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Anglo-Saxon Morpheme Patterns

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Compound Words

Affixed Words with Base, Prefix, & Suffix

Compound Words

by combining two Anglo-Saxon base words:

highjump	outlaw	washcloth	wristwatch
airline	airplane	fishhook	toenail
blackboard	railroad	newspaper	flashlight
sunshine	jellyfish	lighthouse	sunflower

Affixation

adds prefixes and/or suffixes to the
Anglo-Saxon base word.

<u>like</u>	unlike	unlikely	likeness
liking	liked	dislike	disliked
<u>spell</u>	misspell	misspelled	
speller	spelling	spelled	spellable
<u>read</u>	reader	reading	reread
misread	readable	readability	

Spelling Rules

- Doubling Rule
 - a. One-syllable base words:
big + er = bigger; big + ness = bigness
(1 vowel, 1 cons + suffix beginning with vowel, cons doubles)
 - b. Polysyllabic base words depends on the accent:
o'pen + ing = opening
be gin' + ing = beginning

Spelling Rules

- Final -e Rule:
blame + ing = blaming
(drop the e when suffix begins with a vowel)
blame + less = blameless
(keep the e when suffix begins with a consonant)

Spelling Rules

- Final y Rule:

Change y to i before adding most suffixes

baby, babied, babied

Unless suffix begins in an I as in *babying, babyish*.

Or, unless base word has a vowel before the y as in *play, playful, played, playing*.

Common Anglo-Saxon Prefixes

in (in or not) *infield, infirm*

un (not) *unlike, unhappy, undressed*

a (on or in, to) *alike, asleep, awake, around*

re (back, again) *return, replace, retell, return*

de (down, away from) *decamp, deplane, defog*

be (completely) *became, becloud, befriend*

pre (before) *preview, predate, presell, preheat*

mis (bad, wrong) *misplace, mistake, misspell*

dis (not) *dislike, disarm, disclose, distrust*

fore (before) *forearm, foreleg, forehead*

Common Anglo-Saxon Suffixes

-ed	heated, walked, dreamed
-ing	heating, walking, dreaming
-er	heater, walker, dreamer
-est	coldest, hottest, greenest
-y	muddy, sleepy, snowy
-able	eatable, treatable, laughable
-dom	kingdom, freedom, stardom
-ful	hopeful, thankful, joyful
-ly	gladly, sadly, happily
-less	thankless, hopeless, joyless