

1.5 Connective i as a Sound Changer

Connective i is a sound changer (our terminology) when it follows c or t. These pairs of letters (ci and ti) say /sh/ before -al, -ent, -or -ous (as in *special* and *patient*). Teachers, please refer to page ii in the introduction.

1.5-1 Connective ci says /sh/ (Level A)

When ci is attached to the -ate suffix, two sounds are produced. Besides changing the c to a /sh/ sound, the i also makes an /ē/ sound, and the result is /shē/ (as in *appreciate*).

Level A Words

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| 1) glacial | 8) sufficient | 15) efficient |
| 2) special | 9) delicious | 16) clinician |
| 3) spaciousness | 10) beautician | 17) crucial |
| 4) ferocious | 11) beneficial | 18) magician |
| 5) commercial | 12) social | 19) appreciate |
| 6) suspicious | 13) musician | 20) financial |
| 7) precious | 14) official | |

Level A Phrases

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| 1) artificial flavoring in soda | 5) vicious bully's remark |
| 2) suspicious character | 6) an ancient dwelling |
| 3) moving at a glacial pace | 7) talented musician |
| 4) as ferocious as a lion | 8) excruciating back pain |

Level A Sentences

- 1) Do commercials make us want to purchase unnecessary products?
- 2) Marie graciously led her guests into a spacious room for the party.
- 3) The precious puppy tried to act viciously around bigger dogs.
- 4) Artificial sweeteners are not beneficial to your health.
- 5) The optician efficiently adjusted the frames of Sienna's glasses.
- 6) As we were getting ready for school, Dad announced, "It's official. You have a snow day!"

1.5-1 Connective ci says /sh/ (Level B)

When ci is attached to the -ate suffix, two sounds are produced. Besides changing the c to a /sh/ sound, the i also makes an /ē/ sound, and the result is /shē/ (as in *appreciate*).

Level B Words

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| 1) atrocious | 8) depreciate | 15) physician |
| 2) mathematician | 9) audacious | 16) precocious |
| 3) proficient | 10) judicial | 17) prejudicial |
| 4) sagacious | 11) prescient | 18) officiate |
| 5) statistician | 12) technician | 19) malicious |
| 6) auspicious | 13) tenacious | 20) sacrificial |
| 7) omniscient | 14) mortician | |

Level B Phrases

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| 1) in need of an electrician | 5) computer technician |
| 2) depreciated in value | 6) the prescient fortune teller |
| 3) ancient Grecian urn | 7) team statistician |
| 4) insufficient funds | 8) malicious act of revenge |

Level B Sentences

- 1) After not eating properly for several months, Emma looked emaciated.
- 2) When I need good advice, I consult my sagacious grandfather.
- 3) At parties and other social events, her vivacious personality comes through.
- 4) Before Alec was used to his artificial limb, walking caused him excruciating pain.
- 5) Small town folks identified with the politician's provincial manner.
- 6) Did the precious gem depreciate in value when it was chipped?

1.5-2 Connective ti says /sh/ (Level A)

When ti is attached to the -ate suffix, two sounds are produced. Besides changing the t to a /sh/ sound, the i also makes an /ē/ sound, and the result is /shē/ (as in *initiate*).

Level A Words

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|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1) potential | 8) spatial | 15) infectious |
| 2) presidential | 9) Dalmatian | 16) initials |
| 3) substantial | 10) superstitious | 17) scrumptious |
| 4) cautious | 11) nutritious | 18) essential |
| 5) confidential | 12) ambitious | 19) negotiate |
| 6) rambunctious | 13) Egyptian | 20) martial |
| 7) impatient | 14) quotient | |

Level A Phrases

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| 1) having a nutritious snack | 5) impatient crowd |
| 2) negotiating a contract | 6) partially eaten apple |
| 3) first initial only | 7) essential vitamins and minerals |
| 4) fictitious story | 8) cautiously crossing the busy street |

Level A Sentences

- 1) Mom takes my rambunctious brothers to the park to blow off some steam!
- 2) We wanted a referee from outside of school because he would be impartial, not favoring either team.
- 3) Jason partially carved his initials into the desk before the teacher stopped him.
- 4) Because of Jonathan's ambitious nature, he was the first to finish the difficult assignment.
- 5) My initial attempt at climbing the rope in gym was a disaster!
- 6) It is essential to read all the directions before starting to assemble the kit.

1.5.2 Connective ti says /sh/ (Level B)

When ti is attached to the -ate suffix, two sounds are produced. Besides changing the t to a /sh/ sound, the i also makes an /ē/ sound, and the result is /shē/ (as in *initiate*).

Level B Words

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|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1) credentials | 8) preferential | 15) facetious |
| 2) palatial | 9) influential | 16) expeditious |
| 3) contentious | 10) sentient | 17) initiate |
| 4) inconsequential | 11) nuptial | 18) differentiate |
| 5) torrential | 12) inferential | 19) ostentatious |
| 6) inertia | 13) repetitious | 20) pretentious |
| 7) conscientious | 14) flirtatious | |

Level B Phrases

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1) repetitious noise | 5) inferential questions |
| 2) preferential treatment | 6) driving an ostentatious car |
| 3) contentious debate | 7) torrential downpour |
| 4) palatial home | 8) nuptial vows |

Level B Sentences

- 1) This amusement park with all its dare-devil rides will satiate, or satisfy, your need for thrills and chills.
- 2) The rain was inconsequential because we could move the party indoors.
- 3) “Please substantiate your response by giving us evidence from the novel,” the professor told the student.
- 4) Because of their excessive wealth, the two celebrities agreed to have a pre-nuptial agreement in case they ever get divorced.
- 5) Sarah acts so pretentiously when she tries to impress us with all of her expensive, brand-name clothing.
- 6) The most expeditious route to school is through Mrs. Harrison’s backyard.