

Honors lesson generalizations for lessons 1-7

Lesson one: Silent e words and suffixes

Generalization: a suffix is an ending that changes the meaning of a word. If the suffix begins with a vowel, drop the e. If the suffix begins with a consonant, keep the e.

Lesson two: More silent e words and suffixes

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Lesson three: words that end in *ate/ion*

Generalization: *ate* is a verb ending; *ion* is a noun ending; verbs ending in *ate* can be changed to nouns by adding the *ion* suffix.

Lesson four: Prefixes and base words

Generalization: A prefix is a group of letters that can be added to the beginning of a word to make a new word with a different meaning. The spelling of the base word does not change when adding a prefix.

Lesson five: prefixes and roots

Generalization: Adding a prefix to a root makes a word. Different prefixes change the meaning.

Lesson six: compound words and contractions

Generalization: There are three ways to connect two words:

1. Compound words – two words are combined without changing the spelling of either word
2. Contractions – two words are connected and an apostrophe takes the place of one or more omitted (left out) letters
3. Hyphenated words – two words joined by a hyphen

Lesson seven: Silent letters

Generalization: A silent letter is a letter that is not pronounced.