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The Prefix Ob-

Assimilation such that the in the prefix ob- becomes the first letter of the stem to which it is being added

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[Figure1]

When certain prefixes are added to certain stems, the last consonant in the prefix assimilates.

Examples

In each of the following words, the first two letters are some form of the prefix *ob-*. Note how they have or have not assimilated.

Word	= Prefix	+ Stem
opposite	= o b + p	+ <i>posite</i>
object	= ob	+ <i>ject</i>
occupy	= o b + c	+ <i>cupy</i>

Review

Analyze each word to show what happened when the prefix *ob-* was added to the stem:

Word	= Prefix	+ Stem
1. observe	=	+
2. offer	=	+
3. obtain	=	+
4. opportunity	=	+
5. occur	=	+
6. obstacle	=	+
7. occupation	=	+
8. obvious	=	+
9. oppose	=	+
10. oblige	=	+
11. occasion	=	+
12. offense	=	+

13. Now sort the twelve words into these two groups:

Words in which the . . .

assimilated:		did not assimilate:

[Figure2]

14. Now sort the nine words in which the assimilated into these three groups:

Words in which changed to . . .

<c>	<f>	<p>

[Figure3]

Review (Answers)

Word	= Prefix	+ Stem
1. observe	= ob	+ serve
2. offer	= o b _y + f	+ fer
3. obtain	= ob	+ tain
4. opportunity	= o b _y + p	+ portunity
5. occur	= o b _y + c	+ cur
6. obstacle	= ob	+ stacle
7. occupation	= o b _y + c	+ cupation
8. obvious	= ob	+ vious
9. oppose	= o b _y + p	+ pose
10. oblige	= ob	+ lige
11. occasion	= o b _y + c	+ casion
12. offense	= o b _y + f	+ fense

13. Now sort the twelve words into these two groups:

Words in which the

assimilated:	did not assimilate:	
<i>opposite</i>	<i>oppose</i>	<i>object</i>
<i>occupy</i>	<i>occasion</i>	<i>observe</i>
<i>offer</i>	<i>offense</i>	<i>obtain</i>
<i>opportunity</i>		<i>obstacle</i>
<i>occur</i>		<i>obvious</i>
<i>occupation</i>		<i>oblige</i>

14. Now sort the nine words in which the assimilated into these three groups:

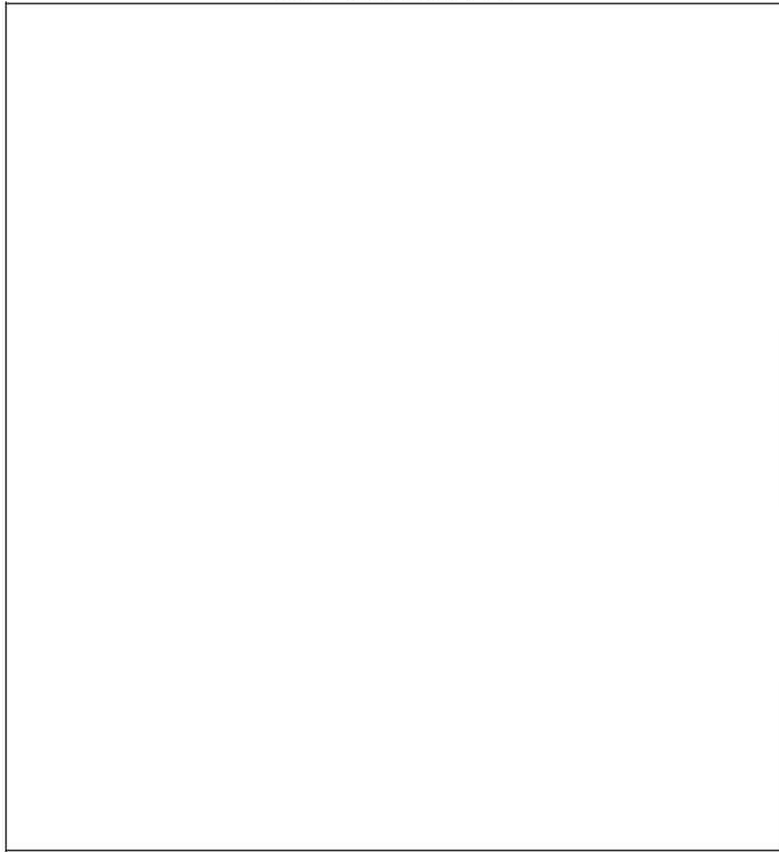
Words in which

<c>	<f>	<p>
<i>occupy</i>	<i>offer</i>	<i>opposite</i>
<i>occur</i>	<i>offense</i>	<i>opportunity</i>
<i>occupation</i>		<i>oppose</i>
<i>occasion</i>		

Explore More

Word Spell. How many words of three letters or more can you spell from the letters in the word *opportunity*? There are more than a hundred possible ones.

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[\[Figure4\]](#)

Explore More (Answers)

Word Spell. Here are some of the possible answers:

input	pointy	rot	tun
into	pony	rout	turn
intro	poor	ruin	turnip
ion	pop	run	tut

iron	port	runt	tutor
irony	portion	runty	typo
nip	pot	rut	tyro
nippy	portion	rutty	unit
nit	potty	tin	unity
nitty	pour	tint	unrip
nor	pout	tiny	unroot
nori	pouty	tip	unto
not	print	tippy	upon
nut	printout	tiptop	uppity
nutty	prion	tiro	uproot
opt	pronto	too	yip
option	prop	toon	yon
ort	proton	toot	you
our	pry	top	your
out	pun	tor	your
outpoint	punitory	torn	
pin	punt	tort	
pinot	punty	tot	
pint	punny	tour	
pinup	purity	toy	
piny	put	trio	
pion	putt	trip	
pion	putt	trip	
pip	putty	triton	
pit	riot	troop	
piton	rip	trot	
pity	root	trout	
poi	rooty	try	
point	ropy	tryout	

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