UNIT 1    Inflected Endings (-ing, -ed, -s, -es)

Sort 1 - Review of Vowel Patterns in One-Syllable Words

VVC: chief, fruit, brief, scout, groan, stain  
VC: wrap, twig, when, plot, clog, quit  
VCC: smell, sharp, thank, front, climb, trust  
VCe: whine, theme, brave, scale, phone, quote

Sort 2 - Adding -ing to Words with VC and VCC Patterns

VC: get, swim, run, sit, shut  
double: getting, swimming, running, sitting, shutting  
VCC: ask, yell, rest, stand, pass, jump, pick  
nothing: asking, yelling, resting, standing, passing, jumping, picking

Sort 3 - Adding -ing to Words with VCe and VVC Patterns

VCe: use, close, write, wave, trade, skate  
e-drop: using, closing, writing, waving, trading, skating  
VCC: eat, moan, dream, look, clean, mail  
nothing: eating, moaning, dreaming, looking, cleaning, mailing

Sort 4 - Review of Double, e-Drop, and Nothing

double: setting, cutting, stopping, begging, grinning, jogging, humming  
e-drop: hiking, moving, living, coming, having, taking  
nothing: reading, adding, spelling, floating, feeling, talking, pushing, working, fixing**, going**, snowing**

**These will become oddballs if sorted by the VVC and VCC patterns

Sort 5 - Adding -ed to Words

double: hopped, planned, grabbed, nodded, stepped, dropped, stirred  
e-drop: hoped, saved, closed, scored, lived, named  
nothing: joined, waited, seemed, shouted, passed, wanted, acted, helped, started  
Oddball: mixed, chewed  
*You could also sort these words by the sound of the -ed ending: /t/, /d/, and /id/)

Sort 6 - Unusual Past Tense Words

Present: sleep, keep, slide, shine, freeze, draw, sweep, drive, bleed, know, throw, say  
Past: slept, kept, slid, shone, froze, drew, swept, drove, bled, knew, threw, said
Sort 7 - Plural Endings: Adding -es

Add -es:
- **ch**: benches, speeches, scratches, churches, peaches, sketches, ditches, branches, watches
- **sh**: brushes, crashes, ashes, leashes
- **x**: foxes, mixes
- **s**: guesses, kisses, classes

Add -s: horses, voices, changes, places

**Oddball**: clothes*

*Among the top 300 high-frequency words

Sort 8 - Unusual Plurals

**fe > ves**: wife, leaf, loaf, life, wolf, knife, wives, leaves, loaves, lives, wolves, knives

**Vowel Change**: foot, woman*, mouse, tooth, goose, feet, women, mice, teeth, geese

**No Change**: sheep, deer

*Among the top 300 high-frequency words

Sort 9 - y + Inflected Endings

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UNIT 2  Compound Words

KEY
* - High-frequency word (HFW)

Sort 10 - Compound Words

bookcase: bookmark, bookworm, cookbook, scrapbook
lighthouse: lightweight, daylight, flashlight, sunlight, (headlight)
downhill: downstairs, downtown, downpour, countdown
headache: headfirst, (headlight), headphones, headstrong
snowman: snowflake, snowstorm, snowplow

Sort 11 - More Compound Words

somebody: (something), sometime, somewhere, somehow, (someone)
himself: themselves, yourself, herself, myself, itself
anyone: everyone, (someone)
everything: anything*, nothing, (something)
without: outside, throughout, checkout
inside: beside, sideways
UNIT 3  Syllable Juncture

**KEY**
* - High-frequency word (HFW)

Sort 12 - Syllable Juncture in VCV and VCCV Patterns

**VCV:** super, diner, tiger, later, paper, even, over*, ruler, crazy, open*, tiny  
**VCCV:** supper, dinner, happy*, pretty*, penny, puppy, rabbit, kitten, hello, letter*, lesson, summer  
**Oddball:** busy

Sort 13 - More Syllable Juncture in VCV and VCCV Patterns

**VCV:** silent, female, fever, moment  
**VCCV doublet:** happen, better*, follow, funny*, yellow*, pattern, bottom, pillow  
**VCCV different:** number*, winter, problem, after*, finger, sister*, chapter, member, blanket, window  
**Oddball:** water*, only*

Sort 14 - Syllable Juncture in VCV and VVCV Patterns

**V/CV (long):** human, pilot, frozen, student, humor, lazy  
**VC/V (short):** never*, river, visit, wagon, planet, lemon, finish, seven*, present*, second*, minute  
**VVCV (long):** reason, meeting, peanut, leader, sneaker, easy

Sort 15 - Syllable Juncture in VCCCV and VV Patterns

**VCC/CV:** athlete, kingdom, pumpkin, halfway, English, mushroom  
**VC/CCV:** pilgrim, complete, monster, kitchen, control, hundred, inspect, children  
**V/V:** create, poet, riot, duet, trial, cruel, lion, diet, poem, giant

Sort 16 - Open and Closed Syllables and Inflected Endings

**VCV:** hoping, quoted, faded, racing, skated, saving, joking  
**VCCV:** hopping, plotting, wrapped, nodded, painted, panting, winning, hunted, telling, letting, skipped  
**VVCV:** cleaned, leaking, greeted, shouting, floated, needed
UNIT 4  Vowel Patterns in Accented Syllables

KEY
* - High-frequency word (HFW)

Sort 17 - Long -a Patterns in Accented Syllables

1st: rainbow, painter, raisin, crayon, mayor, maybe, bracelet, pavement, basement, payment
2nd: awake, contain, complain, decay, mistake, parade, escape, amaze, today*, explain, remain, obey
Oddball: chocolate, again*

Sort 18 - Long -i Patterns in Accented Syllables

1st: frighten, ninety, higher, driveway, slightly, lightening, sidewalk, highway, brightly
2nd: beside, delight, surprise, decide, advice, survive, combine, arrive, provide, invite, describe, polite
Oddball: machine, forgive, favorite

Sort 19 - Long -o Patterns in Accented Syllables

1st: toaster, hostess, lonely, owner, lower, lonesome, loafer, poster, soapy, bowling, soldier, postage, coaster
2nd: below, explode, suppose, compose, decode, remote, alone, approach, awoke, erode
Oddball: Europe

Sort 20 - Long -u Patterns in Accented Syllables

1st: rooster, Tuesday, useful, jewel, doodle, toothache, noodle, scooter, beauty, cougar, fewer, chewy
2nd: include, refuse, amuse, confuse, cocoon, excuse, pollute, reduce, balloon, cartoon, raccoon, shampoo
Oddball:

Sort 21 - Long -e Patterns in Accented Syllables

1st long: needle, season, reader, feature, freedom, meaning, eastern, people
1st short: feather, leather, heavy, pleasant, sweater, steady, healthy
2nd long: succeed, increase, compete, defeat, indeed, extreme, fifteen, thirteen, repeat

Sort 22 - Ambiguous Vowels in Accented Syllables (oy/oi and ou/ow)

1st: voyage, moisture, loyal, poison, noisy, drowsy, county, counter, thousand, coward, powder, country, trouble, double, southern
2nd: destroy, appoint, avoid, annoy, employ, about*, allow, amount, around*
Sort 23 - More Ambiguous Vowels in Accented Syllables (au, aw, al)

- **au:** saucer, author, August, autumn, laundry, caution, faucet, sausage, auction, haunted
- **aw:** awful, awkward, lawyer, awesome, gnawed, gawking, flawless
- **al:** also*, always*, almost, although, already

Oddball: laughed, all right

Sort 24 - r-Influenced a in Accented Syllables

1st **ar:** garden, market, carpet, harvest, marble, hardly, partner, pardon, barber
1st long -a: **airplane,** parents, haircut, dairy, carry*, careful, barely, fairy
2nd long -a: **compare,** aware, despair, repair, declare, beware

Oddball: toward

Sort 25 - r-Influenced o in Accented Syllables

1st: **morning***, shorter, order*, forest, corner, normal, forty, northern, border, corn cob, chorus, florist, stormy
2nd: **before***, record, perform, ashore, report, explore, ignore, adore, inform

Oddball: sorry, reward

Sort 26 - Words with the w or /w/ Sound Before the Vowel

- **war:** warmth, wardrobe, warning, warden, warrior, quarter, quarrel, swarm, dwarf, backward
- **wor:** worker, worse, world, worry, worthy, worship, worthwhile
- **wa:** watch, waffle, wander, squat, squash, squabble, squad

Sort 27 - Schwa + r Spelled er, ir, and ur in First Syllables

- **er:** nervous, person, perfect, certain, mermaid, perhaps, service
- **ir:** thirty, firmly, dirty, birthday, thirsty, birdbath
- **ur:** sturdy, purpose, further, hurry, purple, turtle, furnish, during, Thursday

Oddball: spirit, every*

Sort 28 - Schwa + r Spelled and r-Influence e in Accented Syllables (er, ear, ere)

- **er = /ur/:** mercy, sermon, serpent, hermit, thermos, kernel
- **ear = /ur/:** early*, earthquake, learner, pearly, rehearse, yearn
- **ear/ere/eer:** nearby, teardrop, spearmint, yearbook, appear, dreary, **severe,** sincere, adhere, merely, **career,** cheerful
UNIT 5  Unaccented Syllables

KEY
* - High-frequency word (HFW)

Sort 29 - Unaccented Final Syllable (le)

VCle: title, cradle, able, table, rifle, bridle, bugle, cable
VC Cle doublet: little*, middle, settle, bottle, apple, paddle, giggle, battle
VC Cle: simple, tremble, single, muscle, sample, jungle, handle, candle

Sort 30 - Unaccented Final Syllable (le, el, il, al)

-le: cattle, saddle, couple, angle
-el: model, level, angel, novel, cancel, vowel, travel
-il: until*, April, fossil, evil, pencil
-al: final, total, metal, signal, local, journal
Oddball: fragile, special

Sort 31 - Unaccented Final Syllable (er, ar, or)

-er: other*, mother*, weather, cover, silver, under, father, flower, spider, rather
-or: color*, doctor, favor, flavor, mirror, motor, rumor, tractor, harbor
-ar: collar, dollar, solar, sugar, grammar

Sort 32 - Agents and Comparatives

People Who Do Things: dancer, dreamer, driver, farmer, jogger, writer, shopper, swimmer, voter, actor, sailor, traitor, tutor, beggar, burglar
Words Used to Compare: bigger, sooner, longer, smaller, fresher, younger, older, smoother, brighter

Sort 33 - Unaccented Final Syllables (/chur/zhur/yur/)

-cher = /chur/: catcher, rancher, teacher, pitcher
-ture = /chur/: picture, nature, capture, future, mixture, creature, pasture, posture, torture, culture, injure
-sure = /zhur/: measure, pressure, pleasure, leisure, treasure
-ure = /yur/: figure, failure
Oddball: senior, danger

Sort 34 - Unaccented Final Syllables (en, on, ain, in)

-en: broken, eleven, hidden, heaven, chosen, stolen, mitten
-on: dragon, cotton, gallon, ribbon, prison, bacon
-ain: mountain, captain, bargain, fountain, curtain
-in: cousin, cabin, napkin, penguin, muffin
Oddball: mission
Sort 35 - Unaccented Final Syllables (et, it, ate)

- et: jacket, secret, target, racket, quiet, comet, rocket, closet, magnet
- it: edit, unit, credit, limit, habit, orbit, summit, bandit, merit
- ate: climate, private, pirate, senate
Oddball: ballet, buffet

Sort 36 - Final -y, -ey, and -ie

- ey: money*, monkey, journey, valley, turkey, donkey, volley
- ie: cookie, movie, brownie, goalie, eerie, pinkie
- y = e: very*, candy, dizzy, twenty, cherry, body, story, berry
- y = i: July, deny, reply

Sort 37 - y + Inflected Endings

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Sort 38 - Unaccented Initial Syllables (a-, de-, be-)

a-: away*, another*, awhile, along*, among, against, afraid, aloud, agreed
de-: debate, degree, depend, desire, develop, defend
be-: because*, believe, between, beneath, beyond, begun
Oddball: divide, direct, upon
UNIT 6  Exploring Consonants

Sort 39 - Initial Hard and Soft $g$ and $c$

**Soft c:** cement, circle, central, century, cyclist, cider, cereal  
**Soft g:** gentle, gymnast, giraffe, genius, general, gingerbread  
**Hard c:** correct, common, contest, college, custom, collect  
**Hard g:** gather, gossip, golden, garage, gutter

Sort 40 - $s$ and Soft $c$ and $g$ in the Final Syllable

/ice/ = /s/: notice, police, sentence, distance, office, science, practice  
/ss = /s/: recess, princess, actress, address, compass  
/-ge = /j/: budget, fidget, gadget, surgeon**  
/-age = /ij/: bandage, garbage, manage, luggage, package, village, message, courage  
**Surgeon may be sorted as an oddball

Sort 41 - More Words with $g$

gu- : guess, guard, guitar, guide, guilty, guest  
-gue: tongue, vague, league, fatigue, plague, intrigue  
-g: ladybug, zigzag, shrug, iceberg, strong, catalog**, dialog**  
**Oddball:** gauge, language, argue  
**Catalogue and dialogue are alternative spellings for these words

Sort 42 - The Sound of $k$ Spelled $ck$, $ic$, and $x$

-ck : shock, quick, hammock, attack  
-ck- : chicken, pocket, nickel, pickle, buckle, ticket  
-/ic : magic, attic, traffic, topic, picnic, metric, frantic, fabric, plastic  
-/x : relax, index, perplex, complex  
**Oddball:** stomach

Sort 43 - Spellings with $qu$

1st Syllable: question, quality, squirrel, squirm, quaint, quiver, quizzes, queasy, squeaky  
2nd Syllable: equal, frequent, tranquil, request, sequel, banquet, inquire, liquid, require, sequence  
$qu = /k/: antique, racquet, mosquito, conquer, technique

Sort 44 - Words with Silent Consonants

Silent t : castle, whistle, fasten, listen, often, soften, (wrestle)  
Silent g : design, resign, assign  
Silent w : wrinkle, wreckage, (wrestle), answer  
Silent k : knuckle, knowledge  
Silent h : honest, honor, rhyme, rhythm  
Silent gh : through, thought, brought, bought, though*
Sort 45 - gh and ph

*ph* - phrase, physics, phantom, phone

*-ph* - alphabet, dolphin, elephant, nephew, orphan, trophy, triumph, paragraph

*gh* = /f/ : enough, cough, tough, rough, laughter

silent *gh* : daughter, naughty, taught, caught, fought
UNIT 7 Affixes

Sort 46 - Prefixes (re-, un-)

re-: rebuild, recopy, recycle, refill, reuse, rewrite, retrace, retake, retell, review, remodel
un-: unable, unkind, unfair, uneven, unequal, unhappy, unsteady, unusual, unbeaten, unselfish, uncertain
Oddball: uncle, reptile

Sort 47 - Prefixes (dis-, mis-, pre-)

dis-: disagree, dislike, disable, disobey, discover, dishonest, disloyal, disappear, discomfort
mis-: misspell, mistreat, mismatch, misplace, misbehave, misjudge
pre-: preschool, prefix, premature, preteen, preview, preheat, pretest, precaution
Oddball: precious

Sort 48 - Prefixes (ex-, non-, in-, fore-)

ex-: exit, extend, extra, express, exclude, exclaim, expand
non-: nonsense, nonfiction, nonstop, nonfat
in-: incomplete, incorrect, indecent, income, indoor, indent, insight
fore-: forecast, forearm, forehead, foresee, foreshadow, foremost

Sort 49 - Prefixes (uni-, bi-, tri-, and Other Numbers)

uni-: unicycle, united, unicorn, unique, union, unison, uniform, universe
bi-: bicycle, biweekly, bisect, bilingual
tri-: tricycle, trilogy, triangle, triple, triplet, tripod, trio
other: quadrangle, pentagon, octagon, octopus, October

Sort 50 - Suffixes (-y, -ly, -ily)

-y: sunny, rainy, foggy, snowy, misty, stormy, chilly, cloudy, windy, breezy
-ly: slowly, quickly, clearly, dimly, quietly, loudly, daily, roughly, smoothly
-ily: happily, easily, angrily, lazily, noisily

Sort 51 - Comparatives (-er, -est)

-er: braver, calmer, closer, stronger, cooler, hotter, weaker
-est: bravest, calmest, closest, strongest, coolest, hottest, weakest
-ier: happier, easier, prettier, crazier, drier
-iest: happiest, easiest, prettiest, craziest, dirtiest

Sort 52 - Suffixes (-ness, -ful, -less)

-ness: darkness, goodness, weakness, illness, kindness, happiness
-ful: graceful, colorful, faithful, thoughtful, painful, fearful, dreadful, plentiful
-less: homeless, hopeless, worthless, restless, penniless, harmless
combination of suffixes: carelessness, thankfulness, helplessness, peacefulness
UNIT 8  Miscellaneous Sort

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Sort 54 - Homographs

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Sort 55 - i Before e Except After c

\[ie = \text{long -} e : \text{thief, niece, priest, grief, shield, relieve, yield, belief}\]
\[ei = \text{long -} e : \text{seize, weird, either, neither}\]
\[cei = \text{long -} e : \text{receive, ceiling, deceive, conceit, receipt}\]
\[ei = \text{long -} a : \text{neighbor, eighteen, weigh, sleigh, freight, reign}\]

Oddball: mischief

Sort 56 - Geography Syllable Sort

Two syllables: ocean, island, Europe, climate, Arctic, Asia
Three syllables: continent, hemisphere, Atlantic, Australia, tropical, Indian, equator, Pacific, Africa
Four syllables: geography, environment, America, population, information, temperature, Antarctica, peninsula