. ankle	[a] = <u><a></a></u> [ŋ] = <u><n></n></u> [k] = <u><k></k></u>

### **Teaching Notes.**

Re: *communities*. Our analysis recognizes a silent final <e> in the base because of the included free stem *commune*. But if students were not to show that <e> and its deletion in their analyses, I do not think I would dock them for it.

# Lesson Eighteen Some Prefixes That Make <cc>

1 What always comes be	efore <kle>, a vowel or a consonant? <u>a consonant</u></kle>			
What always comes before <ckle>, a long vowel, a short vowel, or a consonant?</ckle>				
what always comes befor	e <ckie>, a long vowel, a short vowel, or a consonant?</ckie>			
a short vowel	What usually comes in front of the <cle>, a vowel or a</cle>			
consonant? a vowel				

2 When they are added to stems that start with <c>, the three prefixes *ad-, sub*, and *ob-* assimilate to *ac-, suc-*, and *oc-*, making a <cc> toward the front of the word. Sometimes the <cc> spells the sound [k]; sometimes it spells [ks]. All of the following words contain one of these prefixes. Analyze each word into prefix and stem to show where the two <c>'s come from:

Word	Prefix + Stem
accelerate	ad + c + celerate
according	ad + c + cord
account	ad + c + count
occasionally	ob + c + casionally
successful	sulb + c + cessful
occurrence	ob + c + currence
occupy	о <i>b</i> + c + сиру
accident	aø + c + cident
accurate	ad + c + curate
access	ad + c + cess
occupation	ов + c + cupation
accompany	ad + c + company
accommodate	ad + c + commodate
succinctly	sulø + c + cinctly
accuse	ad + c + cuse
accumulate	ad + c + cumulate

3 Sort the words into these two groups:

Words in which the <cc> spells . . .

[k]		[ks]
according	occupation	accelerate
account	accompany	successful
occasionally	accommodate	accident
occurrence	accuse	access
оссиру	accumulate	succinctly
accurate		

4 Look carefully at the letter that comes right after the <cc> in each of the words. Then sort the words into this matrix:

Words in which the <cc> spells . . .

	[k]	[ks]
Words that have <e> or <i> following the <cc></cc></i></e>		accelerate successful accident access succinctly
Words that do not have <e> or <i> following the <cc></cc></i></e>	according occupation account accompany occasionally accommodate occurrence accuse occupy accumulate accurate	

5 Be ready to discuss this question: Why do the words sort out the way they do in the matrix in Item 4?

Item 2. The assimilation pattern for *ad*- is introduced in Book 4, Lessons 11-13. That for *sub*- is introduced in Book 4, Lesson 34, and that for *ob*- in Book 4, Lesson 37. These patterns are treated in *AES* as follows: *ad*-, pp. 188-93; *sub*-, pp. 183-86; *ob*-, pp. 195-96.

Item 5. The discussion should get to the way in which <c> before <e>, <i>, or <y> spells soft <c>, [s], while before other letters it spells hard <c>, [k]. Thus the first <c> in <cc> must be hard since it is followed by a <c>, while the second <c> will be soft or hard, depending on the letter following it.

## Lesson Nineteen More Words with <cc> – and More on [ks]

1 The following words all contain assimilated forms of the prefixes *ad-, sub-*, or *ob-*. Analyze each one into prefix plus stem to show where the <cc> comes from, and fill in the blanks:

Word	Analysis: Prefix + Stem	The letter after <cc> is</cc>	The <cc> spells the sound</cc>
accounting	ad + c + counting	<0>	[k]
accessory	ad + c + cessory	<e></e>	[ks]
accompanied	ad + c + companied	<0>	[k]
occurred	olb + c + curred	<u></u>	[k]
occasionally	olb + c + casionally	<a></a>	[k]
accidentally	ad + c + cidentally	<j></j>	[ks]
accomplishment	ad + c + complishment	<0>	[k]
successor	sub + c + cessor	<e></e>	[ks]
succinctly	sub + c + cinctly	< <i>i&gt;&gt;</i>	[ks]
occupation	ob + c + cupation	<u></u>	[k]

- 2 When there is an <i> or an <e> right after <cc>, the <cc> is pronounced <u>[ks]</u>; otherwise <cc> is pronounced <u>[k]</u>.
- 3 You've seen that sometimes <cc> spells [k] and sometimes it spells [ks]. All of the following words contain the sound [ks], spelled different ways. Underline the letters that spell the [ks] in each of these words:

e <u>x</u> clusive	e <u>x</u> clamation	e <u>x</u> perience
haw <u>ks</u>	comple <u>x</u> ity	shar <u>ks</u>
picni <u>cs</u>	e <u>x</u> plode	e <u>x</u> traordinary
e <u>x</u> tend	shrie <u>ks</u>	kno <u>cks</u>
wrecks	economics	medics

4 Sort the fifteen words into these groups:

Words in which [ks] is spelled . . .

<cs></cs>	<cks></cks>	<ks></ks>	<x></x>
picnics	knocks	hawks	exclusive
economics	wrecks	shrieks	extend
medics		sharks	exclamation
			complexity
			explode
			experience
			extraordinary

5 Look at the words in which [ks] is spelled <cs>, <cks>, or <ks>. Each one consists of a free stem and a suffix. Analyze each word to show what the free stem and suffix are:

Word	Analysis: Free Stem + Suffix
picnics	picnic + s
economics	economic + s
medics	medic + s
knocks	knock + s
wrecks	wreck + s
hawks	hawk + s
shrieks	shriek + s
sharks	shark + s

5 When [ks] is spelled  $\underline{<\!cs>}$ ,  $\underline{<\!ks>}$ , or  $\underline{<\!cks>}$  the  $<\!s>$  is usually the suffix  $\underline{-\!s}$ .

Item 3. Re: *economics*. The suffix *-ics* is defined in the *Random House Unabridged* as "a suffix of nouns that denote a body of facts, knowledge, principles, etc. usually corresponding to adjectives ending in *-ic*". However, they also describe *-ics* as the plural of *-ic*, which explains our analysis.

Re: the <x> words. For more on the <x> spelling of [ks] and of the voiced counterpart [gz] (in *exact* ), see Book 6, Lesson 43, especially the teaching notes.

# Lesson Twenty Sometimes [k] is Spelled <q>, Sometimes <qu>

1 In a few words the letter <q> is used in the spelling of the sound [k]. The letter <q> always is followed by the letter <u>. Sometimes the <u> spells the sound [w] so that the <qu> spells [kw]. Sometimes the <qu> spells just [k]. Read the following words, paying special attention to whether the <qu> in each spells [kw] or just [k]:

antique	conquest	consequently	mosquito	requirement
earthquake	equality	equipment	squadron	square
equivalent	physique	exquisite	frequently	squirrel
liquor	liquid	unique	request	squeak
quantity	quarrel	question	technique	subsequently
quickly	picturesque	quietly	quotation	squeeze

2 Sort the words into these two groups:

Words in which <qu> spells . . .

ords in which sque spens			
	[kw]		
earthquake	consequently	quotation	antique
equivalent	equipment	requirement	liquor
quantity	exquisite	square	physique
quickly	question	squirrel	picturesque
conquest	quietly	squeak	unique
equality	squadron	subsequently	mosquito
liquid	frequently	squeeze	turquoise
quarrel	request		

- 3 In words in which <qu> spells [kw], the <u> spells [w], so [k] is spelled  $\underline{<q>}$ . But in words in which the <u> does not spell [w], [k] is spelled  $\underline{<qu>}$ .
- 4 Whether it's spelling [kw] or [k], <qu> nearly always comes at the very beginning or the very end of the element it is in.

In the thirty words above there are eleven in which the the [k] spelled either <q> or <qu> is the first or the last sound in the word. When it comes at the end, it has a silent final

<e> insulating the <u>. Find the eleven words and copy them into the table below.

Words in which the [k] spelled <q> or <qu> is the ...

first sound in the word		last sound	in the word
quantity	question	antique	unique
quickly	quietly	physique	technique
quarrel	quotation	picturesque	

5 When the [k] is not the first or last sound of the word it is in, it nearly always is the first or last sound of the element it is in. For instance, conquest is conh + n + quest, with the [k] spelled <q> the first sound in the free stem quest. Analyze each of the following words. Show any assimilation.

Word	Formula	Analysis
conquest	Prefix + free base	com + n + quest
exquisite	Prefix + bound stem	ex + quisite
requirement	Prefix + bound base + suffix	re + quire + ment
request	Prefix + free base	re + quest
liquor	Bound base + suffix -or	liqu + or
liquid	Bound base + suffix	liqui + id
equality	Bound base + suffix + suffix	equ + al + ity
subsequently	Prefix + bound base + suffix -ent + suffix <sup>2</sup>	sub + sequ + ent + ly
consequently	Prefix + bound base + suffix <sup>1</sup> + suffix <sup>2</sup>	com + n + sequ + ent + ly
turquoise	Bound base + suffix -oise	turqu + oise
bouquet	Bound base + suffix -et	bouqu + et
mosquito	Bound base + suffix -ito	mosqu + ito
frequently	Bound base + suffix1 + suffix2	frequ + ent + ly

6 In five of the thirty words in Item 1 in which [k] is spelled <q>, the <qu> is part of the cluster <squ> Those five words are:

squadron	square	squirrel	squeak	squeeze
,	,			

7 Where does the <squ> cluster come in these five words? At the front

8 The <q> or <qu> that spell [k] are nearly always at the very <u>front</u> or <u>end</u> of the element in which the occur.

### **Teaching Notes.**

Item 5. The bases *quest*, *quis*, *quire* are all closely related and carry the root meaning "seek, ask, inform oneself, ask for." The base *sequ* means "follow." *Turqu* is French for *Turk*, turquoise being "the stone from Turkey." *Bouqu* carries the root meaning "forest," and *-et* is a French diminutive suffix: A bouguet is a little forest. *Mosqu* means "fly" and *-ito* is a Spanish diminutive suffix: "little fly."

### Lesson Twenty-one Sometimes [k] is Spelled <ch>, Sometimes <lk>

1 We borrowed the letters of our alphabet from the Romans. The Romans had borrowed their alphabet from a group of people called the Etruscans. And the Etruscans had borrowed their alphabet from the Greeks. One of the Greeks' letters looked like our <X>. It was called *chi*, pronounced [kī], and it spelled the sound [k]. When we borrowed Greek words that contained chi, we changed the spelling from <x> to <ch>, still pronounced [k]—as in words like *chorus*, *school*, and *Christmas*. Most of the words in English that contain the sound [k] spelled <ch> come from old Greek words with chi. Underline the <ch> spellings of [k] in each of the following words:

or <u>ch</u> estra	s <u>ch</u> ool	ar <u>ch</u> itect	psy <u>ch</u> iatrist
<u>ch</u> orus	<u>ch</u> aos	e <u>ch</u> o	s <u>ch</u> olar
<u>ch</u> ronicle	me <u>ch</u> anic	<u>ch</u> aracter	or <u>ch</u> id
a <u>ch</u> e	s <u>ch</u> edule	s <u>ch</u> eme	<u>ch</u> ord
psy <u>ch</u> ology	<u>ch</u> emical	an <u>ch</u> or	<u>Ch</u> ristmas
monar <u>ch</u>	stoma <u>ch</u>	te <u>ch</u> nical	<u>ch</u> lorophyll

2 Sort the words into the three groups described below:

Words in which [k] is spelled <ch>> . . .

at the front	in the	middle	at the end
at the front	III tile i		at the cha
chorus	orchestra	scheme	ache
chronicle	psychology	anchor	monarch
chaos	school	technical	stomach
chemical	mechanic	psychiatrist	
character	schedule	scholar	
chord	architect	orchid	
Christmas	echo		
chlorophyll			

3 There is one other spelling of [k] that is worth a special look. In a few words [k] is spelled <lk> — as in *chalk*. A long time ago the <l> was pronounced, but no longer. All of the following words contain an <l> that is usually no longer pronounced. Six of them end in the sound [k] spelled <lk>. Sort the sixteen words into the four groups described below:

salmon	talk	stalk	halve
walk	yolk	palm	chalk
folk	halfway	psalm	calves
calf	calm	salve	behalf

#### Words that end . . .

<lk></lk>	< f>	<lm></lm>	<lve></lve>
walk	calf	salmon	salve
folk	halfway	calm	halve
talk	behalf	palm	calves
yolk		psalm	
stalk			
chalk			

**Word Histories.** The first letter of the Greek word for Christ was chi - or < X > - which is why we sometimes abbreviate our word *Christmas* to *Xmas*. The < x > in *Xmas* is really the old Greek chi.

Item 1. *Ache* is not from Greek; it is from Old English. The verb form was originally spelled <ake>. For more see the Word Histories in Book 6, Lesson 11.

Chord has the homophone cord "a string or thin rope." Chord is most often used to refer to a combination of musical notes, though it has other technical meanings. Notice that it is chord in the phrase "to strike a chord," meaning to create a feeling in someone.

Item 2. Saccharin contains the spelling [k]= <cch>, which reflects a Greek word with the sequence kappa followed by chi, <kkh,> which in Latin usually became <cch>. Zucchini also contains [k]= <cch>. In this case the <cch> comes from Italian. Zucchini was spelled succini in America as late as 1929 but was then respelled to reflect its Italian origins.

Item 3. The similar <lm> spelling of [m] is treated in a supplementary lesson in the teaching notes to Book 5, Lesson 35.

# Lesson Twenty-two Practice Spelling [k]

1 This review is in the form of a Wordspell. You are given the sixteen letters with which to spell twenty words, all of which contain [k]. You are also given blanks for the twenty words. We've given you a start by filling in the letters in each word that spell the sound [k]. Here the sixteen letters:

OUNIEROPYADLTSRI

Here are the blanks for the twenty words:

Words with [k] spelled <qu>:

U	N	1	Q	U	E	
Α	Ν	Т	1	Q	U	Ε

Words with [k] spelled <q>:

L	1	Q	U	0	R
L	1	Q	U	1	D

Words with [k] spelled <|k>:

Т	Α	٦	K	
Y	0	L	K	
S	Т	Α	L	K

Words with [k] spelled <cc>:

0	С	С	U	R		_	
0	С	С	U	P	Y		
Α	С	С	U	S	E		
Α	С	С	0	U	N	Т	
Α	С	С	U	R	Α	Т	E

### Words with [k] spelled <ch>:

Α	C	Н	E		
E	С	Н	0		_
С	Н	Α	0	S*	
С	Н	0	R	U	S**
S	С	Н	0	0	L
0	R	С	Н	1	D***

<sup>\*</sup> Or chord. \*\* Or chords. \*\*\* Or anchor

2 Here are some words that end in [k] Read them carefully and then fill in the blanks:

knock	brook	walk	gigantic
quick	hook	folk	traffic
wreck	earthquake	milk	zodiac
picnic	provoke	rebuke	thunderstruck
maniac	retake	shark	aftershock

a. When a word ends in [k] with a long vowel in front of it, the [k] is usually spelled <k> .

b. When a word ends in a [k] with a consonant in front of it, the [k] is usually spelled \_\_<k>\_\_.

c. When a word ends in a [k] with a short vowel in front of it, the [k] is usually spelled either  $\underline{<c>}$  or  $\underline{<ck>}$ . If the word has only one vowel sound in it, [k] will usually be spelled  $\underline{<ck>}$ , but if it has more than one vowel sound in it, the [k] will usually be spelled  $\underline{<c>}$ .

### Lesson Twenty-three The Suffixes -ance and -ence

1 The suffixes *-ance* and *-ence* are added to verbs and to bound stems to form nouns:

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inherit (a verb) + ance = inheritance (a noun)
obedi (a bound base) + ence = obedience (a noun)
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2 The suffixes -ance and -ence can create problems for spellers because although they have the same pronunciation, [əns], and the same meaning and function (forming nouns), they have different spellings. There are no simple and absolutely reliable rules for predicting when to use -ance and when to use -ence, but there are some patterns that can help you know when to use -ence.

If you can add [enshəl] (spelled <ential>) to the stem and get a recognizable word, the [əns] is -ence. For instance, if you can't decide between <confidence> and <confidence>, and you replace the [əns] with [enshəl], the result is a word you should recognize: confidential. In any [əns] word that can take [enshəl] this way, you can be sure that the [əns] suffix is -ence.

In the middle column below add [enshəl], spelled <ential>, to the verb in the first column. Then in the right hand column add the correct spelling of [əns]:

Verb	Verb + [enshəl]	Verb + [əns]
confide	confidential	confidence
differ	differential	difference
exist	existential	existence
prefer	preferential	preference
refer	referential	reference
reside	residential	residence
revere	reverential	reverence

3 The table below is just like the preceding one except that rather than starting with a verb, you start with a bound stem:

Bound Stem	Bound Stem + [enshəl]	Bound Stem + [∍ns]
consequ	consequential	consequence
evid	evidential	evidence
experi	experiential	experience
influ	influential	influence
sent	sentential	sentence

4 Another helpful hint is looking at the stem to which the [əns] has been added. If it is a bound stem, you can be fairly certain that the [əns] is -ence. In the right column below add [əns] to the bound stem:

Bound Stem	Bound Stem + [əns]
influ	influence
consci	conscience
consequ	consequence
evid	evidence
experi	experience
innoc	innocence
intellig	intelligence
obedi	obedience
pati	patience
sci	science
sil	silence
viol	violence

#### **Teaching Notes.**

Item 3. The bound stem *sent* in *sentence* is not the same as, nor even related to, *sent* "past tense of *send*." The *sent* in *sentence* comes from Latin and carries the root meaning "feel." It occurs in *sentient*, *sentiment*, *sentinel*, *assent*, *consent*, *dissent*, *resent*.

### Lesson Twenty-four More About -ance and -ence

- 1 You have seen two patterns that can help you know when to choose *-ence* rather than *-ance*.
  - a. Stems that can form adjectives ending in [enshəl] spelled <ential> will form nouns with -ence, as in confidential and confidence.
  - b. Bound stems that form nouns ending in [əns] usually take *-ence*, as in patience.

It would be easy if we could just say that everyplace else you should choose *-ance*. Alas, it is more complicated than that, though there are some things we can say that can directly help you know when to use *-ance*.

But nouns that end in either *-ence* or *-ance* very often have a partner word, an adjective that ends in either *-ent* or *-ant*. For instance, the noun *confidence* has the partner adjective *confident*. And if a noun ends in *-ence* and has such a partner adjective, the adjective will aways have *-ent*. If a noun ends in *-ance* and has such a partner adjective, the adjective will be have *-ant*.

This does not directly help us choose between -ance and -ence, but sometimes we can remember how to spell the adjective but not the noun, or vice versa, so it can help to remember that -ance goes with -ant while -ence goes with -ent.

2 Fill in the blanks. Some of the adjectives can also be used as nouns:

Noun	Adjective
assistance	assistant
confidence	confident
difference	different
attendance	attendant
consequence	consquent
existence	existent
defiance	defiant
convenience	convenient

Noun	Adjective
evidence	evident
resistance	resistant
independence	independent
violence	violent
ignorance	ignorant
innocence	innocent
silence	silent
reference	referent
importance	important
intelligence	intelligent
obedience	obedient
patience	patient
residence	resident
presence	present

The *OED* tells the tangled tale of *-ance* and *-ence* in two tight paragraphs, at *-ance* and *-ence*.

# Lesson Twenty-five Test Three

Words	Analysis	
1. accountant	Prefix + free base + suffix =  ad+c+count+ant	
2. chaos	[k] = <u><ch></ch></u> [ā] = <u><a></a></u> in the pattern <u>V.V</u>	
3. consequence	[k] = <u><c></c></u> and <u><q></q></u> Prefix+bound base+suffix = <u>corh+n+sequ+ence</u>	
4. existing	Free stem + suffix = exist+ing	
5. experience	[ks] = <x>_ Prefix+bound base+suffix = ex+peri+ence</x>	
6. influence	Prefix+free base+suffix =  in+flu+ence	
7. obedient	[ō] = <u><o></o></u> [ē] = <u><e></e></u> and <u><i></i></u> in the patterns <u>V CV</u> and <u>V.V</u>	
8. patiently	Bound base + suffix <sup>1</sup> + suffix <sup>2</sup> = pati+ent+ly	
9. silent	[ī] = < <i>i</i> > in the pattern VCV	
10. unique	[yū] = <u><u></u> [ē] = <u><i></i></u> [k] = <u><qu></qu></u></u>	

### **Teaching Notes.**

Re: existing. The free stem exist analyzes to ex+sist, with the <s> deletion typical after <x>.

Re: *influence*. The free base *flu* is not related to the free base *flue* "a duct for smoke or air." *Flue* is apparently from Old English; *flu* is from Latin. The noun *flu* "a common illness" was clipped from *influenza*.

### Lesson Twenty-six The Suffixes -ic and -al

1	The suffixes -ic	and -al	an be used	to turn	nouns	into adj	ectives.	Nouns are
WC	rds that name p	ersons, pla	aces, or thi	ngs and	make	sense ir	n this bla	nk:

The	seemed okay.
Adjectives are words that modify or c	describe nouns and make sense in this blank:
It's a very	thing.

For instance, *prophet* is a noun that names a kind of person; it fits in the noun sentence: "The prophet seemed okay." But if we add the suffix -ic to it, we get *prophetic*, an adjective that describes nouns and that fits into the adjective sentence: "It's a very prophetic thing."

*Person* is also a noun: "The person seemed okay." But if we add the suffix -al, we get the adjective *personal*: "It's a very personal thing."

2 Combine the nouns and suffixes below to make adjectives:

Noun	Suffix	Adjective
athlete	ic	athletic
occasion	al	occasional
profession	al	professional
patriot	ic	patriotic
nation	al	national
rhythm	ic	rhythmic
echo	ic	echoic
accident	al	accidental
education	al	educational
artist	ic	artistic

3 Now try it the other way around: Each of the following adjectives consists of a noun and either the suffix -ic or the suffix -al. Analyze each adjective into its noun and suffix.

Watch for final <e>'s that have been deleted:

Adjective	Noun	Suffix
enthusiastic	enthusiast	ic
democratic	democrat	ic
universal	universé	al
normal	norm	al
natural	naturé	al
personal	person	al
rhythmic	rhythm	ic
agricultural	agriculturé	al
heroic	hero	ic
original	origin	al

4 Sometimes the suffix -ic is added to a bound stem to make a noun or an adjective: crit + ic = critic. Then the noun will add on the suffix -al to make an adjective: critic + al = critical. Here are some more that follow this pattern:

Adjective	Stem	Suffix #1	Suffix #2
critical	crit	ic	al
mechanical	mechan	ic	al
medical	med	ic	al
electrical	electr	ic	al
chemical	chem	ic	al
historical	histor	ic	al
technical	techn	ic	al
identical	ident	ic	al
musical	musé	ic	al
practical	pract	ic	al

Item 4. The free base  $muse^1$  refers to one of the Greek goddesses of the arts, the muses. It also occurs in museum and music and is related to the base in mosaic. It is not related to the free base  $muse^2$  which probably carries the root meaning "muzzle" and occurred in Old French muser "to ponder or loiter; literally, stay with one's nose in the air."  $Muse^2$  occurs in amuse, where the root meaning is something like "to cause to stand with one's muzzle in the air, to cause to ponder or loiter."

## Lesson Twenty-seven Another Suffix -al

1 You have seen that one suffix -al can be used to make adjectives out of nouns: instruction, a noun, becomes instructional, an adjective. There is another suffix -al that can be used to make nouns out of verbs. A verb is a word that shows action or state of being and that will make sense in a blank like this one:

They will them.
For example, renew is a verb: They will renew them.
A verb is also a word that changes its form to show changes in time: <i>Tomorrow they will renew them</i> . vs. Yesterday they renewed them.
A noun is a name of a person, place, or thing and will make sense in a blank like this one:  The seemed okay.
If we add -al to the verb renew, we make renewal, a noun: The renewal seemed okay.

2 Combine the verbs and suffixes below to make new nouns:

Verb	Suffix	Noun
commit+t	al	committal
approv/e	al	approval
arriv/e	al	arrival
dismiss	al	dismissal
remov/e	al	removal
refer+r	al	referral
dispos/e	al	disposal
bur/y+i+al	al	burial
propos/e	al	proposal
tr/y+i	al	trial
refus/e	al	refusal
sign	al	signal

3 Which two nouns did you make that had twinning in them?

committal	referral

4 In which two nouns did you have to change a <y> to <i> when you added the suffix?

burial	trial

5 In which six nouns did you have to delete a final <e> when you added the suffix?

approval	removal	proposal
arrival	disposal	refusal

5 **Proofreading Quiz**. There are six misspelled words in the following paragraph. Each misspelling involves a double consonant that is there but shouldn't be, or should be there but isn't. Find the six misspelled words, cross them out, and spell each one correctly above its misspelling:

Our word *school* comes from an old Greek word that meant "leisure"! That might seem beginning refers to be a rather odd beginning for a word that referrs to the place where so many people classical preferred put in so many hours of work. But the clasical philosophers prefered to think of leisure stemmed as a time for study and learning. So these words all stemed from a Greek word that meant "a holding back, a rest, leisure": school, schooling, schoolhouse; scholar, scholarly, scholarship, scholastic, scholastically. In all of these words that <ch> speling written of [k] comes from the Greek letter chi,, which is writen in our alphabet as <ch> pronounced [k].

# Lesson Twenty-eight Bound Stems with -ic and -al

1 You have seen that the suffixes -ic and -al are sometimes added to bound stems. For instance, the word *mechanical* can be analyzed into -ic plus -al added to the bound stem *mechan*. When -ic or -al are added to bound stems, it can be hard sometimes to recognize that the suffixes are there. So here are some nouns and adjectives to analyze for practice. They all contain a bound stem plus either -ic or -al, or both:

Noun or Adjective	Bound Stem + Suffix or Suffixes
mystical	myst + ic + al
legal	leg + al
medical	med + ic + al
mortal	mort + al
mental	ment + al
technical	techn + ic + al
liberal	liber + al
public	publ + ic
physical	phys + ic + al
social	soci + al
criminal	crimin + al
elastic	elast + ic

2 Now try some the other way around:

Bound Stem + Suffix or Suffixes	Noun or Adjective
myst + ic + al	mystical
mechan + ic + al	mechanical
chem + ic + al	chemical
loc + al	local

Bound Stem + Suffix or Suffixes	Noun or Adjective
equ + al	equal
re + al	real
princip + al	principal
republ + ic	republic
gigant + ic	gigantic
capit + al	capital
com + ic + al comical	
immort + al	immortal

3 Some of the bound stems in these words are in several other words. For instance, the bound stem *mort* in *mortal* means "death" and is in the following words. Underline the bound stem *mort* in each of them:

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mortgage	mortify	mortician	amortize	mortuarv
ll illorigage	<u>inorthy</u>	Inortician	ainortize	<u>mort</u> uary

The bound stem in *liberal* is *liber*, "free." Underline it in each of the following:

liberty liberality unliberated illiberal			1	
II liberty i liberality i libliberated i liliberal		lib a na litu		illiberal
monty instruction instruction instruction	liberty	liberality	unliberated	ıılıberal

The bound stem ment in mental means "mind." Underline it in each of the following:

mentality demented	mention	comment
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The bound stem *myst* means "secret." Underline it in each of the following:

<u>myst</u> ical <u>myst</u> erio	ous <u>myst</u> icism	<u>myst</u> ery	<u>myst</u> ify
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The bound stem *med* in *medical* means "heal." Underline it:

<u>med</u> ication <u>med</u> icine re <u>med</u> y	re <u>med</u> ial	<u>med</u> ics
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#### **Teaching Notes.**

Item 3. *Amortize* "to liquidate or extinguish a debt" comes from a Latin word that meant "to extinguish, to put to death."

### Lesson Twenty-nine The Suffixes -al, -ial, and -ual

1 We have two suffixes spelled <al>. One -al changes verbs to nouns: renew + al = renewal. The other -al changes nouns and bound bases into adjectives: incident + al = incidental and capit + al = capital. Analyze each of the following words into its stem plus -al. Show any changes that took place when the stem and suffix combined. Then answer the questions in the two right hand columns:

Original Word	Analysis: Stem + Suffix	Is the original word a noun, or is it an adjective, or is it both?	Is the stem a noun, or is it a verb, or is it bound?
survival	survivé + al	Noun	Verb
dismissal	dismiss + al	Noun	Verb
principal	princip + al	Both	Bound
physical	physic + al	Both	Noun
occasional	occasion + al	Adjective	Noun
trial	tr∳ + i + al	Noun	Verb
referral	refer + r + al	Noun	Verb
natural	naturé + al	Both	Noun
professional	profession + al	Noun	Noun
refusal	refus <b>é</b> + al	Noun	Verb
agricultural	agricultur∉ + al	Adjective	Noun
arrival	arrivé + al	Noun	Verb

2 The suffix -al that changes nouns and bound stems to adjectives has two other forms, -ial and -ual. We will look at the reasons for these two forms later, but for now we will just analyze some adjectives that contain them, in order to get used to seeing and hearing them. Analyze each of the following adjectives into a stem plus either -ial or -ual, showing any changes that took place when the stem and suffix combined. Then answer the question in the right hand column

Adjective	=	Stem + Suffix	Is the stem a noun, or is it bound?
actual	=	act + ual	Noun
eventual	=	event + ual	Noun
presidential	=	president + ial	Noun
commercial	=	commerc <b>é</b> + ial	Noun
financial	=	financé + ial	Noun
editorial	=	editor + ial	Noun
intellectual	=	intellect + ual	Noun
racial	=	racé + ial	Noun
official	=	offic∉ + ial	Noun
usual	=	usé + ual	Noun
individual	=	individé + ual	Bound
annual	=	ann + ual	Bound
spiritual	=	spirit + ual	Noun
essential	=	essent + ial	Bound
celestial	=	celest + ial	Bound

### **Teaching Notes.**

Item 2. *Act, finance,* and *use* can serve also as verbs. The bound stem *individe* contains the free stem *divide*.

The suffixes *-ial* and *-ual* will be discussed in the treatment of [sh] in lessons 40-42 in this book and in treatment of [j] in Book 8, Lesson 32, and in the treatment of [ch] in Book 8, Lesson 40.

# Lesson Thirty The Suffixes Spelled <ly>

1 Each of the italicized words below is either an adjective or a noun. Write 'Adjective' or 'Noun' in the blank at the end of each sentence, depending on what the italicized word is:
1. Christine is her very best friend. Noun
2. She's a very friendly person. Adjective
3. The store just sent us our monthly bill. Adjective
4. I thought we paid them off last month. Noun
5. Their dog started howling again last <i>night</i> . Noun
6. But its howling has become a <i>nightly</i> event. Adjective
7. Her father just got up and left. <u>Noun</u>
8. That's not a very fatherly thing to do. <u>Adjective</u>
2 The four adjectives you just identified all end with the suffix -ly that has been added to a noun: friend, a noun, becomes friendly, an adjective. There is another suffix that is spelled <ly>. This second suffix -ly changes adjectives to adverbs.</ly>
In the sentence <i>They are bold fighters</i> , <i>bold</i> is an adjective modifying the noun <i>fighters</i> .
In the sentence <i>They fought boldly, boldly</i> is an adverb modifying the verb fought.
Adverbs come in many different kinds and do many different things, but for now we are interested in just the ones that are made by adding the suffix -ly to an adjective. Adverbs that end in -ly usually modify verbs, like the adverb boldly in the sentence They fought boldly. And usually adverbs modify verbs by answering the question, How? How did they fight? They fought boldly.
3 Analyze each of the following adverbs into an adjective plus the suffix -ly:

Adverb	=	Adjective	+ Suffix
boldly	=	bold	+ ly
solemnly	=	solemn	+ <i>ly</i>
correctly	=	correct	+ <i>ly</i>
immediately	=	immediate	+ ly
equally	=	equal	+ ly
slightly	=	slight	+ ly
regularly	=	regular	+ ly
exactly	=	exact	+ <i>ly</i>
occasionally	=	occasional	+ ly
angrily	=	angrl/ + i	+ ly
accidentally	=	accidental	+ ly
joyfully	=	joyful	+ ly
necessarily	=	necessary+i	+ ly
sufficiently	=	sufficient	+ ly
approximately	=	approximaté	+ ly

4 In the table below you can use one or more of the following suffixes to change each noun into one or more adjectives: -al, -ate, -ful, -less, -ous, -ual, -y. Write the adjectives in the Adjective column. Then in the Adverb column change each adjective into an adverb. Watch out for changes that occur when you add the suffixes:

Noun	Adjective	Adverb
accident	accidental	accidentally
act	actual	actually
care	careless, careful	carelessly, carefully
faith	faithful, faithless	faithfully, faithlessly
fortune	fortunate, fortuneless	fortunately
fury	furious furiously	

Noun	Adjective	Adverb
haste	hasty	hastily
heart	hearty, heartless	heartily, heartlessly
joy	joyous, joyful, joyless	joyously, joyfully, joylessly
occasion	occasional	occasionally
origin	original	originally
person	personal, personate	personally, personately
success	successful, successless	successfully, successlessly
thought	thoughtful, thoughtless	thoughtfully, thoughtlessly
use	useful, useless, usual	usefully, uselessly, usually

#### **Teaching Notes.**

- Item 1. Nouns are introduced in Book 2, Lesson 24, adjectives in Book 4, Lesson 3.
- Item 3. Be sure the students get the double <l>'s in the adverbs joyfully, accidentally, occasionally, and equally one <l> from -al, one from -ly.
- Item 4. We ask the students for only one adjective and adverb for each noun, but some nouns can take more than one of the given suffixes to form different adjectives. The listing in the table above is fairly exhaustive. There is apparently no adverb fortunelessly, though its meaning is clear and it may well become used at any time. The adjective personate is from botany and zoology. There may well be other adjectives and adverbs that are not given above: The language changes, and dictionaries don't always agree. My personal criterion is, "If you can find it in a respected dictionary, it's a word."

## Lesson Thirty-one The Suffixes -ed and -ing with -ly

1 The suffix -ed adds the meanings "in the past" and "action completed" to verbs:

They cooked the turkey yesterday. (-ed = "in the past")
The turkey is already cooked. (-ed = "action completed")

The suffix -ing adds to verbs the meanings "right now, in the present" and "action still going on, action not yet completed."

They are cooking the turkey right now. (-ing = "in the present")
The turkey was cooking but now it's cooked. (-ing = "action not yet completed"; -ed = "action completed.")

Using *-ed* to mean the two things it means makes sense, because if something is in the past, probably it is completed, and if it is now completed, it must have happened in the past. Be ready to discuss this question: Why does it make sense to use *-ing* to mean both "in the present" and "action not yet completed"?

2 Once the suffix -ing with the meaning "action not yet completed" or -ed with the meaning "action completed" is added to a verb, we can use that new word as an adjective. And we can add -ly to that adjective to make an adverb:

In the sentence "The puppies entertain us a lot," *entertain* is a verb. In the sentence "The puppies are very entertaining," *entertaining* is an adjective modifying *puppies*.

In "The puppies play entertainingly," *entertainingly* is an adverb modifying the verb *play*.

We can do the same thing with -ed:

In the sentence "His habits disgust her," disgust is a verb.

In "She is very disgusted by his habits," disgusted is an adjective modifying she.

In "She described his habits disgustedly," *disgustedly* is an adverb modifying the verb *described*.

3 Analyze each of the following adverbs into a verb plus suffixes. Two of the adverbs have prefixes in front of the verb:

Adverb	Analysis: Verb + Suffixes	
disgustedly	disgust + ed + ly	
charmingly	charm + ing + ly	
repeatedly	repeat + ed + ly	
surprisingly	surpris∉ + ing + ly	
accordingly	accord + ing + ly	
decidedly	decidé + ed + ly	
hurriedly	hurr∳ + i + ed + ly	
supposedly	suppos∉ + ed + ly	
exceedingly	exceed + ing + ly	
disappointingly	disappoint + ing + ly	

4 Combine the following elements to form adverbs. Show any changes that occur when the elements combine:

Elements	Adverb
enter + tain + ing + ly	entertainingly
ad + mit+ t + ed + ly	admittedly
ad+ p + prove + ing + ly	approvingly
sur + prisé + ing + ly	surprisingly
un + hurry+ i + ed + ly	unhurriedly
inter + est + ed + ly	interestedly
pro + misé + ing + ly	promisingly
di + stingu + ish + ed + ly	distinguishedly

### **Teaching Notes.**

Item 1. Be sure that the youngsters all see that *yesterday* signals "in the past" and that *right now* signals "still going on," reinforcing the meaning of the respective suffixes *-ed* 

and -ing. You might get them to discuss the effect of a mixed sentence like "They are listening to music yesterday," where the meaning of yesterday clashes with the meaning of the -ing suffix. What is being discussed here is the use of past participles (with -ed) and present participles (with -ing), which are adjectives that are derived directly from verbs. Past participles are introduced in Book 4, Lesson 32.

Item 4. In distinguishedly the prefix di- is a partially assimilated form of dis-. The suffix -ish is a common ending on English verbs borrowed from French: abolish, accomplish, banish, blandish, blemish, brandish, burnish, cherish, demolish, embellish, establish, finish, flourish, furbish, furnish, garnish, impoverish, languish, nourish, perish, polish, punish, ravish, relinquish, replenish, tarnish, vanish, varnish.

This suffix -ish occurs by analogy in some verbs that are not from French: admonish, astonish, diminish, distinguish,, famish, lavish, publish, relish, etc.

This *-ish*, usually listed in dictionaries as *-ish*<sup>2</sup>, is not related to *-ish*<sup>1</sup>, which is added to nouns and adjectives to form adjectives: boy, boyish; red, reddish; etc.

### Lesson Thirty-two Some Changes with -ly

- 1 Usually when the suffix -*ly* is added to a stem, it just adds on, by simple addition, with no changes. You only need remember that when the stem ends with an <*l>*, since -*ly* begins with an <*l>*, there will be two <*l>*'s, <*ll>*, in the new word: *careful* + *ly* = *carefully*, *illegal* + *ly* = *illegally*, *cruel* + *ly* = *cruelly*.
- 2 But there are two cases in which changes do occur when -ly is added to stems.

First, if the stem ends in the letter <c> – especially if it ends in the suffix -ic – and if we were to add the stem and suffix through simple addition, we would get a misspelling, as in: basic + Iy = \*basicly. What we have to do is insert the suffix -al between the stem and the -Iy: basic + Iy = basic + al + Iy = basically. We insert this -al even if we do not have a word that ends in -al, such as \*basical.

3 Analyze the following adverbs, to show this insertion, as we've done with the first one:

Adverb	=	Stem ending in <c></c>	+	-al	+	-ly
basically	=	basic	+	al	+	ly
athletically	=	athletic	+	al	+	ly
democratically	=	democratic	+	al	+	ly
scientifically	=	scientific	+	al	+	ly
characteristically	=	characteristic	+	al	+	ly
sympathetically	=	sympathetic	+	al	+	ly
artistically	=	artistic	+	al	+	ly
heroically	=	heroic	+	al	+	ly
ecstatically	=	ecstatic	+	al	+	ly
patriotically	=	patriotic	+	al	+	ly
enthusiastically	=	enthusiastic	+	al	+	ly
electrically	=	electric	+	al	+	ly

Notice the <II>'s in all of these words: one for the -al, one for the -ly. The only known holdout to this -al insertion is publicly.

4 Look at the italicized words in this sentence: "The *babies cried* all during the *trial*." Then fill in the blanks:

**The <y>-to- <i> Rule**: When you add a suffix to a stem that ends with a <y> that has a consonant letter right in front of it, you change the  $\underline{<y>}$  to  $\underline{<i>}$ .

5 Each of the following adverbs has been made by adding -ly to an adjective that ended in <y>. In each case when the -ly was added, the <y> at the end of the adjective changed to an <i>. Analyze each adverb and show the way the <y> was changed to an <i>, as we've done with he first one:

Adverb Suffix <i>-ly</i>	=	Adjective that ends	in <y> +</y>
merrily	=	merry + i	+ ly
angrily	=	angry/ + i	+ ly
busily	=	bus <b>y</b> + <i>i</i>	+ ly
extraordinarily	=	extraordinar <b>y</b> + i	+ ly
uneasily	=	uneas∳ + i	+ ly
icily	=	icy∕ + i	+ ly
hastily	=	hasty⁄ + i	+ ly
satisfactorily	=	satisfactor∳ + i	+ ly
readily	=	ready + i	+ ly
heartily	=	hearty + i	+ ly
steadily	=	steady + i	+ ly
heavily	=	heav∳ + i	+ ly
necessarily	=	necessarl⁄y + i	+ ly
ordinarily	=	ordinar∳ + i	+ <i>ly</i>
temporarily	=	temporary/ + i	+ ly

#### **Teaching Notes.**

Item 3. Why *publicly* is a holdout to the *-al* insertion pattern is not entirely clear. But it may have something to do with the fact that the <ic> spelling of both *publicly* and *public* came very late. Earlier spellings of *public* were *publyke*, *publike*, *publique*, *publicque*, *publicke*, *publicke*, *publicke*, *publicke*, *public* appeared and quickly became the standard. *Publicly* did not appear until the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The now-obsolete, but more regular, *publically* is given by the *OED* as an accepted variant, though contemporary American-English dictionaries do not list it. The *OED* gives several citations for *publically* from the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Item 4. There are some complications to the <y> to <i> change: The shift occurs in daily (day+i+ly) even though the <y> is preceded not by a consonant but by a vowel. In dryly and shyly the change does not occur, although there is a more regular variant drily.

## Lesson Thirty-three Review of Adverbs with -ly

1 Use the suffix -ly to turn the following nouns, adjectives, and verbs into adverbs. Show the procedures that it takes to make each word. Sometimes you will have to add one suffix, sometimes more than one. Remember that you can often use -less and -ful to turn nouns into adjectives and that you can turn verbs into adjectives by adding -ed or -ing. Sometimes you may think of two adverbs that you can make from a stem word. If so, go ahead and make both of them. Just squeeze them in somewhere.

Noun, Adjective, or Verb	Process	Adverb
haste	hasté + y + i + ly	hastily
accident	accident + al	accident + al + ly
actual	actual + ly	actually
enthusiastic	enthusiastic + al + ly	enthusiastically
extraordinary	extraordinarl/ + i + ly	extraordinarily
heart	heart + y + i + ly	heartily
origin	origin + al + ly	originally
promise	promisé + ing + ly	promisingly
necessary	necessarl/ + i + ly	necessarily
patriot	patriot + ic + al + ly	patriotically
success	success + ful + ly	successfully
thought	thought + less + ly	thoughtlessly
disappoint	disappoint + ing + ly	disappointingly
base	basé + ic + al + ly	basically
use	us∉ + ual + ly	usually
solemn	solemn + ly	solemnly

Noun, Adjective, or Verb	Process	Adverb
satisfactory	satisfactory + i + ly	satisfactorily
scientific	scientific + al + ly	scientifically
surprise	surprisé + ing + ly	surprisingly
person	person + al + ly	personally
sun	sun + n + y + i + ly	sunnily
occasion	occasion + al + ly	occasionally
angry	angry/ + i + ly	angrily
care	care + ful + ly	carefully
steady	stead∳ + i + ly	steadily
uneasy	uneasy + i + ly	uneasily
logic	logic + al + ly	logically
immediate	immediate + ly	immediately
fortune	fortunaté + ate + ly	fortunately
admit	admit + t + ed + ly	admittedly
decide	decidé + ed + ly	decidedly
busy	bus∳ + i + ly	busily
ecstatic	ecstatic + al + ly	ecstatically
ice	ic∉ + √ + i + ly	icily
faith	faith + ful + ly	faithfully

2 Now try some the other way around. Combine the elements you are given to form adverbs:

Elements	Adverb
musé + ic + al + ly	musically
in + ex + act + ly	inexactly
in + co <i>n</i> /n+ r + rect + ly	incorrectly
in + stinct + ive + ly	instinctively
i <i>n</i> /+ <i>m</i> + medi + ate + ly	immediately
inter + est + ed + ly	interestedly
ordin + ar∲+ <i>i</i> + ly	ordinarily
sub+ c + cinct + ly	succinctly
in + ex+ f + fect + ive + ly	ineffectively
un + hurry/+ i + ed + ly	unhurriedly
un + doubt + ed + ly	undoubtedly
tempor + ary∕+ <i>i</i> + ly	temporarily

### **Teaching Notes.**

Items 1 and 2. It's important that the youngsters put in all of the intermediate steps, as we have done with *hastily*, showing the intermediate adjective form, *hasty* that is necessary to use the *-ly* suffix for changing adjectives to adverbs. Some youngsters may find it easier to figure out in their heads what the adverb is so that they fill out the Adverbs column first and then go back to work out the process that got them there. That's fine, just so long as they eventually get both columns filled out correctly.

# Lesson Thirty-four Test Four

Words	Analysis
1. agricultural	Free stem + suffix =  agriculturé + al
2. angrily	Free stem + suffix =  angrl/ + i + ly
3. enthusiastic	Free stem + suffix = enthusiast + ic
4. medical	Bound base + suffix <sup>1</sup> + suffix <sup>2</sup> = med + ic + al
5. mystical	Bound base + suffix <sup>1</sup> + suffix <sup>2</sup> = <u>myst + ic + al</u>
6. occasionally	Free stem + suffix¹ + suffix² = occasion + al + ly
7. original	Free stem + suffix = origin + al
8. patriotically	Free stem + suffix <sup>1</sup> + suffix <sup>2</sup> + suffix <sup>3</sup> = $patriot + ic + al + ly$
9. personally	Free stem + suffix¹ + suffix² = person + al + ly
10. technically	Bound base + suffix <sup>1</sup> + suffix <sup>2</sup> + suffix <sup>3</sup> = $techn + ic + al + ly$

## Lesson Thirty-five Homophones and Near-Homophones

- 1 Homophones are two or more words that have different spellings and meanings but sound exactly alike, such as *bare* and *bear*. Near-homophones are two or more words that have different spellings and meanings and sound very much alike, though not exactly, such as the nouns *refuse* "garbage, rubbish" and *refuge* "haven, protection."
- 2 Many homophones and near-homophones involve the spellings <s>, <c>, <sc>, and the sounds [s] and [z], like the following twenty-four sets:

advice, advise
cell, sell
cellar, seller
cent, sent, scent
cereal, serial
cite, sight, site
conscience, conscious
cymbal, symbol
decent, descent
device, devise
discuss, discus
hiss, his

loose, lose mussel, muscle phase, faze please, pleas pries, prize prose, pros quarts, quartz recent, resent refuse, refuge sects, sex sic(k)s, six vice, vise

Sort the sets into the following groups:

Homophones		Near-homophones
cell, sell	please, pleas	advice, advise
cellar, seller	pries, prize	conscience, conscious
cent, sent, scent	prose, pros	decent, descent
cereal, serial	sects, sex	device, devise
sight, cite, site	sic(k)s, six	discus, discuss
quarts, quartz	vice, vise	hiss, his
cymbal, symbol		loose, lose
muscle, mussel		recent, resent
phase, faze		refuse, refuge

3 Two of the sets are homophones involve different spellings of [ks]. Write the second set into the following table:

4 Two of the sets are homophones involve different spellings of the sound [z]:

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5 Nine of the sets are homophones involve different spellings of the sound [s]:

cell, sell	cereal, serial	cymbal, symbol
cellar, seller	cite, sight, site	mussel, muscle
cent, sent, scent	quarts, quartz	vice, vise

6 Six of the sets of near-homophones contain a word with [z] spelled <s>:

advice, advise	hiss, his	recent, resent
device, devise	loose, lose	refuge, refuse

7 Two of the sets of near-homophones involve shifting the stress from the first to the second vowel:

decent, descent	discus, discuss
	410040, 4100400

8 One of the sets of near-homophones involves an [n] near the end of one of the words that can easily get lost:

conscience, conscious

## Lesson Thirty-six More About Homophones and Near-homophones

1 Here are the sets of homophones and near-homophones with which you worked in the previous lessons:

advice, advise loose, lose mussel, muscle cell. sell cellar, seller phase, faze please, pleas cent, sent, scent cereal, serial pries, prize cite, sight, site prose, pros conscience, conscious quarts, quartz cymbal, symbol recent, resent decent. descent refuse, refuge device, devise sects, sex discuss, discus sic(k)s, six hiss, his vice, vise

2 Six of the sets contain a word that ends with one of the suffixes -s or -es. Write them into the left column below and analyse each into its stem and suffix. Then in the right column write in the other words in each of the six sets:

Word = Stem + suffix	Other word in the set
pleas = plea + s	please
pries = pry/ + i + es	prize
pro + s	prose
quart + s	quartz
sect + s	sex
sic(k) + s	six

3 In three of the words in the "Other words" column the final <e> is insulating an <s> or a <z>. Write the three below:

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II DIEASE I DIIZE	e prose

4 In two of the words in the "Other words" column the letter <x> is spelling [ks]:

sex	six
OOX	017

- 5 The short paragraphs below describe six of the sets. Read each description and then after it write in the words that make up that set:
- i. *Cent* comes from a Latin word that means "one hundred," because there are a hundred cents in a dollar. The base *cent* occurs in other words that have the meaning "one hundred" or "one-hundredth": *century, centimeter, centennial,* and *percent. Sent* is the past tense and past participle of *send*, which also starts with <s>. *Scent* "aroma, smell" used to be spelled <sent>. In the 17th century people began adding the <c>, and no one is quite sure why. The three words in this set are

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ii. Cereal "grasses and their grains used as food" comes from the name Ceres, who was the Roman goddess of agriculture. Serial analyzes to seri+al. The base seri carries the root meaning "to join" and occurs in the word series, which also begins with <s>. The two words in this set are

cereal serial
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iii. *Mussel* "a shellfish" used to be spelled just like *muscle*. The spelling with <ss> is quite recent. Both words derive from a Latin word that meant "little mouse." The connection between mice and muscles is apparently that when you flex your muscles, it looks like little mice running under your skin. The connection between mice and mussels is apparently their color and shape. The two words in this set are

mussel	muscle

iv. Symbol "sign, representation" analyzes to sym+m+bol and carries the root meaning "throw together with." Cymbal "a musical instrument" comes from a Greek word that meant "bowl," and a cymbal looks like a shallow bowl turned upside down. The two words in this set are

symbol	cymbal

v. *Phase* "a stage of development" comes from a Latin word that meant "appearance, show" and occurs in *emphasis*. It is related to the bases in words like *phantom* and *phenomenon*. Faze "to disconcert, to disturb" is actually a form of an old word, feeze "drive," which we no longer use. The two words in this set are

phase faze	
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vi. *Sight* comes from an Old English word that meant "something seen." Both *sight* and *seen* start with <s>. *Site* "location, place, position" also occurs in the word *situate*. *Cite* "to quote, honor" comes from a Latin word that meant "to set in motion, to call." It also occurs in *citation*, *excite*, *recite*, and *resuscitate*. The three words in this set are

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#### **Teaching Notes.**

Item 5iii. The pronunciation of *muscle* is unusual: The <c> before <l> should not be soft; it should be hard as it is, for instance, in *barnacle* and *oracle*. In past centuries some of the spellings indicate that the <c> was hard: *muskle*, *muskel*, *muscle*, *muscle*, *muskell*. Otto Jespersen observes that during the Middle English period [k] in the cluster [sk] was sometimes lost, as in *muscle*. He also suggests a parallel with the very old and common pronunciation of *asked* as [ast] rather than [askt]. Some dictionaries show [ast] as an accepted variant of [askt].

# Lesson Thirty-seven The Suffix -ion

1 The suffix -ion is used to turn verbs into nouns. Analyze each of the following nouns into verb plus -ion :

Noun	=	Verb	+	Suffix
concentration	=	concentraté	+	ion
subtraction	=	subtract	+	ion
collection	=	collect	+	ion
communication	=	communicaté	+	ion
perfection	=	perfect	+	ion
infection	=	infect	+	ion
invention	=	invent	+	ion
possession	=	possess	+	ion
supervision	=	supervisé	+	ion
appreciation	=	appreciaté	+	ion

2 Try some the other way around. Add -ion to each of the following verbs to turn them into nouns:

Verb	+	Suffix	=	Noun
educaté	+	ion	=	education
instruct	+	ion	=	instruction
legislaté	+	ion	=	legislation
contribut <i>é</i>	+	ion	=	contribution
accommodat <i>é</i>	+	ion	=	accommodation
constituté	+	ion	=	constitution
express	+	ion	=	expression
demonstrat∉	+	ion	=	demonstration

Verb	+	Suffix	=	Noun
restrict	+	ion	=	restriction
distributé	+	ion	=	distribution
decoraté	+	ion	=	decoration
indicaté	+	ion	=	indication

3 You've seen that *-ion* is very often added to free stems – namely, verbs – to turn them into nouns. It is also often added to bound stems – again to turn them into nouns. Analyze each of the following nouns into bound stem and *-ion*:

Noun	=	Bound Stem	+	Suffix
occasion	=	occas	+	ion
mention	=	ment	+	ion
ambition	=	ambit	+	ion
recognition	=	recognit	+	ion
dimension	=	dimens	+	ion
fraction	=	fract	+	ion
proportion	=	proport	+	ion
fiction	=	fict	+	ion
function	=	funct	+	ion
precaution	=	precaut	+	ion

4 The suffix -ion is used to turn verbs into <u>nouns</u>. It is also added to <u>bound</u> <u>stems</u> to make nouns.

#### **Teaching Notes.**

Item 3. Technically, the bases in the bound stems *of occasion* and *dimension* are the free base *case* "instance, situation" and the bound base *mense* "measure. Since it may be a bit much to expect students to recognize the connections, I've chosen to ignore the <e>'s.

### Lesson Thirty-eight More About -ion

1 Sometimes -ion is added to a bound stem that is closely related to a verb. For instance, in satisfaction -ion is added to the bound stem satisfact. And satisfact is closely related to the verb satisfy: When you are satisfied, you feel satisfaction.

In the table below analyze each of the nouns into a bound stem plus *-ion*. Then in the Related Verb column write in the verb. To help you with the correct spelling, the related verbs are all listed here so that all you have to do is find each one and write it into its proper blank in the Related Verb column:

admit decide explode permit repeat apprehend describe extend receive satisfy commit divide introduce recognize suspect

Noun	Analysis: Bound stem + suffix	Related Verb
satisfaction	satisfact + ion	satisfy
admission	admiss + ion	admit
decision	decis(∉) + ion	decide
repetition	repetit + ion	repeat
introduction	introduct + ion	introduce
extension	extens(∉) + ion	extend
description	descript + ion	describe
commission	commiss + ion	commit
reception	recept + ion	receive
division	divis(é) + ion	divide
recognition	recognit + ion	recognize
apprehension	apprehens + ion	apprehend
explosion	explos + ion	explode
permission	permiss + ion	permit
suspicion	suspic(∉) + ion	suspect

2 You have seen that the suffix -ion is often added to verbs that end with the suffix -ate, as in educate, education, and legislate, legislation. Because so many nouns end in <ation> people began to use -ation as a single suffix for forming nouns. Often the -ation is added to a verb. Analyze the nouns below into verb plus -ation, showing any changes that occur:

Noun	=	Verb	+ Suffix
admiration	=	admiré	+ ation
civilization	=	civilizé	+ ation
determination	=	determiné	+ ation
examination	=	examiné	+ ation
information	=	inform	+ ation
limitation	=	limit	+ ation
observation	=	observé	+ ation
recommendation	=	recommend	+ ation

3 Like -ion, -ation is also sometimes added to a bound stem, usually one that is closely related to a verb. Analyze each of the following nouns into a bound stem plus -ation. Then for each noun other than indignation fill in the related verb. Again, the related verbs are listed below:

acclaim explain reveal apply occupy exclaim proclaim

Noun	Analysis: Bound stem + suffix	Related Verb
acclamation	acclam + ation	acclaim
occupation	occup + ation	оссиру
application	applic + ation	apply
proclamation	proclam + ation	proclaim
revelation	revel + ation	reveal
explanation	explan + ation	explain

Noun	Analysis: Bound stem + suffix	Related Verb
exclamation	exclam + ation	exclaim
indignation	indign + ation	

4 The double suffix -ation is often added to <u>verbs</u> and <u>bound stems</u> to make <u>nouns</u>.

### **Teaching Notes.**

Item 1. The bases in five of the bound stems in this table actually end with a silent final <e> that must be deleted when -ion is added: (i) decision contains the base cise "cut", which also occurs in concise; (ii) repetition contains petite "seek", which also occurs in appetite; (iii) extension contains tense "stretch" as in intense; (iv) division contains the bound base vise "separate," as in devise; (v) suspicion contains spice "look at," as in auspice. (Auspice analyzes to au+spice, the base au "bird" being a form of our base av as in avian and aviary. The Latin source word for auspice referred to divination and prophecy based on watching the flight of birds.) You can decide whether to require your students to hold to the letter of the law and show the <e> deletions in their analyses or to allow them simple additions, on the grounds that these are pretty subtle relationships, as between suspicion and auspice, for instance. One strategy might be to have the students work the table on their own, assuming that most of them will choose simple addition for the five listed above. Then you might point out, for instance, that division is closely related to devise and ask how that knowledge suggests an analysis other than divis+ion.

The bases in three of the bound stems look as if they could well end with a silent final <e>: recognit, apprehens, explos. However, there are no known instances of words ending in these bases and thus requiring the final <e>. In the spirit of keeping procedures as simple as possible, we assume simple addition here rather than final <e> deletion.

Item 2. The criterion for deciding that these nouns all take *-ation* rather than *-ion* is that there are no intermediate *>* ate *>* forms: We have, say, *admire* and *admiration*, but no \*admirate. Of course, the language is ever changing and intermediate forms in *>* ate *>* may well come into use.

Item 3. Today we no longer have a verb spelled <indign>. The *OED* lists an obsolete *indign*, last cited in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, which meant "to treat with indignity; to resent." The *OED* offers this intriguing citation: "Diana, indigning this insolency, raised up a scorpion, that slew him."

### Lesson Thirty-nine How Do You Spell [sh]?

1 You can hear the sound [sh] at the beginning and end of the word *shush*. One of its best known spellings, not too surprisingly, is <sh>. Underline the letters that spell [sh] in the following words:

<u>sh</u> epherdess	horse <u>sh</u> oe	accompli <u>sh</u> ed	<u>sh</u> eriff
nouri <u>sh</u>	kin <u>sh</u> ip	<u>sh</u> ocking	friend <u>sh</u> ip
selfi <u>sh</u>	<u>sh</u> rieked	after <u>sh</u> ock	publi <u>sh</u> er
shoulder	distinguish	shudder	vanish

2 Sort the words into these two groups:

Words with [sh] spelled <sh> at the ...

front of an element	end of an element
shepherdess	nourish
shoulder	selfish
horseshoe	distinguish
kinship	accomplished
shrieked	publisher
shocking	vanish
aftershock	
shudder	
sheriff	
friendship	

3 One common spelling of [sh] is <u><sh></u>, which usually comes at the <u>front</u> or at the <u>end</u> of an element.

4 The following words contain two other spellings of [sh] that are not so common as <sh>. Eleven of the words contain [sh] spelled Way #1, and four words contain [sh] spelled Way #2. Underline the letters that spell [sh] in each word and then sort the words into the two different groups described below:

<u>ch</u> ivalry	<u>ch</u> aperon	<u>sch</u> lemiel
cro <u>ch</u> et	<u>sch</u> wa	ma <u>ch</u> ine
<u>sch</u> nook	<u>ch</u> ampagne	<u>ch</u> auffeur
para <u>ch</u> ute	musta <u>ch</u> e	pista <u>ch</u> io
<u>ch</u> agrin	<u>sch</u> lock	non <u>ch</u> alant

5 Words with [sh] spelled . . .

Wa	Way #2	
chivalry	mustache	schnook
crochet	machine	schwa
parachute	chauffeur	schlock
chagrin	pistachio	schlemiel
chaperon	nonchalant	
champagne		

6: Three ways to spell [sh] are <u><sh></u>, <u><ch></u>, and <u><sch></u>.

#### **Teaching Notes.**

Item 2. In order to decide on the location of <sh> in elements, students must work out, either in their heads or on scratch paper, the analysis of words like *horseshoe* (horse+shoe), *kinship* (kin+ship), *accomplished* (accomplish+ed), *aftershock* (after+shock), *friendship* (friend+ship), *publisher* (publish+er). If they have trouble with this more casual act of analysis, you might add a step between Items 1 and 2 in which they work out, perhaps as a group, the analysis of the sixteen words, looking always for an element boundary either right before or right after the <sh>.

Item 4. 1. Although in Old English [sh] was spelled <sc>, and <sh> was not introduced until after the Norman Conquest by the Norman-French scribes, <sh> has become the "normal" or "English" spelling of [sh]. The <ch> spelling is most common in recent French adoptions. (The <ch> spellings of [sh] in *Chicago* and *Michigan* reflect the early French influence in the area.) The <sch> spelling is found in some German words, especially proper names. But usually it is found in words from Hebrew and Yiddish, particularly in a set of Yiddish pejorative terms of which *schlemiel*, *schlock*, and *schnook* are only three. For more on [sh] and its spellings, see *AES*, pp. 407-12.

# Lesson Forty Very Often [sh] is Spelled <t>

1 Although we usually think of <sh> as the way [sh] is spelled, actually [sh] is most often spelled <t>. You can see and hear [sh] spelled <t> in the middle of the word nation .

In some of the following words [sh] is spelled <t>; in some it is spelled differently. Underline the letters that are spelling [sh] in each word:

educa <u>t</u> ional	presiden <u>t</u> ial	prescrip <u>t</u> ion	accommoda <u>t</u> ion
impa <u>t</u> ience	ini <u>t</u> ial	repeti <u>t</u> ion	frac <u>t</u> ion
indica <u>t</u> ion	posse <u>ss</u> ion	inven <u>t</u> ions	dimen <u>s</u> ion
expre <u>ss</u> ion	quo <u>t</u> ation	exclama <u>t</u> ion	affec <u>t</u> ionately
mi <u>ss</u> ionaries	exten <u>s</u> ion	subtrac <u>t</u> ion	dele <u>t</u> ion

2 Sort the words into these two groups:

Words in which [sh] . . .

is sp	is spelled <t></t>			
educational	inventions	expression		
impatience	exclamation	missionaries		
indication	subtraction	possession		
presidential	accommodation	extension		
initial	fraction	dimension		
quotation	affectionately			
prescription	deletion			
repetition				

3 The <t> spelling of [sh] is very common, but it only occurs in a certain place in a word. Here are a number of words that contain <t>. Sometimes the <t> spells [sh]; sometimes it does not. In the column labeled '<t> spells' write out the sound that <t> spells in each word, as we have done with *judgement* and *partial*:

Words	<t> spells</t>	Words	<t> spells</t>	Words	<t> spells</t>
judgement	[t]	mustache	[t]	association	[sh]
partial	[sh]	conventional	[sh]	technical	[t]
affection	[sh]	initial	[sh]	proportion	[sh]
traffic	[t]	nonchalant	[t]	examination	[sh]
nation	[sh]	extension	[t]	reception	[sh]
impatience	[sh]	incorrect	[t]	deletion	[sh]
educated	[t]	education	[sh]	appreciation	[sh]

4 Sort the words from Item 3 into this matrix:

Words in which <t>...

,	spells	[sh]	does not spell [sh]
Words with the <t> at the front or the end</t>			judgement traffic nonchalant incorrect technical
Words with the <t> in the middle</t>	partial affection nation impatience conventional initial education	association appreciation proportion examination reception deletion	educated mustache

5	In the words in I	his matrix	does the	letter <t> e</t>	ever spell th	he sound [s	sh] at the f	ront or
the	e at the end of a	word?	No					

- 6 Whenever <t> spells [sh], where is it in the word? In the middle
- 7 The letter <t> never spells [sh] at the beginning or end of a word. It only spells [sh] somewhere in the middle. In fact, <t> only spells [sh] right at the boundary between the stem and a suffix, always.

#### **Teaching Notes.**

- 1. If <sh> is the "English" spelling of [sh] and <ch> is the "French" spelling, <t> is the "Latin" spelling, since nearly all, or all, of the words with [sh] = <t> come from Latin.
- 2. The <t> spelling of [sh], and the other spellings examined in this and the next lesson, are all due to a process called **palatalization**. The palate is the roof of the mouth. A sound is said to be palatalized when the place where it is pronounced in the mouth is pushed back so that it is pronounced against the palate.

For instance, the sound [t], which <t> normally spells, is pronounced by pressing the tongue against the back of the upper teeth or against the dental, or alveolar, ridge from which the teeth grow. If you move your tongue back so that it presses against your palate and try to pronounce [t], you make a sound that is like [t] followed by a [sh], [tsh], which is actually the [ch] sound. So the palatalized pronunciation of [t] is [tsh], or [ch]. Over the centuries the [tsh] simplified to [sh], giving us the sound we are looking at in these lessons.

Thus, the <t> spelling of [sh] is due to the movement of the sound back in the mouth, to the palate, followed by a simplification of [tsh] to [sh]. The basic trigger is the unstressed <i> following the <t>: When that unstressed <i> is followed by another unstressed vowel, it simplifies to a [y]-like glide, and the sequence [ty] pulls the tongue back onto the palate. That movement back to the palate leads ultimately to the [sh] sound.

You may have noticed that in many of the words in which <t> spells [sh], the <t> is followed by the suffix -ion, as in affection and deletion. Notice that -ion starts with an

<i> that is followed by another vowel, <o>, and that both the <i> and the <o> are unstressed. So -ion provides a perfect setting for palatalization and for <t> to spell [sh]. And -ion is a very common suffix in modern English.

AES provides more details on the palatalized spellings of [sh] (pp. 409-12), and most books on English phonetics and phonology discuss palatalization in considerable detail.

# Lesson Forty-one Where and When [sh] is Spelled <t>

1 l	Is [sh] ever spelled <t> at the beginning of a word? No Is [sh] ever spelled <t></t></t>						
at t	at the end of a word? <u>No</u>						
			pelled <t>. In each word ror 'c' for vowel or consona</t>				
	ambition	partial	contribution	indignation			
	VV	VV	VV	VV			
	association	quotient	repetition	constitution			
	VV	VV	VV	VV			
	conventions	proportion	affectionately	restrictions			
	VV	VV	VV	VV			
	fractions	subtraction	prescription	quotation			
	VV	VV	VV	VV			
	deletion	impatience	reception	immigration			
	VV	VV	VV	VV			
3	3 You should have found that in every word there was always the same pattern						
follo	owing the <t>. Was i</t>	t CC, CV, VV, or V	C? <u>VV</u>				
	Whenever <t> spell <t> is always the sa</t></t>		llowed by two vowels. Th	e vowel right after			
5	Whenever [sh] is spelled <t>, the <t> is always followed by two vowels, and the first</t></t>						

<t> spells [t]</t>	<t> spells [sh]</t>
native	nátion
receptive	recéption
parting	pártial
deleted	delétion

of the two vowels is always an <i>. That pattern explains why <t> spells [t] in the first

word in each of the following pairs but it spells [sh] in the second word:

immigrated	immigrátion	
fractal	fráction	
affecting	afféction	

- 6 In the words in the right column above is the <t> always followed by an <i> and another vowel? Yes In the words in the left column is the <t> ever followed by an <i> and another vowel? No
- 7 In the right column what sound does <t> spell? [sh] In the left column what sound does <t> spell? [t]
- 8 In each of the words in the right column, mark the vowel that has heavy stress, as we have done with *nation*. Does the <i> and the next vowel after the <t> that spells [sh] ever have heavy stress on it? <u>No</u>

When [sh] is spelled <t>, the two vowels after the <t> will never be stressed.

9 In each of the following words [sh] is spelled <t> and each one ends with the suffix -ion. Analyze each word into its stem and -ion, showing any changes that occurred when the stem and suffix combined. Most of the stems are free, but one is bound. Be sure to show any final <e> deletions:

Word	=	Stem + Suffix -ion
legislation	=	legislat∉ + ion
indication	=	indicat∉ + ion
calculation	=	calculaté + ion
restriction	=	restrict + ion
contribution	=	contribut∉ + ion
appreciation	=	appreciaté + ion
precaution	=	precaut + ion

### **Teaching Notes.**

As was said in the Teaching Notes to Lesson 40, the trigger here is the unstressed <i>following the <t>: When the <i> is followed by another unstressed vowel, the <i> tends to simplify to a [y]-glide. Articulating a [y]-glide tends to pull the tongue back to the palate, which leads to [tsh] and ultimately [sh]. The sequence is [ti] > [ty] > [tsh] > [sh]. There are a very few holdouts worth mentioning:

# Lesson Forty-two More Spellings of [sh]: <c>, <sc>, <ss>, and <s>

1 Underline the letters that spell [sh] in the following words:

expre <u>ss</u> ion	offi <u>c</u> ial	dimen <u>s</u> ion	con <u>sc</u> ience
so <u>c</u> ial	suspi <u>c</u> ious	succe <u>ss</u> ion	mi <u>ss</u> ionary
con <u>sc</u> iously	finan <u>c</u> ial	electri <u>c</u> ian	posse <u>ss</u> ion
ra <u>c</u> ial	intermi <u>ss</u> ion	apprehen <u>s</u> ion	spe <u>c</u> ially
exten <u>s</u> ion	suspen <u>s</u> ion	suffi <u>c</u> iently	man <u>s</u> ion

2 Sort the words into these four groups:

Words with [sh] spelled . . .

<c></c>	<s></s>	<ss></ss>	<sc></sc>		
social	extension	expression	consciously		
racial	suspension	intermission	conscience		
official	dimension	succession			
suspicious	apprehension	missionary			
financial	mansion	possession			
electrician					
sufficiently					
specially					

- 3 Look carefully at your four groups of words and answer the following questions:
  - a. When [sh] is spelled <s>, <c>, <sc>, or <ss>, are the next two letters always vowels or consonants or what? Always vowels
  - b. What letter always comes right after the <s>, <c>, <sc>, or <ss>? \_<i>\_

c. Do the v	owels after the	<s>, <c>,</c></s>	<sc>, or</sc>	<ss> have</ss>	e weak stres	ss or heavy
stress?	Weak					

4 There is one more spelling of [sh]. Underline the letters that spell [sh] in these words:

<u>s</u> ugar	a <u>ss</u> ured	in <u>s</u> urance
fi <u>ss</u> ure	pre <u>ss</u> ure	i <u>ss</u> ue
tissue	censure	sure

In these words (and pretty much these words only) [sh] is spelled <s> or <ss> with no <i> or second vowel following.

- a. In these words what letter always comes after the <s> or <ss>? \_<u>
- b. What letter almost always comes after that one? \_<r>

5 In each of the following pairs of words the <t>, <c>, <s>, <ss>, and <sc> sometimes spell [sh] and sometimes do not. Be ready to discuss why they do not spell [sh] in those words in which they do not:

social	society
prediction	predicting
finances	financial
official	office
completion	complete
conscience	science
physician	physical
recess	recession
description	descriptive
patent	patient
partial	part

- 6 Eight ways of spelling [sh] are <u><sh>, <ch>, <sch>, <t>, <c>, <s>, <sc>, and <ss>.</u>
- 7 Those spellings of [sh] that are **always** followed by an unstressed <i> and another unstressed vowel are \_<t> , <c> , \_<s> , \_<sc> , and \_<ss> .

#### **Teaching Notes.**

In this lesson it is important that the students see that the setting in which <c> and <sc> spell [sh] is basically the same as the setting in which <t> spells [sh] and that the settings for <s> and <ss> are also usually the same, though <s> and <ss> also can spell [sh] before <u>. The underlying cause for these spellings is once again the palatalization described in the previous lessons.

Item 1: Notice that the <sc> spelling is pretty much restricted to words that contain the bound base *sci*, "know." *Sci* also occurs in the words *science* and *scientific*, without palatalization because the <i> is stressed.

Item 3(b): One noteworthy holdout to this stipulation is *ocean*, with [sh] spelled with a <c> that is follwed with <e> rather than <i>. From its first appearance in English until the 17th century, *ocean* was often spelled <ocian,> in line with the pattern described in 3(b). But in the 17th century the spelling settled on the French spelling, with <e> rather than <i>. Two other holdouts are the suffixes *-aceous* and *-acean*, which have kept the original Latin spelling.

Item 4: Notice that we are dealing here almost exclusively with words that contain the base *sure* or the suffix *-ure* added to a stem that ends <s> or <ss>. It seems likely that earlier there was a [y]-like glide at the front of the <u> vowels in these words, as there still is in words like *fuel*. In the case of the words with a following [r] listed here, the [y]-glide triggered a palatalization similar to that triggered by the <i> in words like *dimension*.

The wildcard, of course, is *sugar*. Probably the same thing happened with it, though it is not clear why it happened just to *sugar*. There is, in fact, more than one unknown in the history of this word. For instance, we are not even sure where the [g] and <g>come from, since its earliest English forms had [k]. There is a distant relationship with *saccharin*. We adopted the word from French, and the Modern French word is *sucre*. But *sugar* has a truly complicated history. Here's the etymology given in the *AHD*: "Middle English *sugre*, from Old French *sukere*, from Medieval Latin *succārum*, from Old Italian *zucchero*, from Arabic *sukkar*, from Persian *shakar*, from Sanskrit *śarkarā*, grit, ground sugar".

5. Item 5: The discussion question asked here requires that the students know the normal conditions for the palatalized spellings of [sh]. For students who still have trouble holding all of those conditions in their minds at once, ask them to look at and listen to the words in the table and do the following things: (i) underline the letters that spell [sh], (ii) mark 'v' or 'c' the two letters following those letters, (iii) mark the heavy stress in each word. That bit of analysis should help them see the larger pattern at work.

## Lesson Forty-three Test Five

Words	Analysis
1. sighted	$[\bar{i}] = \underline{\langle i \rangle}$ $[t] = \underline{\langle ght \rangle}$ Verb + suffix = $\underline{sight + ed}$
2. conscious	[sh] = <sc> Prefix + bound stem = conh + n + scious</sc>
3. exclamation	[sh] = <u><t></t></u> Prefix + bound base + suffix = <u>ex + clam + ation</u>
4. extension	[sh] = <u><s></s></u> [ks] = <u><x></x></u> [t] = <u><t></t></u>
5. fraction	[sh] = <u><t></t></u> Bound base + suffix = <u>fract + ion</u>
6. immigration	[sh] = <u><t></t></u> Prefix + free stem + suffix =  in + m + migrate + ion
7. impatiently	Prefix + bound base + suffix <sup>1</sup> + suffix <sup>2</sup> = $i\not n$ + $m$ + $pati$ + $ent$ + $ly$
8. initial	[sh] = <u><t></t></u>
9. possession	[sh] = <u><ss></ss></u> Free stem + suffix = <u>possess + ion</u>
10. publisher	[sh] = <u><sh></sh></u> Free stem + suffix = <u>possess + ion</u>

# Lesson Forty-four Review of [k]

1 Each of the following words contains at least one [k] sound. Underline the letters that spell [k] in each word:

<u>k</u> inship	e <u>c</u> stati <u>c</u> ally	a <u>cc</u> ommodation	a <u>cq</u> uittal
<u>c</u> onsciously	anti <u>qu</u> e	a <u>cq</u> uired	te <u>ch</u> nician
o' <u>c</u> lo <u>ck</u>	s <u>k</u> etchily	<u>c</u> onse <u>q</u> uence	li <u>q</u> uid
o <u>cc</u> urred	<u>ch</u> emi <u>c</u> al	pi <u>c</u> tures <u>qu</u> e	<u>c</u> olle <u>c</u> tion
a <u>cq</u> uaintance	<u>q</u> ui <u>ck</u> ly	an <u>k</u> le	uni <u>qu</u> ely
ar <u>ch</u> ite <u>c</u> t	<u>c</u> al <u>c</u> ulator	pani <u>ck</u> ed	physi <u>qu</u> e
<u>c</u> onse <u>q</u> uential	don <u>k</u> ey	a <u>cc</u> omplishment	rhythmi <u>c</u> ally
re <u>c</u> ognized	stoma <u>ch</u>	o <u>cc</u> upational	provo <u>k</u> ing

2 Sort the thirty-two words into the following groups. You should have found eight different spellings of [k]. We have written one of those spellings in the table below; you are to write the seven other spellings at the top of the columns. Some words go into more than one group. When you are finished, several of the blanks will be empty:

Words with [k] spelled . . .

<k></k>	<c></c>	<ck></ck>	<cc></cc>
kinship	consciously	o'clock	occurred
sketchily	o'clock	quickly	accommodation
donkey	architect	panicked	accomplishment
ankle	consequential		occupational
provoking	recognized		
	ecstatically		
	chemical		

<k></k>	<c></c>	<ck></ck>	<cc></cc>
	calculator		
	consequence		
	picturesque		
	collection		
	rhythmically		

Words with [k] spelled . . .

<cq></cq>	<ch></ch>	<q></q>	<qu></qu>
acquaintance	architect	consequential	antique
acquired	chemical	quickly	picturesque
acquittal	stomach	consequence	uniquely
	technician	liquid	physique

3 Analyze the following words to show the reason for the spelling of [k] in each:

Word	=	Analysis
occurred	=	ob + c + curred
acquired	=	ad + c + quired
panicked	=	panic + k + ed
accommodation	=	ad + c +commodation
picnicking	=	picnic + k + ing
acquittal	=	ad + c + quittal

4 What sounds does <x> spell in each of the following words?

Word	<x> spells</x>
expression	[ks]
complexity	[ks]

Word	<x> spells</x>
sixteen	[ks]
excitement	[ks]
exceeding	[ks]

# Lesson Forty-five Review of Suffixes

1	A suffix is	a bound element that is added to the end of stems	

2 Each of the following words contains one or more suffixes. Sort them into the groups. Some words will go into more than one group:

provokingly	consequently	expression	sketchily
occurrence	usual	rhythmically	profession
collection	acquaintance	racial	recognizance
chemical	fictional	eventual	ecstatically
acquittal	consequence	defiance	two-dimensional

#### Words with the suffix . . .

-al	-ance	-ence	-ial
chemical	acquaintance	occurrence	racial
acquittal	defiance	consequence	
fictional	recognizance		
rhythmically			
ecstatically			
two-dimensional			

### Words with the suffix . . .

-ic	-ion	-ly	-ual
chemical	collection	provokingly	usual
rhythmically	fictional	consequently	eventual
ecstatically	expression	rhythmically	
	profession	sketchily	
	two-dimensional	ecstatically	

3 Analyze the following words into stem plus suffixes. Remember that some have more than one suffix. Be sure you show all of suffixes in your analyses, and show any changes that occur when elements are added together:

Word	=	Stem	+	Suffix or suffixes
provokingly	=	provok∉	+	ing + ly
occurrence	=	occur + r	+	ence
collection	=	collect	+	ion
rhythmically	=	rhythm	+	ic + al + ly
acquittal	=	acquit + t	+	al
consequential	=	consequ	+	ent + ial
usual	=	usé	+	ual
defiance	=	defy + i	+	ance
sketchily	=	sketch	+	y + i + ly
racial	=	racé	+	ial
eventual	=	event	+	ual
recognizance	=	recognizé	+	ance

### Lesson Forty-six Review of [sh]

1 Underline the letters that spell [sh] in each of the following words:

kin <u>sh</u> ip	a <u>ss</u> ured	physi <u>c</u> ian	two-dimen <u>s</u> ional
non <u>ch</u> alantly	<u>sch</u> wa	expre <u>ss</u> ion	techni <u>c</u> ian
accommoda <u>t</u> ions	accompli <u>sh</u> ment	<u>sch</u> lemiel	profe <u>ss</u> ional
consequen <u>t</u> ial	ma <u>ch</u> ine	<u>sh</u> oulder	distingui <u>sh</u>
in <u>s</u> urance	occupa <u>t</u> ional	musta <u>ch</u> e	quota <u>t</u> ion
uncon <u>sc</u> iously	demonstra <u>t</u> ion	norui <u>sh</u>	collec <u>t</u> ions
decora <u>t</u> ion	exten <u>s</u> ion	constitu <u>t</u> ion	ra <u>c</u> ial

2 You should have found eight different spellings of [sh], one of them being <t>. Label each of the columns below with one of the spellings, as we have done with the column labeled <t>. Then sort the words into the groups. Some words go into more than one group. Again, when you finish, several blanks will still be empty:

Words with [sh] spelled . . .

<t></t>	<ch></ch>	<sh></sh>	<s></s>
accommodations	nonchalantly	kinship	insurance
consequential	machine	accomplishment	extension
decoration	mustache	shoulder	two-dimensional
occupational		nourish	
demonstration		distinguish	
constitution			
quotation			
collections			

Words with [sh] spelled . . .

<sc></sc>	<b><ss></ss></b>	<sch></sch>	<c></c>
unconsciously	assured	schwa	physician
	expression	schlemiel	technician
	professional		racial

3 How is [sh] spelled in the word <i>complexion</i> ?	
<x>, as part of the combination [ksh]</x>	
4 Where does the <sh> spelling of [sh] usually come in elements? <u>At the</u></sh>	<u>9</u>
beginning or the end	
5 Where does the <t> spelling of [sh] come in words? In the middle,b</t>	<u>between</u>
the stem and a suffix	

#### Lesson Forty-seven More Homophones

1 **Principle, principal.** The noun *principle* means "a general law, rule, or truth." The adjective *principal* means "main, most important"; the noun *principal* means "a chief or head, the director of a school; a sum of money." The base *princip* in each word carries the root meaning "prince" and comes from two earlier elements meaning "first taker." The <le> in *principle* comes from Old French.

*Principal* analyzes to *princip+al*, the *-al* being the suffix that forms adjectives from nouns and bound stems, as in *universal* and *liberal*. It may help sort these two out to remember the sentence, "Our princi**pal** is my **pal**."

#### Cross out the incorrect form:

- a. The (principal, principle) of our school is over six feet tall.
- b. Drinking and dancing are against her personal (principals, principles).
- c. The (principal, principle) partner in their law firm is a man of high (principals, principles).
- 2 **Capital, capitol.** The adjective *capital* means much the same as the adjective *principal*, "main, most important." It also refers to money and financing. The noun *capital* refers to the city in which a state or national government is located. It also refers to money and financing and to uppercase letters. *Capital* analyzes to *capit+al*; *capitol* analyzes to *capit+ol*. In each case, the base *capit* means "head, money", as in *decapitate*, "to remove one's head." and *capitalist* "one who invests capital in business."

Capitol is not used as an adjective, and as a capitalized noun it refers to the building in Washington D.C. where Congress meets. It also is used in lowercase to refer to similar buildings in state capitals. Remember that *capital* is a city, *capitol* is a building. It may help to sort these two out to remember the sentence, "There is a dome on the capitol, and there's an <o> in *dome* and *capitol*."

- a. The (capital, capitol) of Washington state is Olympia.
- b. The (Capital, Capitol) of the United States is in Washington D.C., which is the nation's (capital, capitol).
- c. He invested his (capital, <del>capitol</del>) is stocks and bonds.
- 3 **Desert** (*v.*), **desert** (*n.*), **dessert** (*n.*) The verb **desert** "to abandon" and the noun **dessert** "the final course of a meal" are homophones. The verb **desert** and the noun **desert** "a barren place" are homographs. Their pronunciations differ only in which vowel has stress: As usual, the noun has stress on the first vowel, the verb has stress on the second. Both **desert**'s analyze to the prefix **de** "removal, separation" plus the base **sert** "attach, join, discuss." The base **sert** also occurs in **insert** and **exert**.

Dessert analyzes to the French prefix des- "removal" and a different sert, this one

meaning "serve. Desserts are called desserts because they were the last course, marking the removal of the meal service. Some people keep *dessert* distinct from *desert* with the saying, "We had **s**trawberry **s**hortcake for de**ss**ert": two <s>'s in "strawberry shortcake," two <s>'s in *dessert*.

- a. He was afraid they were going to (desert, dessert) him.
- b. They had ice cream for (desert, dessert).
- c. The (desert, dessert) of Arizona is very hot during the day but it can be quite chilly at night.
- 4 **Council, counsel.** The noun *council* means "meeting, assembly." The noun *counsel* means "advice, consultation"; it also is used to refer to one's lawyer in a trial. As a verb *counsel* means "to offer advice, to consult with." *Council* analyzes to the French prefix *coun*-, which is a form of our prefix *com* "with, together," plus the base *cil* "call." *Cil* is a form of the base *cile* in *reconcile*.

Counsel has that same prefix coun- with the base sel, which comes from a Latin word that meant "to consult." In fact, the sult in consult and the sel in counsel are closely related. Remembering that <s> in consult should help you remember the <s> in counsel.

- a. The Student (Council, Counsel) deals with certain discipline problems.
- b. Her (council, counsel) and advice are usually very good.
- c. At his trial his (<del>council</del>, counsel) told him to keep his mouth shut.
- 5 **Compliment, complement.** The noun *compliment* means "a statement of praise or regard"; the noun *complement* means "something that completes, makes better." Both can be used as verbs. *Compliment* analyzes to *com+pli+ment*. The bound base *pli* is a form of the base in *comply*.

Complement analyzes to com+ple+ment, and its base ple carries the root meaning "fill." The base ple is related to the base in complete, both with <e>'s.

- a. She was obviously pleased with the nice (complement, compliment).
- b. The new couch (complements, compliments) their other living room furniture.
- c. He had two (complementary, complimentary) tickets to the ball game.

## Lesson Forty-eight Test Six

Words	Analysis
1. accommodations	[k] = $\underline{\langle cc \rangle}$ [sh] = $\underline{\langle t \rangle}$ Prefix <sup>1</sup> + prefix <sup>2</sup> +freebase+suffix <sup>1</sup> +suffix <sup>2</sup> +suffix <sup>3</sup> = $a\emptyset + c + com + mod \phi + at \phi + ion + s$
2. acquittal	[k] = <cq> Verb + suffix = acquit+t+al</cq>
3. stomach	[k] = <u><ch></ch></u>
4. collections	Prefix + bound base + suffix <sup>1</sup> + suffix <sup>2</sup> = <u>corh+l+lect+ion+s</u>
5. ecstatically	Prefix+free base+suffix¹+suffix²+suffix³ = ex+c+staté+ic+al+ly
6. expression	[ks] = <u><x></x></u> Prefix + free base + suffix =
7. racially	[sh] = <u><c></c></u> Free base + suffix <sup>1</sup> + suffix <sup>2</sup> =  racé+ial+ly
8. recognize	[k] = <u><c></c></u> Prefix + bound base + suffix = <u>re+cogn+ize</u>
9. rhythmic	[r] = <u><rh></rh></u> Free stem + suffix = rhythm+ic
10. usually	[I] = <u></u> Free stem + suffix¹ + suffix² = <u>usé+ual+ly</u>