

From Exercises

Chapter 4, Processes: Assimilation, Palatalization, Shortening

4.1 Assimilation in the Prefix *Com-*. All of the words below contain some form of the prefix *com-*. Analyze each word in the "Analysis" column into its prefix plus stem. In the "Before" column put the first letter of the stem to which the prefix is being added. If the *com-* simply adds to the stem with no changes in spelling, put an "X" in the "Simple Addition" column. If the [m] assimilates fully so that it and the letter <m> in *com-* are replaced by the first sound and letter of the stem — thus making a double consonant, as in *collide* and *corrode* — put an "X" in the "Full Assimilation" column. If the assimilation is only partial and the <m> is replaced with an <n>, put an "X" in the "Partial Assimilation" column. And if the <m> in *com-* deletes and nothing replaces it, put an "X" in the "<m>-Deletion" column:

Words	Analysis: Prefix + Stem	Before	Simple Addition	Assimilation		<m> Deletion
				Full	Partial	
concern	com+n+cern	<c>			X	
congeal						
compound						
coalition						
coefficient						
collaborate						
commemorate						
correlation						
contingency						
conscious		<sc>				

4.2 Assimilation in the Prefix *Ad-*. Follow the instructions for Exercise 4.1:

Word	Analysis: Prefix+Stem	Before	Simple Addition	Full Assimilation	<d> Deletion
accommodate					
addicted					
adhesive					
arrival					

Word	Analysis: Prefix+Stem	Before	Simple Addition	Full Assimilation	<d> Deletion
affluent					
advertise					
accomplish					
attractive					
ascension		<sc>			
agnomen		<gn>			

Follow-up: In *agnomen* we put <gn> in the “Before” column even though the historical stem is *nomen* “name,” the <g> having been inserted in Latin because the Romans apparently took the word to be related to *agnōscere*, “to recognize.”

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Chapter 4, Answers

4.1

Words	Analysis: Prefix + Stem	Before	Simple Addition	Assimilation		<m> Deletion
				Full	Partial	
concern	conh+n+cern	<c>			X	
congeal	conh+n+geal	<g>			X	
compound	com+pound	<p>	X			
coalition	conh+alition	<a>				X
coefficient	conh+efficient	<e>				X
collaborate	conh+l+laborate	<l>		X		
commemorate	com+memorate	<m>	X			
correlation	conh+r+relation	<r>		X		
contingency	conh+n+tingency	<t>			X	
conscious	conh+n+scious	<s>			X	

4.2

Word	Analysis: Prefix+Stem	Before	Simple Addition	Full Assimilation	<d> Deletion
accommodate	að+c+com+modate	<c>		X	
addicted	ad+dicted	<d>	X		
adhesive	ad+hesive	<h>	X		
arrival	að+r+rival	<r>		X	
affluent	að+f+fluent	<f>		X	
advertise	ad+vertise	<v>	X		
accomplish	að+c+comply	<c>		X	
attractive	að+t+tractive	<t>		X	
ascension	að+scension	<sc>			X
agnomen	að+gnomen	<gn>			X