

Activity #2

When do Suffixing Cause Changes at the Joins?

Spelling Detectives

A) Investigation: Developing a hypothesis

Study the matrix for <move> and the word sums created from it to see if you can discover a consistent suffixing pattern.

re un	move	s ing ed er ment
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Word Sums from <move> Matrix

move + s	→ moves
move + ing	→ moving
move + ed	→ moved
move + er	→ mover
move + ment	→ movement
re + move + ed	→ removed
re + move + er	→ remover
un + move + ed	→ unmoved

1. What is the change that sometimes occurs at the suffix join?
2. List the suffixes that cause the change: _____
3. List the suffixes that cause no change: _____
4. How are these suffixes different from each other?
5. Our class' hypothesis to explain how you know which suffixes drop the single, silent <e> of a base or suffix:

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B) Testing our Hypothesis:

These matrices build on *base words* (a one *morpheme* word - no *prefix* or *suffix*) that end with the letter ‘e’.

- Create word sums from a variety of the matrices to test our class hypothesis. (Only build a few words from each matrix.)
- If you are unsure of the spelling of a word, check with a dictionary or ask for help.
- Be ready to share interesting discoveries with the class. Any surprising findings, or words whose sound changes when you add affixes?

dis	please	es ed ant ure
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un	hope	s ing ed ful less
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dis	agree	ing ed ment able
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re	take	s ing en
		away

mis	be	have	s ing ed
			i our (Can) or (US)

en	large	es er ing ed ly ish
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