DSA Stage: Syllable Juncture

Sort #	Feature	Discovery	Resources
1	SJ-	Some words are made of two whole words and are	MOW pg. 23
	Additional-	called compound words. The word parts in	
	Compound	compound words often help you think about the	
	Words	meaning. Spellings may not look correct, but are	
		correct because the spelling contains the meaning.	

DSA Stage: <u>Syllable Juncture</u>: Doubling with –ing or -ed

Sort #	Feature	Discovery	Resources
2	K	Base words with the VCC and VVC pattern there is no	Mindful of Words p. 26
		change when you add -ing to show present tense.	and 27
		Base words with VCe patterns you need to drop the	Sort p. 34
		final e and add -ing to show present tense.	
3	K	Base words with the VCC and VVC patterns there is no	Mindful of Words p. 27
		change when you add -ed to make the word past tense	and 28
		Base words with VCe patterns you need to drop the e	Sort p. 35
		and add -ed to make the word past tense.	
		Oddballs: Some words form the past tense in irregular	
		ways.	
4	K	Base words with the VCC and VVC pattern there is no	Mindful of Words p. 28
		change when you add –ing to show present tense.	and 29
		Base words with VCe patterns you need to drop the final	Sort p. 36
		e and add –ing to show present tense.	
		Base word with CVC patterns you double the final	
		consonant before adding the -ing to show present	
		tense.	
5	K	Base words with the VCC and VVC pattern there is no	Mindful of Words p. 29
		change when you add -ed to make the word past tense.	and 30
		Base words with VCe patterns you need to drop the e	Sort p. 37
		and add either -ed to make the word past tense.	
		Base word with CVC patterns you double the final	
		consonant before adding the -ed to make the word	
		past tense.	
6	K	R-Controlled vowels follow the same principals when	Mindful of Words p. 31
		adding -ed to make past or present tense.	and 32
		Base words with the VCC and VVC pattern there is no	Sort p. 38
		change when you add -ed to make the word past tense	
		with r-controlled vowels.	
		Base words with VCe patterns you need to drop the e	
		and add either -ed to make the word past tense with r-	

		controlled vowels. Base word with CVC patterns you double the final consonant before adding the -ed to make the word past tense with r-controlled vowels.	
7	К	Review Principles: Base words with the VCC and VVC pattern there is no change when you add –ing (to make present tense) and –ed (to make past tense). Base words with VCe patterns you need to drop the e and add either –ing (to make present tense) and –ed (to make past tense). Base word with CVC patterns you double the final consonant before adding the –ing (to make present tense) and –ed (to make past tense).	Mindful of Words p.32 and 33 Sort p. 39

DSA Stage: <u>Syllable Juncture</u> -Plurals, Comparative & Superlatives

Sort #	Feature	Discovery	Resources
8	Plurals	Plural means more than one.	Mindful of Words
	with -s	Add -s to some words to make them plural.	Pages 40-41 & 43
	and –es	Add -es to words that end with x, ch, sh, s, ss, tch,	
		and z to make them plural.	
9	More	Add s to words that end in a vowel and y to make	Mindful of Words
	plurals	them plural like turkeys.	Pages 41-42 & 44
		Change the y to i and add es to words that end in a	
		consonant and y to make them plural like cities.	
		Base words with final –f or –fe often change to -v or -	
		-ve before -s is added to make the plural like in the	
		word life and lives.	
		Oddballs:	
		Some words have irregular plural forms, and some	
		words use the same spelling for both plural and	
		singular forms, as in deer and goose and geese.	
10	Adding –er	Review doubling/no change principles.	Mindful of Words
	and –est	Add –er to the base word when comparing two	Pages 45-47
	to words	things. Add –est to words when comparing three or	
	with no	more things and we are saying it is superior to all	
	change, e-	others.	
	drop,		
	double,	Teach comparative & superlative.	
	and		
	change y		
	to i		

DSA Stage: <u>Syllable Juncture</u> Other Syllable Juncture Doubling

Sort #	Feature	Discovery	Resources
11	L	When a syllable ends in a vowel, the vowel is usually	Mindful of Words
	_	long and the syllable is open in the VCV pattern words like diner [di-ner]. When a syllable ends with a vowel and at least one consonant, the vowel sound is usually short and the syllable is closed in the VCCV pattern words like dinner [din-ner].	Pages 48-49 & 57
12	L	The consonants in a closed VCCV pattern across syllables can be the same or different, as in contest and funny. Divide into syllables between the consonants. Limit is an oddball because both syllables are closed/short, but there is one consonant between the two syllables.	Mindful of Words Pages 48 and 51 & 58
13	L	When a syllable ends in a vowel, the vowel is usually long and the syllable is open in the VCV pattern words like diner [fa-mous]. The consonants in a closed VCCV pattern across syllables can be the same or different, as in contest and funny. Divide into syllables between the consonants. Two vowels together are not always a team; sometimes the vowels are situated across syllable boundaries, creating a VV pattern but with the syllable division between them, as in poet.	Mindful of Words Pages 48 and 52 & 59
14	L	Review previous discoveries for VCV, VCCV and doublet. Sometimes consonants that occur at the juncture of syllables forms a team; sometimes vowels act as a team as well. Knowing the syllable rules for open/closed can help know where the word breaks for spelling, pronunciation, and/or meaning. When dividing words with three or more consonants at the juncture look for blends or digraphs. Discussion regarding oddball words not belonging.	Mindful of Words Pages 48 and 53 & 60

15	L	Review previous discoveries for VCV open, VCCV	Mindful of Words
		Doublet, VCCV Different	Pages 48 and 55 & 61
		The VCV syllable pattern can be long or short. If	
		syllable ends in long vowel sound, the consonant	
		that follows will not be doubled when they write the word.	
		If the syllable is closed and the vowel is short it may or may not be doubled (rabbit/habit).	
		In words with a VCV pattern at the syllable juncture,	
		it is best to consider the syllable open and the vowel	
		sound long and then try identifying it. If that	
		approach does not produce a recognizable word, the	
		syllable should be considered closed, and a short	
		vowel sound applied.	

DSA Stage: <u>Syllable Juncture</u> Vowels in Stressed Syllables

Sort #	Feature	Discovery	Resources
INTRO	M-O	*Essential Understanding for all subsequent sorts at	Page 62-64
		this stage – not needed for a written discovery, but	
		essential for students to understand and build on.	
		Vowel pattern s in the stressed syllable are easier to	
		spell than those in the unstressed syllable because	
		sound provides a clue to the pattern.	
		Work with the stressed syllable can help when	
		approaching unfamiliar words in their reading. If	
		pronouncing a word one way does not lead to a	
		known word, shift the stress to another syllable and	
		try alternative pronunciations.	
16	М	Long and short <i>a</i> in stressed syllables. Hearing a long	Mindful of Words
		vowel sound can help identify the stressed syllable.	Pages 62, 65-67 & 78
		A particular vowel pattern can be stressed in the first	
		syllable or second syllable (and some not at all other	
		words like <i>chocolate</i>)	
		The vowel is usually long in the stressed syllable.	
		Three common long a patterns found in stressed	
		syllables are aCe, ai, and open a.	
17	M	Long and short <i>e</i> in stressed syllables. The vowel is	Mindful of Words
		usually long in the stressed syllable.	Pages 62, 68-69 & 79
		Three common long e patterns found un stressed	
		syllables are <i>eCe, ee</i> , and open <i>e</i> .	
		Although very few one syllable words have the eCe	

		pattern, this is found in the second syllable of	
		numerous polysyllabic words.	
18	М	Long and short e in stressed syllables.	Mindful of Words
		In the stressed syllable the ea pattern can produce	Pages 62, 70-71 & 80
		either a long or short e sound.	
		Sometimes ie works as a team and sometimes the	
		letters are in separate syllables (oddball).	
		The sound /v/ at the end of a word is spelled ve as in achieve.	
19	M	Long and short <i>i</i> in stressed syllables.	Mindful of Words
		Three common ways to spell long i in polysyllabic	Pages 72-73 & 81
		words are iCe, igh, and open i.	
		iCe doesn't always make a long wound, the sound	
		depends on whether or not the syllable is stressed	
		(excite versus justice).	
20	M	More long and short <i>i</i> in stressed syllables.	Mindful of Words
		Y sometimes acts as a vowel and its sound can be	Pages 73-74 & 82
		long or short. When Y occurs at the end of a syllable it creates an	
		open syllable and has a long vowel sound. Y can also	
		make a long e sound.	
21	М	Long and short o in stressed syllables.	Mindful of Words
		Common long o patterns in accented syllables	Pages 75-76 &83
		include oCe, ow, and open o. Oa and oCC are 2 more	
		long o patterns.	
22	М	Long and short <i>u</i> in stressed syllables.	Mindful of Words
		Three patterns that produce the long <i>u</i> sound are	Pages 76-77 & 84
		uCe, <u>oo</u> , and open u. VCV pattern with u can be long or short.	

DSA Stage: <u>Syllable Juncture</u> R-Controlled Vowel Patterns in Stressed Syllables

Sort #	Feature	Discovery	Resources
		Remember to review the stress syllable and how it	Page 62 and 1 st part of
		helps you to know/hear the sound for spelling (See	page 85
		intro of feature M)	
23	N (R-	Words with the Vre pattern have a long vowel	Mindful of Words
	Controlled vowel	pattern with an r-influenced vowel, as in <i>explore</i> compared to <i>explode</i> .	Pages 85-86 & 90
	patterns in		
	stressed	There are often multiple ways to spell a particular r-	
	syllables)	controlled vowel, as in barely, terrible, and therefore.	

24	R-	R-controlled vowels with long and short o patterns	Mindful of Words
	Controlled	make the same sound, as do the or, ore, orr, and our	Pages 86-87 & 91
	o in	patterns of this sort, as in the words order, ignore,	
	stressed	sorry and resource.	
	syllables		
		W nearly always influences the sound of or, as in	
		worry and worthless.	
25	R-	There are different ways to spell the ar sound, as in	Mindful of Words
	controlled	ar, air, are, arr, as in prepare, fairly and carry.	Pages 87-88 & 92
	<i>a</i> in		
	stressed	The ar sound sounds like the arrrr sound a pirate	
	syllables	makes.	
26	R-	There are three different ways to spell the ur sound,	Mindful of Words
	controlled	as in dirty, person, and further.	Pages 88-89 & 93
	<i>ur</i> in	In stressed syllables the /ûr/ sound is usually spelled	
	stressed	with er, ir, or ur.	
	syllables		
27	R-	The ear pattern can be pronounced with a short as	Mindful of Words
	controlled	well as a long r-influenced vowel sound, as in earning	Pages 89 & 94
	e in	vs. clearing.	
	stressed	There are different ways to spell /îr/, including the	
	syllables	common ear, ere, and ear.	

DSA Stage: <u>Syllable Juncture</u> Abstract Vowel Patterns in Stressed Syllables

Sort #	Feature	Discovery	Resources
28	N	The oi and oy are used to spell the /oi/ sound. Oy is usually found at the end of a syllable like employ and loyal. The ou and ow are used to spell the /ou/ sound. Ow is usually used at the end of a syllable as in power and allow.	Mindful of Words p. 95 Sort p. 98
29	N	The ou and ow can be pronounced in many ways. If one doesn't sound correct try another. There are multiple ways of spelling the /ô/ sound,	Mindful of Words p. 96
		including au, aw, and al as in laundry, awful, and also. Aw is usually at the end of a syllable.	Sort p. 99

DSA Stage: **Syllable Juncture** Unstressed Syllables

Sort #	Feature	Discovery	Resources
	INTRO	Intro Schwa Lesson may be helpful	On Curriculum Website
		*the contract for all order contracts	
		*Important for all subsequent sorts: Vowel patterns in the unstressed syllables are more	
		difficult to spell, because there are many patterns for	
		the schwa sound.	
		the serious sound.	
30	0	In words with the -ace unstressed final syllable, the a	Mindful of Words
		makes a schwa sound like surface.	Pages 100-101 & 111
		In words with the –age unstressed final syllable, the	
		a makes a schwa sound like manage.	
		In words with the –ain unstressed final syllable, the	
		ai vowel blend makes a schwa sound like bargain.	
		ODDBALL: Engage because the second syllable is	
		stressed so it is a long a. Same with obtain. Practice is	
		spelled ice instead of ace but makes the same sound.	
31	0	In verbs with the unstressed final syllable, the final	Mindful of Words
31	O	syllable is spelled with an (en) like awaken.	Pages 102-103 & 112
		In nouns with an unstressed final syllable, the final	1 ages 102-103 & 112
		syllable is spelled with an (an, en, in, on) like slogan,	
		dozen, cabin, lemon.	
		There are many ways to spell unstressed final syllable	
		/ən/; meaning can be of help, for example, verbs tend	
		to be spelled –en, as in sharpen and darken.	
		ODDBALL: Urban is an adjective in the verb/noun	
		pattern but has an unstressed final syllable spelled	
		with an.	
32	0	Final /ər/ can be spelled several ways; the most	Mindful of Words
		common is -er, as in swimmer and cover.	Pages 104 & 113
		In people nouns with an unstressed final syllable, the	
		final syllable is spelled with an er or or like brother or	
		doctor.	
		In other nouns with an unstressed final syllable, the	
		final syllable is spelled with an <i>er</i> or <i>ar</i> like <i>finger</i> ,	
		favor or sugar.	
	l	I	<u> </u>

33	0	In people nouns with an unstressed final syllable, the final syllable is spelled with an <i>er</i> or <i>or</i> like <i>brother</i> or <i>doctor</i> .	Mindful of Words Pages 105 & 114
		In adjectives with an unstressed final syllable that	
		compare, the adjective is spelled with <i>er</i> like	
		younger.	
		In other adjectives with an unstressed final syllable,	
		the final syllable is spelled with an <i>ar</i> like <i>stellar</i> .	
		ODDBALL : Beggar and Burglar are oddballs because	
		they are people nouns that are spelled with ar.	
34	0	In words that sound like /zher/, the final syllable is	Mindful of Words
		spelled -sure as in treasure.	Pages 106-107 & 115
		In words that sound like /cher/ and include a base	
		word that ends in /ch/, the final syllable is spelled	
		-cher as in pitcher.; if not, the ending is -ture as in	
		nature or creature.	
		ODDBALL: Danger and injure are oddballs because the	
		unstressed final syllables make the /cher/ sound but	
		are spelled with a -ger and -jure.	
35	0	The /əl/ in unstressed syllables can be spelled in	Mindful of Words
		several ways (-al, -il, -el, -le), but -le is the most	Pages 107 & 116
		common spelling.	
		In words that end with —le and the final consonant is	
		part of the preceding syllable, -le is its own syllable, such as coup-le;	
		In words that are spelled <i>-el</i> , the word is broken into	
		syllables with the last consonant attached to the $-e$	
		sound, such as "can-cel".	
		In words with the ending -al, you can hear the /a/	
		sound.	
36	0	In words with the unstressed initial syllable, the	Mindful of Words
		vowel makes the schwa sound like alarm, select and	Pages 109-110 & 117
		consume.	
		Notice how the schwa is spelled in an unstressed	
		syllable so you can remember it and ask, "does it look	
		right, sound right, and make sense.	

DSA Stage: **Syllable Juncture** Consonant Extensions

Sort #	Feature	Discovery	Resources
37	0	Some consonants stand for two or more sounds.	Mindful of Words
		The consonants c and g usually make a hard sound	Pages 118-119 & 125
		(/k/ and /g/) when followed by a, o, or u, as in	
		camera, cookie, custom, gadget, gossip, or guilty.	
		The consonants c and g usually make a soft sound	
		(/s/ and /j/) when followed by e, i, or y, as in center,	
		circle, cycle, gentle, gigantic, or gymnast	
38	0	In words with 2 or more syllables, the final /k/ sound	Mindful of Words
		can be spelled with $-ck$, $-ke$, $-k$, or $-c$; however, in	Pages 119-120 & 126
		polysyllabic words, the most common form is -c	
		which occurs in many adjectives.	
39	0	Some consonant letters represent more than one	Mindful of Words
		sound.	Pages 121-122 & 127
		Ch has many different sounds including: /ch/, /k/,	
ĺ		and /sh/. /Ch/ is the most common sound for <i>ch</i> .	
		Ph is a common spelling for /f/ like in phone, but	
		occurs in low-frequency words.	
40	0	Some consonant/vowel letters represent more than	Mindful of Words
		one sound.	Pages 122-123 & 128
ĺ			
		In words like <i>question</i> , the <i>qu</i> sounds like /qw/.	
		In words with a final –que like unique, the que makes	
		the /k/ sound.	
		In words like <i>penguin</i> , the <i>gu</i> makes the /gw/ sound sound.	
		In words with a final –gue like league, the gue makes	
		the /g/ sound.	
41	0	The /sh/ sound in an unstressed final syllable can be	Mindful of Words
		spelled with ci (like special), si (like mansion), or ti	Pages 123-124 & 129
		(like motion).	-
		In unstressed final syllables, the <i>i</i> sounds like an	
ı		initial y, /y/, as in onion and senior.	

DSA Stage: **Syllable Juncture** Prefixes and Suffixes

Sort #	Feature	Discovery	Resources
42	0	A prefix is a word part that is added to the beginning	Mindful of Words
		of a word to change its meaning. Prefix un- means	Pages 131, 138;
		"not" and re- means "back" or "again."	Word Journeys p.160
		Sometimes a doesn't-look-right spelling can happen	(extra words)
		when you add a prefix to a base word like reelect and	
		misspell, but writers need to remember that it is	
		meaning that really matters.	
		Oddballs look as though they have a prefix, but the	
		meaning connection is lacking.	
43	0	A prefix is a word part that is added to the beginning	Mindful of Words
		of a word to change its meaning. Prefix dis- means	Pages 132, 139
		"opposite of" and fore- means "before" or "in front	
		of," and mis-means "to do something wrong."	
		Sometimes a doesn't-look-right spelling can happen	
		when you add a prefix to a base word like dissimilar.	
		Oddballs look as though they have a prefix, but the	
		meaning connection is lacking.	
44	0	A prefix is a word part that is added to the beginning	Mindful of Words
		of a word to change its meaning. Prefix in-means "in-	Pages 133, 140;
		into" and also "not" and non- means "not" and pre-	Word Journeys p. 253
		means "before." Some prefixes have multiple	(extra words)
		meanings so you have to look at the meaning of the	
		word to use the correct prefix.	
		Oddballs look as though they have a prefix, but the	
		meaning connection is lacking.	
45	0	A suffix is a word added to the end of a base word to	Mindful of Words
		change the word meaning.	Pages 135, 141;
		-ful means "full of", -less means "without", and -	Word Journeys pp.
		ness means "a state of being", and -ly means "in a	254-255 (extra words)
		certain way"ful, -less, and -ly when added to	
		words change the word to a describing word (adj	
		adv.).	
		The suffix –ness changes the word to a noun.	
		Unlike previous suffix study (e drop, etc.), suffixes that	
46		begin with a consonant do not require a change.	na: 16 1 63::
46	0	Adjectives ending in "y" can be formed from many	Mindful of Words
		nouns by following the e-drop, doubling, and "no	Pages 136,142
		change" rules for –ed and –ing.	
		Just add "y" if if the word includes a team of volwels	
		or ends in more than one consonant	
47	0	Pulling all understanding about prefixes and suffixes	Mindful of Words
		together.	Pages 137, 143

DSA Stage: *Syllable Juncture* Homophones & Homographs

Sort #	Feature	Discovery	Resources
48	Homophones	Sort 1: Some words sound the same but look different and have different meanings. Sort 2: Sort according to 1 st syllable stress, 2 nd syllable stress, or no stress.	Mindful of Words: Page 144 & 148-150
49	Homophones	Sort 1: Some words sound the same but look different and have different meanings. Sort 2: Sort according to 1st syllable stress, 2nd syllable stress, or no stress.	Mindful of Words: Page 145-147 & 151- 153
50	Homophones	Sort 1: Some words sound the same but look different and have different meanings. Sort 2: Sort according to two-syllable pairs, three-syllable pairs, or two-syllable trios.	Mindful of Words: Page 145-147 & 154- 156
51	Homographs	Sort 1: Some words look the same, have a different meaning, and may sound different. Syllable stress relates to parts of speech. Sort 2: Sort based on 1 st stress/nouns and 2 nd stress/verbs.	Mindful of Words: Page 157
52	Homographs	Sort 1: Some words look the same, have a different meaning, and may sound different. Syllable stress relates to parts of speech. Sort 2: Sort based on 1st stress/nouns and 2nd stress/verbs.	Mindful of Words Page 158-160

DSA Stage: <u>Syllable Juncture</u> Compounds & Hyphenated Words

Sort #	Feature	Discovery	Resources
53	Compounds	The two word parts in a compound word help you	Mindful of Words
(page	with	find the meaning of the whole.	Pages 165-166 & 179
179)	Substance	These words are sorted the theme of substance	
	Words	words (air, fire, land and water.)	
54	Compound	The two word parts in a compound word help you	Mindful of Words
(page	Words with	find the meaning of the whole.	Pages 166-167 & 180
180)	Space	These words are sorted the theme of space words	
		(sun, moon, star, and sky.)	
55	Compound	The two word parts in a compound word help you	Mindful of Words
(page	Words with	find the meaning of the whole.	Page 168 & 181
181)	Opposites	These words are sorted the theme of opposite	
		words (work, play, day, night.)	
56	Compounds	The two word parts in a compound word help you	Mindful of Words
(page	with	find the meaning of the whole.	Page 169 & 182
182)	Around the	These words are sorted the theme of home words	
	Home	(home, bed, bath, table, door.)	
	words		
57	Compound	The two word parts in a compound word help you	Mindful of Words
(page	Position	find the meaning of the whole.	Page 169-170 & 183
183)	Words	These words are sorted the theme of position words	
		(down, up, over, out, under.)	
58	Compound	The two word parts in a compound word help you	Mindful of Words
(page	words with	find the meaning of the whole.	Page 170-171 & 184
184)	weather	These words are sorted the by theme of weather	
		words (rain, wind, snow, thunder.)	
59	Compound	The two word parts in a compound word help you	Mindful of Words
(page	food words	find the meaning of the whole.	Page 172 & 185
185)		These words are sorted by the theme of food words.	
		(corn, bean, pea, butter, egg)	
60	Compound	The two word parts in a compound word help you	Mindful of Words
(page	color words	find the meaning of the whole.	Page 173 & 186
186)		These words are sorted by the theme of color	
		words. (black, red, white, blue, green)	
61	Hyphenated	The two word parts in a compound word help you	Mindful of Words
(page	Compound	find the meaning of the whole.	Page 174 & 187
187)	words	These words are sorted by the theme of hyphenated	
		compound words. (body, numbers, sports, heat,	
		cold)	
		Numbers are always hyphenated.	
		When certain compound words are used as an	
		adjective it is hyphenated, however when it is used	
		as a noun it is not hyphenated.	
62	Hyphenated	The two word parts in a compound word help you	Mindful of Words

(page	Compound	find the meaning of the whole.	Page 176 & 188
188)	with	These words are sorted by the theme of	
	repeated	hyphenated compound words.	
	elements	This sort includes many re-duplications, words	
		formed with doubled parts, that differ in only a single	
		part of the word. Examples are – flip-flop and wishy-	
		washy.	
63	States	The two word parts in a compound word help you	Mindful of Words
(page	Stress Break	find the meaning of the whole.	Page 177 & 189
189)		These words are sorted by where the stressed	
		syllable occurs in the name of each of the 50 states.	
		For states that contain two words, determine the	
		stress for the poly-syllabic word.	