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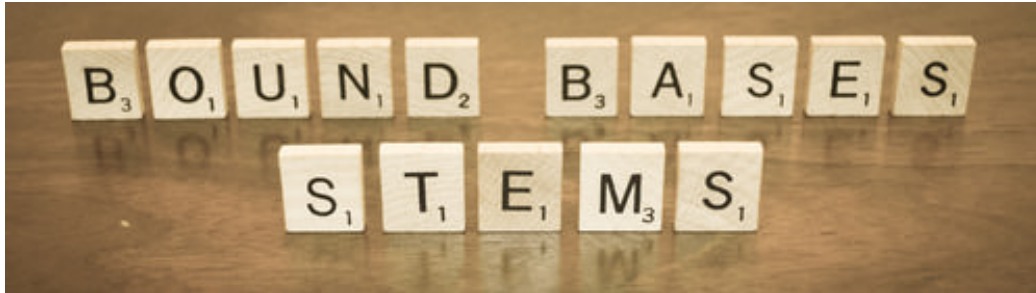
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Elements, other than prefixes and suffixes, that cannot stand free as words

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A base that can stand free as a word is called a **free base**. If we remove the prefix *re-* from the word *recharge*, we are left with *charge*, which is a free base.

A stem that can stand free as a word is called a **free stem**. If we remove the prefix *re-* from the word *recharged*, we are left with *charged*, which is a free stem. *Charged* is a free stem that contains the free base *charge* plus the suffix *-ed*.

A base that cannot stand free as a word is called a **bound base**. A bound base has to have a prefix or a suffix or another base added to it to make it into a word. If we remove the prefix *re-* from the word *reject*, we are left with *ject*, which is a bound base because it cannot stand free as a word. You can reject something, but you can't just 'ject' it.

A stem that cannot stand free as a word is called a **bound stem**. If we remove the prefix *re-* from the word *rejection*, we are left with *jection*, which is a bound stem that contains the bound base *ject* and the suffix *-ion*.

Examples

Each of the following words contains a prefix, a bound base, and a suffix. Notice the instance of final <e> deletion.

Word	= Prefix	+ Bound Base	+ Suffix
prospecting	= <i>pro</i>	+ <i>spect</i>	+ <i>ing</i>
producer	= <i>pro</i>	+ <i>duc</i> <i>e</i>	+ <i>er</i>
deception	= <i>de</i>	+ <i>cept</i>	+ <i>ion</i>

Review

1. A base that can stand free as a word is called a _____.
2. A base that cannot stand free as a word is called a _____.
3. A stem that is also a word is called a _____.
4. A stem that is not a word is called a _____.
5. In the word *respect* the prefix is *re-*. What is the base? _____. Is this a bound base or a free base? _____. Underline this base in the following words.

prospect spectator inspector spectacles

6. In the word *introduce* the prefix is *intro-*. What is the base? _____. Is the base bound or free? _____. Underline this base in the following words.

introduce produce deduce reduce induce

7. In the word *interception*, *-ion* is a suffix. If you take that suffix away, what stem do you have left? _____. Is it a bound or a free stem? _____.
8. Now if you take the prefix *inter-* away from *intercept*, what is the base that is left? _____. Is this base bound or free? _____.
9. Underline this base in the following words.

deceptive percepts accepted excepting reception concepts

10. In the word *promote* the prefix is *pro-*. What is the base? _____.

Underline this base in the following words. In some of the words the base ends with the letter <e>. In some the <e> has been deleted. We won't worry for now about the <e> deletion. Just underline as much of the base as you can see in the word.

remote motor promote demote motion

Each of the following words contains a prefix, a bound base, and a suffix. Analyze each word into its prefix, bound base, and suffix. This time, show any final <e> deletions.

Word	= Prefix	+ Bound Base	+ Suffix
11. acceptable	=	+	+
12. remotest	=	+	+
13. inspected	=	+	+
14. introducing	=	+	+
15. conception	=	+	+
16. promotion	=	+	+
17. exception	=	+	+
18. reduces	=	+	+
19. intercepted	=	+	+
20. demoted	=	+	+
21. receptive	=	+	+

Review (Answers)

1. A base that can stand free as a word is called a free base.
2. A base that cannot stand free as a word is called a bound base.
3. A stem that is also a word is called a free stem.
4. A stem that is not a word is called a bound stem.
5. In the word *respect* the prefix is *re-*. What is the base? spect Is this a bound base or a free base? a bound base. Underline this base in the following words.

introduce *produce* *deduce*
reduce *induce*

6. In the word *introduce* the prefix is *intro-*. What is the base? duce.
7. Is the base bound or free? bound. Underline this base in the following words.

introduce *produce* *deduce* *reduce* *induce*

8. In the word *interception*, *-ion* is a suffix. If you take that suffix away, what stem do you have left? intercept. Is it a bound or a free stem? free stem Now if you take the prefix *inter-* away from *intercept*, what is the base that is left? cept. Is this base bound or free? bound.
9. Underline this base in the following words.

deceptive *percepts* *accepted* *excepting* *reception* *con*

10. In the word *promote* the prefix is *pro-*. What is the base? mote.

Underline this base in the following words. In some of the words the base ends with the letter <e>. In some the <e> has been deleted. We won't worry for now about the <e> deletion: Just underline as much of the base as you can see in the word.

remote *motor* *promote* *demote* *motion*

Word	= Prefix	+ Bound Base	+ Suffix
11. acceptable	= <i>ac</i>	+ <i>cept</i>	+ <i>able</i>
12. remotest	= <i>re</i>	+ <i>mot e</i> ✓	+ <i>est</i>
13. inspected	= <i>in</i>	+ <i>spect</i>	+ <i>ed</i>
14. introducing	= <i>intro</i>	+ <i>duc e</i> ✓	+ <i>ing</i>
15. conception	= <i>con</i>	+ <i>cept</i>	+ <i>ion</i>
16. promotion	= <i>pro</i>	+ <i>mot e</i> ✓	+ <i>ion</i>
17. exception	= <i>ex</i>	+ <i>cept</i>	+ <i>ion</i>
18. reduces	= <i>re</i>	+ <i>duc e</i> ✓	+ <i>es</i>
19. intercepted	= <i>inter</i>	+ <i>cept</i>	+ <i>ed</i>
20. demoted	= <i>de</i>	+ <i>mot e</i> ✓	+ <i>ed</i>
21. receptive	= <i>re</i>	+ <i>cept</i>	+ <i>ive</i>

Explore More

Word Builder. In Word Builder you are given some elements—in this case, prefixes, bound bases, and suffixes. Your job is to combine them to form words. In the tables we will give you formulas that will show you what kind of elements each word is to contain and how many letters each word will have. Some of the words you build will involve final <e> deletion, which you do not have to show in this activity; just write out the word. Here are the elements you have with which to work. You can use each element more than once.

Prefixes: *in-*, *re-*

Bound Bases: *cept*, *duce*, *spect*, *mote*

Suffixes: *-ed*, *-ion*

Here is an example of a table filled out. Notice that because of final <e> deletion *duce* appears in the table as *duc*:

Prefix		Bound Base			Suffix	
<i>r</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>d</i>
<i>reduced</i>						

[Figure1]

Now try these:

Prefix		Bound Base					Suffix	

[Figure2]

Prefix		Bound Base					Suffix		

[Figure3]

Prefix		Bound Base			

[Figure4]

Bound Base			Suffix		

[Figure5]

Explore More (Answers)

Prefix		Bound Base			Suffix	
<i>r</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>d</i>
<i>reduced</i>						

Prefix		Bound Base					Suffix	
<i>r</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>d</i>
<i>respected</i>								

Prefix		Bound Base				Suffix			
<i>i</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>n</i>
<i>inspection</i>									

Prefix		Bound Base			
<i>r</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>e</i>
		<i>reduce</i>			

Bound Base			Suffix		
<i>m</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>n</i>
		<i>motion</i>			

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