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Patterns of Word Changes

Definition

Patterns of word changes refer to consistent ways that words transform when changing their part of speech, tense, number, or creating related words. These patterns follow specific rules for adding prefixes, suffixes, or changing internal vowels.

Example

Pattern	Example	Rule Applied
Adding suffixes	happy → happiness	Add suffix to create new part of speech
Consonant doubling	run → running	Double final consonant before adding -ing
Vowel changes	sing → sang → sung	Change internal vowel for tense changes
Dropping final 'e'	write → writing	Drop silent 'e' before vowel suffix
'Y' to 'i' changes	beauty → beautiful	Change 'y' to 'i' before most suffixes

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Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

For each item, select the word that correctly follows the pattern of word change described.

1. What is the correct noun form of "evaporate" following the pattern of dropping the final 'e' and adding '-ion'?

- a) evaporatation
- b) evaporation
- c) evaporion
- d) evaporization

2. Which word shows the correct spelling when adding the suffix '-ing' to "deposit"?

- a) depositting
- b) depositeing
- c) depositing
- d) depositying

3. What is the correct adjectival form of "salt" when following the pattern of adding the suffix '-y'?

- a) saltty
- b) salty
- c) saltey
- d) saltie

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Part 2: Fill in the Blank

Apply the appropriate pattern of word change to complete each sentence about the Dead Sea.

1. The Dead Sea is (COMPARE form of "salty")
_____ than any other body of water on Earth.
2. The process of (NOUN form of "precipitate")
_____ causes salt crystals to form along the shoreline.
3. Scientists are (PRESENT PARTICIPLE of "study")
_____ how the rapid water level decline affects salt concentration.
4. The extremely (ADJECTIVE form of "concentration")
_____ minerals make the water feel oily to the touch.
5. The (PLURAL form of "geology") _____ of the region contribute to the Dead Sea's unique chemistry.

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Patterns of Word Changes – Answer Key

Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

1. b) evaporation (drops final 'e' and adds '-ion')
2. c) depositing (maintains single consonant when adding '-ing')
3. b) salty (adds '-y' to create adjective from noun)

Part 2: Fill in the Blank

1. saltier (changes 'y' to 'i' before adding '-er')
2. precipitation (drops final 'e' and adds '-ion')
3. studying (changes 'y' to 'i' before adding '-ing')
4. concentrated (adds '-ed' to create adjective)
5. geologies (changes 'y' to 'i' before adding '-es')